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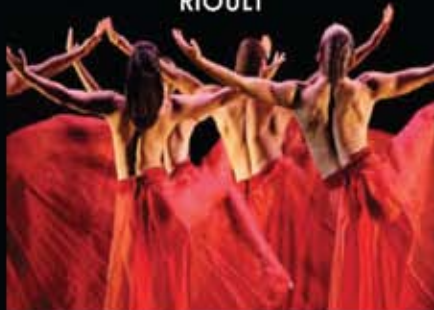
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Thursday | October 7 | 7:30 p.m.

Ballet Folklorico "Quetzalli" de Veracruz



Wednesday | October 20 | 7:30 p.m.

Ball in the House



Thursday & Friday | November 4 & 5 | 8 p.m.

Missoula Children's Theatre



Saturday | November 20 | 1:30 & 4:30 p.m.

Turtle Island Quartet



Friday | December 3 | 8 p.m.



Saturday | January 22 | 1:30 & 4:30 p.m.

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Tuesday | February 1 | 7:30 p.m.

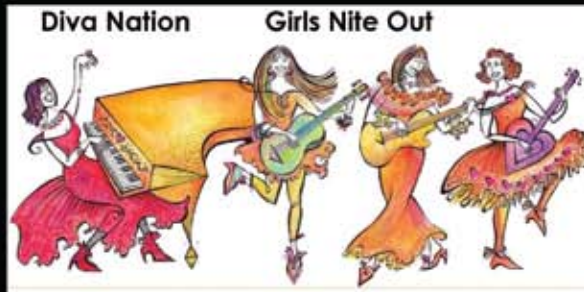
The Glass Menagerie Walnut Street Theatre



Wednesday | February 23 | 7:30 p.m.

Diva Nation

Girls Nite Out



Saturday | March 26 | 8 p.m.

Pre-show Party | 6:30 p.m.

Step Afrika!



Thursday | March 31 | 7:30 p.m.



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A personal thank-you to the HACC community



Although you'll see plenty of pictures in this issue of HACC Connections from the Farewell Tour at each of the campuses in July, the tours weren't just about saying goodbye as I begin a new chapter of my life as president of the Napa Valley College in California.

Rather, the tours were my final opportunity as president of HACC for the last 13 years to personally thank each and every member of the college community for the support, friendship, passion and commitment to making HACC the thriving institution that it is today.

We've come a long way, all of us, since 1997. Enrollment has more than doubled from 11,000 to more than 23,000; three centers established 20 years ago have since become integral campuses in their communities of Lancaster, Gettysburg and Lebanon, the York Center established in 2005 is now a growing campus with three educational buildings, and the Virtual Campus serves close to 5,000 students here and around the world each semester. And most importantly, our students excel in their studies and they are proud to proclaim themselves as "HACC students" and "HACC graduates."

Strategic reorganization has set the course for success, with tools in place to continue delivering a quality, accessible, affordable education to people from all walks of life. And our faculty and staff continue to receive national and international recognition for teaching excellence and service to students. Campus strategic master plans have been established, and the critical renovation and expansion of the Sen. John Shumaker Public Safety Center is under way.

HACC's philosophy of the power of the partnership remains strong throughout the region, thanks to the forward-thinking and dedication of many in the college community.

I have learned much from all of you, and the memories we have shared will remain with me always.

Edna V. Baehre

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





Take a walk down memory



Edna V. Baehre, Ph.D., was president at HACC from July 1997 to July 2010. These photos are highlights of events during her 13-year tenure as the college's longest sitting president.

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Veteran administrator takes helm



Interim President Ronald R. Young

Ronald R. Young, provost and vice president of academic affairs and enrollment management, has been named HACC's interim president. He will serve in that role until the board appoints a new president.

Young previously served as interim president when former President Edna Baehre, Ph.D., took a six-week sabbatical in 2008.

Young is being assisted in that role by the college's executive cabinet which includes an executive leadership team made up of George Franklin, vice president of finance and college resources; Nancy Rockey, vice president of college development; Meredith Tulli, vice president of human resources and organizational development; and Patrick Early, vice president of public relations and marketing.

In addition, Young will be assisted in his duties in academic affairs by the appointment of Cynthia Doherty, Ph.D., as interim vice president of academic affairs. Doherty is currently dean of administrative services in academic affairs.

"We have a very active and involved board and an excellent leadership team in place," said Donald Schell, chairman of the board of trustees. "While we will certainly miss Dr. Baehre's leadership, the college is well-prepared to operate without missing a beat as we search for a new president."

Young has been employed at the college for more than 30 years, starting as a faculty member and rising to dean and then to vice president of academic affairs. What's more, Young is a HACC graduate having earned his associate in science degree in mathematics at HACC in 1967 before completing a bachelor's degree in mathematics in 1969 and a master's degree in

computer science in 1985, both at Shippensburg University, and a master's degree in education in mathematics/secondary education in 1973.

The veteran educator began his career at the William Penn Campus of the Harrisburg School District as mathematics instructor and athletic director from 1969-71. He joined HACC as a professor of mathematics and computer science in 1971, serving on and chairing numerous faculty committees for the next two decades. In 1985, he served as interim dean of mathematics, engineering and technology before returning to the classroom from 1986-89.

Young was dean of mathematics, engineering and technologies from 1989-99. During that decade, he provided academic leadership for math, computer science, and engineering transfer programs plus 30 technology career programs. He developed and supported Summer Institutes and annual academic contests.

When the college restructured academic divisions in 1999, Young became dean of business, engineering and technologies until 2004. During this period, he provided academic leadership for 37 transfer and career programs in business, industrial technologies, engineering technologies and engineering. He also developed and managed the college's industrial technology center.

In addition, from 1998-2000, Young managed implementation of an integrated administrative system college wide to address Y2K issues, and later co-managed implementation of a staff and student online version of the system.

In 2004, he became acting vice president of academic affairs and enrollment management, taking the title in 2005 until being named to his current role. In this capacity, he was responsible for all academic divisions, Institutional Research, the Performing Artist Series, Institutional Articulations, and Tech Prep/College in the High School.

Search under way for new president

Board Leadership Services, a unit of the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT), has been selected to aid in the search for a new president.

"We recognize that this is one of the most important decisions for all of us and we knew that we would need assistance in conducting a thorough, national search," said Donald E. Schell, chairman of the college's board of trustees.

"We were influenced by ACCT's commitment to the strength of community colleges and the fact that it has conducted more than 350 community college presidential searches," Schell added.

Edna V. Baehre, Ph.D., resigned July 31 after 13 years as HACC's president to become president at Napa Valley College. Ronald R. Young, HACC provost and vice president of academic affairs and enrollment management, has been named interim president.

HACC Trustee Tom Richey has been named chairman of the search committee, which will include representatives from the trustees, faculty, administration, classified staff, student body, HACC Foundation, an alumni and a delegate from a sponsoring district.

"Public forums will be held on every campus in mid-September to ask both the college and the communities we serve for their thoughts and ideas on the development of the presidential profile," Schell said. "Faculty, administrators, staff and students will also have an opportunity to meet with the ACCT search consultant at those meetings."

To keep tabs on how the presidential search is progressing, go to www.hacc.edu and click on the "presidential search" icon on the home page.

Hersha founder receives honorary degree

Hasu P. Shah's list of philanthropy is as long as it is far reaching. Near the top is his support for education, for which he has been awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Public Service.

"What you've achieved is excellent," Shah said to the graduates after accepting the honor during the college's spring commencement. "Always believe in education. I encourage you to seek even further education. It's what brought my family to the level we are at now."

Shah knows well the value of education, earning a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from Tennessee Technical University, a master's degree in administration from Penn State University and graduating from the Owner and President's Management program at Harvard Business School.

But he and his wife, Hersha Shah, started with very modest means in 1968 when they came to Harrisburg from Bombay, India (now Mumbai). They started buying distressed hotel properties in 1984. He was an engineer by day and a renovator by night while his wife operated the properties. Their efforts evolved into the Hersha Group of Companies, a national presence in the hospitality and lodging industry.

Through one of the companies, Hersha Hospitality Trust, Hasu P. Shah has developed, managed or owned more than 80 hotels primarily in the eastern United States. Many of these hotels have been developed from the ground up, including seven new hotels in New York City. Hersha Hospitality



Hasu P. Shah addresses graduates after receiving an Honorary Doctorate of Public Service at the college's spring commencement.

Trust has been publically traded for more than 10 years and is listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

The Shahs' sons are integral to the companies' operations with Jay Shah as chief executive officer and Neil Shah as president and chief operating officer, both of Hersha Hospitality Trust.

Jay Shah earned an MBA from the Temple University School of Business Management, a law degree from Temple University School of Law, and a bachelor's degree in hotel administration from Cornell University. Neil Shah earned an MBA from the Harvard Business School and degrees in management and political science from the University of Pennsylvania and the Wharton School.

With their successes, Hasu P. Shah and his family humbly believe in the responsibility to help those in need. "Really, it's all God's money. He has entrusted us as a family and we see it to His purposes," he said.

Both Hasu P. and Hersha Shah have been active at HACC for many years, and, in 2005, they endowed HACC's hospitality program. They also support scholarships at Penn State and an MBA scholarship for women and under-represented groups at the York College of Pennsylvania.

Hasu P. Shah is active in the community as a 30-year member of the Rotary Club of Harrisburg and was named a Paul Harris Fellow for his support of the International Rotary Foundation. He is a trustee and generous benefactor of the Vraj Hindu Temple in Schuylkill Haven and the India Heritage Research Foundation in Louisville, Ky. He also has served on charitable and civic boards, including The Foundation for Enhancing Communities, Holy Spirit Hospital, American Red Cross of the Susquehanna Valley, Capital Region Chamber of Commerce, and the Minority Purchasing Council of Central Pennsylvania.

Overseas, the family has funded a hospital in Gujarat, India and established a foundation that provides eyesight to one million disadvantaged blind people in that country.



HACC Trustee Sally Klein, left, congratulates Hasu P. Shah, right, who was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Public Service, while his wife, Hersha Shah, looks on.



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Determination

(Note: Heidi Ahnert of Manheim is a part-time student majoring in Computer Information Systems at the Lancaster Campus. She anticipates it will take her about five years to get an associate degree, then another five years to get a bachelor's degree. In June, she became the only Pennsylvania participant in a new National Community College Aerospace Scholar's program offered by NASA. Here is the story in her words.)

I skipped college and married at 18 instead (to a wonderful man that I am still completely in love with). I thought I missed my chance ... but last year as my youngest child was entering her senior year of high school, a friend encouraged me to start taking some classes. So at the age of 45, I started college and decided to major in what I would have majored in so many years ago: computer information systems.

My professor, Kari Meck, mentioned the NASA program in class. Growing up in the height of the "space age," I was intrigued with the idea of being flown to Houston and getting to meet astronauts. I was shocked to discover that I would be planning a mission to Mars for NASA, including creating a timeline, budget, and designing a rover. I didn't have any kind of academic experience with Mars and I knew even less about engineering. But I was determined to win the trip to Houston. Most of my fellow scholars were aerospace engineering or astrophysics majors; many already had experience working with NASA. I had spent 20 of my past 24 years as a stay-at-home mom — what made me think I could do this? But for the past four years, I have tutored middle school students and I always tell them is to believe in themselves. And that if there is something they really want, they should work at it. It was time for me to "put my money where my mouth is." So for the next nine weeks, I lived, breathed, and dreamed NASA. My husband helped me with research. My church prayed for me. My students cheered me on. Many people asked me why I was even trying to do this and I would answer, "Why not?"

It wasn't easy. The highest math class I'd ever taken was trigonometry — 30 years ago. My last science class was in 10th grade. But I asked for help. I got on the Internet and found a scientist who had written most of the online papers about trajectories. He emailed me back within two hours and walked me through the math on his work. NASA offered online chats with their engineers. My son is pre-med, so I called him with chemistry questions. I spoke with science teachers and even asked some of my students for help with engineering (8th grade boys love that stuff). And I kept praying. In the end, I scored 189/190 — a tie for the highest score. My goal was complete ... I made it to Houston.

Before leaving, I decided that I didn't want to take advantage of internships or co-ops. My family and life are here in Lancaster County. I was not ready to quit my job, become a full-time student, and move to Houston. Of course, I wanted my team to win (and to see my design go further). My family has been my biggest supporter throughout

earns historic NASA prize



Heidi Ahnert, front row center, poses with her fellow Green Team members at NASA headquarters in Houston.

this adventure. My daughter and her friends made “Survivor”-type armbands for each member of my team - which ended up being a great team-building aid. Gene Kranz, flight director of the Apollo 13 mission, said they gave us an advantage in the competition.

NASA divided the scholars into eight teams of 10 people each. I wasn’t sure how I felt being more than twice as old as the other members of my Green Team, who were 17 to 24 years old. I signed up for propulsion and energy source since that’s the thing I was most proud of in my design. The team chose my instrumentation package, computer hardware, navigation and communication packages. Basically, we used my design and added a biological experiment from another student. Although I wasn’t the official leader, the group allowed me to oversee all aspects.

I spoke with my team our first night and explained my theory: “I don’t think this competition is about ‘winning.’ It’s about observing us as we interact. NASA already knows that each of us is smart. They are looking for people who can work as a team. They want people who can lead, but also follow.” And that’s what was so special about our team. At all times, we worked together, for the good of the project.

We had to build a small model of our rover out of Lego-type materials. It had to have a spectrometer which lit when touching an item, and a way to retrieve rock and water samples and deliver them over a “finish line.” We had 18 minutes to complete an obstacle course. We finished the course with one missing wheel and only two seconds left.

We also took some awesome tours, including Saturn V and mock-ups of a Space Shuttle and the International Space Station. We talked to a diver at the Neutral Buoyancy Labs. I saw magnificent photos from the Hubble Telescope and got to hear every detail about the Apollo 13 mission from the guy who was in charge! Then we went to mission control. I was IN mission control during Space Shuttle Atlantis’ final flight. A dream was fulfilled when I was able to sit in the flight director’s seat at historic Apollo mission control.

The finale for the weekend was the presentations of our rovers to a panel of NASA judges, along with the other 80 scholars. In the end, my Green Team won!

My favorite moment was the realization when the astronaut was showing photos from the Hubble Telescope that our universe is so much bigger than I had ever imagined. I had a concept of how big our Milky Way is, but there was a photo of literally thousands of galaxies. It occurred to me that my God is such an awesome God! And yet, He cares enough about me, a mom with two college kids, to send me to Houston and experience this. WOW!

For now, I am not going to pursue a career at NASA; engineering and astrophysics aren’t my thing. I set out to prove that I can still think with the best of them. I will use this experience as I tutor my students and finish my degree at HACC. If you want something bad enough, and are willing to put in the effort, GO FOR IT! I like being the girl who says, Why not?

Future unclear for rover design

People ask if NASA is going to use my design on the next Mars rover. Probably not, but I don’t know. I designed my rover based on the direction I see NASA going. It looks very much like the Mars Science Lab that is expected to go to Mars next year; except it has a better propulsion system (the very latest NASA technology) and more updated instrumentation. It was also designed to return samples to Earth, so there are major mission-directed changes. In other words, I designed a rover using mostly NASA technology. I’ll have to wait with everyone else to see what happens with NASA and our first Sample Mission from Mars.

Heidi Ahnert sits in the flight director’s chair at NASA’s mission control in Houston.



Alumni in the news

Business, Hospitality, and Tourism

Robert A. Edwards (Harrisburg, Business Management '83) is a paralegal with the Philadelphia Innocence Project.

Majorie K. Heilig (Lancaster, Business Administration '95) is human resources manager for Teleflex Medical OEM in Lancaster.

Caitlin Palmer (Gettysburg, Business Administration '10) was featured in a recent article about HACC's Gettysburg Campus in *The Evening Sun* in Hanover. Palmer finished her HACC education with a 4.0 grade-point average and was awarded a full scholarship to Shippensburg University. She was also selected as a New Century Scholar, the top scoring student from Pennsylvania, based on the ALL-USA competition sponsored by the American Association of Community Colleges.

Joshua Parrish (Harrisburg, Business Administration '98) is director of conservation finance at The Nature Conservancy in Harrisburg.

Emily J. Royer (Harrisburg, Business Administration '09) was recently promoted to director of marketing and sales for Nittany Paper Mills, Inc., in Lewistown.

Heather E. Tressler (Harrisburg, Business Studies '08) graduated May 8 from Eastern University with a bachelor's degree in business administration. This fall she will begin working on an MBA at Lebanon Valley College. In May, Tressler was promoted to a caseworker position with Dauphin County Social Services for Children and Youth. Previously, she was a social services secretary for the organization. She also volunteered as an assistant coach for the Palmyra High School girls' volleyball team.

Communications, Humanities, and the Arts

Lovena K. Nickle-Haslam (Harrisburg, Communication Arts '93) recently retired from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Tammy Shelley (Harrisburg, Graphic Design '93) recently became one of the owners of Triangle Press, Inc., in Harrisburg. She is vice president of graphic design and sales.

General Studies

Ryan Conklin (Gettysburg, General Studies '07-'08, 30+ Credits) was featured in a recent article about HACC's Gettysburg Campus in *The Evening Sun* in Hanover. He spent more than five years in the U.S. Army as an infantryman and was on two tours in Iraq. He recently published "An Angel from Hell" about his experiences in Iraq and is on a book tour. Conklin also starred in the MTV series, "The Real World: Brooklyn," and co-produced, filmed and starred in the documentary, "Return from Duty," about his second tour in Iraq which aired on MTV in 2009.

Health Careers

Robert A. Drew (Lancaster, CVT-Cardiac Sonography '05) has spent the last few years traveling around the country doing temporary work in such states as Idaho, New Hampshire, Wisconsin, Florida, and Pennsylvania. He now is a senior cardiac sonographer at The Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore.

Rodney Griest (Lancaster, Nursing '09) is a registered nurse with Fountain Valley (Calif.) Regional Hospital and Medical Center and lives in nearby Westminster.

Gary Laabs (Gettysburg, Nursing '08) was featured in a recent article about HACC's Gettysburg Campus in *The Evening Sun* in Hanover. Laabs is a registered nurse in the medical-surgical ward at Hanover Hospital.

Marianne Rudebusch (Harrisburg, Nursing '76) completed her bachelor's degree in nursing at the State University of New York and then earned a law degree from Temple University. She has practiced family law in Harrisburg since 1994.

Math and Science

Daniel M. Ashby, MS, FASHP (Harrisburg, Life Science '68) spoke at the April awards dinner recognizing the 2010 Community College All-Pennsylvania Academic Team. His talk "spoke volumes to me," wrote Marc Anthony Incitti, a nursing student at Luzerne County Community College. Ashby, senior director of pharmacy at The Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, spoke on, "The 10 Things Students Moving Onward in Their Academic Careers Should Remember."

Social Sciences

Valisha Allwein Kimm (Lebanon, Criminal Justice '06) is a security fraud analyst at Metro Bank. She received a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Alvernia University in 2008.

Carolyn M. Marinos (Harrisburg, Social Science '95) of Thompsettown is employed by Highmark Medicare Services in Mifflintown.

Katherine Sangster (Gettysburg, Criminal Justice '06), Hanover, is an officer in the Gettysburg Borough Police Department. She graduated from the HACC Police Academy in 2009.

Sharon A. Smith Myers (Harrisburg, Social Science '79) recently published her first book, "Master of the Dance," with 5 Fold Media, LLC. She teaches at Christ Community Church of Camp Hill.

Jayne K. Smith (Harrisburg, Social Science '98) is a supportive services manager for the Housing Development Corporation in Mountville. She received a master's degree in social work from Temple University in May and passed her social work licensing exam.

Bob Spoljaric Jr. (Harrisburg, Social Science Education '96) is director of business development for Mindtech, Inc., in Enola.

Roger J. Willard (Harrisburg, Police Science Administration '76) earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Millersville University. During and after college, he worked in law enforcement and obtained his private detective license in Lancaster County in 1982. In 2002, Willard obtained certification as a hypnotherapist, and then opened Willard Hypnosis Center three years later. In 2008, after 26 years as a private detective, he stopped taking clients directly, but continues to consult in investigations. For the past 11 years, he has been a product spokesperson on a major cable shopping network. He has published two books on the business of private investigations and is a presenter at the National Guild of Hypnotists' annual convention and educational conference held each August. He and his wife, Patricia, live in Lancaster County.

Technology

Daniel J. Benny, Ph.D. (Harrisburg, Commercial Security '80, Police Administration '81) recently completed his doctoral degree in criminal justice from Capella University. He has been appointed to Security Discipline Chair at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University Worldwide, Daytona Beach, Fla., where he oversees the online security program and teaches from his home in Harrisburg. Benny also operates a private investigation and security consulting business and is a part-time instructor in security and lethal weapons at HACC's Senator John J. Shumaker Public Safety Center on the Harrisburg Campus.

Richard E. Botts (Harrisburg, Engineering '76) received his professional engineering license in 1977. In 1999, he retired from Sedgwick Claims Management Services, Inc., and established his own consulting firm, Fire Safety Consultants, Inc. Botts also is treasurer of the Perry County Recreation Association.

Harry L. McKee (Harrisburg, Data Processing '82) retired March 31 from South Carolina Insurance Reserve Fund where he was a computer applications designer. McKee's retirement dream is to purchase an RV and travel the country. He lives in Sumter, S.C.

Kudos

Nine new alumni were named to the 2010 Community College All-Pennsylvania Academic Team: **Caitlin Palmer** and **Sara Leeti Piper** of Gettysburg; **Bradley Roller** and **Kurt Vail** of Harrisburg; **Leonie Mbiekop** and **Danette Witmer** of Lancaster; **Jackie Eisenhauer** and **Katrina Moyer** of Lebanon; and **Sharon Collier** of York. These students received the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (SSHE) Academic Passport, which gives them a full-tuition scholarship for two years to any of the 14 SSHE universities.

New alumna **Joan Niesley** (Harrisburg, General Studies '10) has proven that "lifelong learning" are not just buzz words. The 70-year-old spring graduate was recognized for her achievement in The Patriot-News.

In Memoriam

John R. "Jack" Abel Jr. (Harrisburg, Social Services '95) died May 10 at Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center. He was a social worker at the United Methodist Home for Children and taught at HACC. He earned a bachelor's degree from Shippensburg University and a master's degree from Marywood University.

John Kenneth Byers, professor emeritus at HACC, died May 26. Byers taught music at HACC for 23 years, from 1971-94.

Cary M. Maulfair (Harrisburg, Police Science '96) of Silver Spring, Md., passed away May 4 at University of Maryland Medical Center. She was an officer in the Metropolitan District of Columbia Police Department.

Kevin E. Singer (Harrisburg, Electronic Engineering Technology '84) died May 28 at Community General Osteopathic Hospital in Harrisburg. Singer was IT manager for Gunn-Mowry Insurance Company in Lemoyne.

John D. "Bundy" Stouffer (Harrisburg, Criminal Justice '02) passed away April 22 at Golden Living in Camp Hill. Stouffer earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Central Pennsylvania College and was a media specialist for the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

Tenley Ann Witmer (Harrisburg, Nursing '81) passed away May 31 after a courageous battle against breast cancer. A registered nurse, Witmer worked more than 25 years in cardiac care and home healthcare in Washington, D.C., Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Harrisburg.

Scholarships awarded

The HACC Alumni Association is proud of the financial support it offers students. To date, alumni have donated more than \$550,000 to endowed scholarships and other funds to assist HACC students.

Each year the association awards the Clyde E. Blocker and the Maurice C. Overholt Scholarships, which are two full-year scholarships, to deserving HACC students. Blocker, Ed.D., was HACC's first president, serving from 1964-75. Overholt was the college's first vice president.

The scholarships are awarded in the amount of a year's tuition based on the sponsoring district rate, fees, and a \$100 book allowance to students who have financial need, good academic records, and are involved in community and/or HACC programs.

For the 2010-11 school year, the Alumni Association has awarded scholarships to these five deserving students: Jennifer Black of Elizabethtown, criminal justice, and Shawna Dixon of Lancaster, Web design, both Lancaster Campus; Sarah Bradley of Dover, business administration, York Campus; Treasa Jakob of New Cumberland, nursing, Harrisburg Campus; and Anne Martin of Lebanon, psychology, Lebanon Campus.

Explore the Big Apple

Join alumni on Saturday, Nov. 20, for a fun-filled day in New York City. The HACC Alumni Association has chartered five buses for alumni, family members, and friends for a fun-filled day on your own to shop, catch a Broadway play, or explore the city's many attractions.

Buses leave at 6 a.m. from the Gettysburg Campus and 7 a.m. from the Harrisburg and Lancaster campuses, and will return by approximately 11 p.m.

Tickets are \$40 per person. To reserve a seat, contact Sara Bernier at 717-780-2474 or via e-mail at alumniassociation@hacc.edu by Oct. 18.

It's not too late to give

The 2010 Alumni Annual Appeal is winding down. Here's your chance to provide a HACC student with the same life-changing educational opportunity you received.

"Alumni are a powerful force for advancing the college," said Linda Cobb '97, president of the HACC Alumni Association. "Every gift helps and every gift matters."

In recent months, your Alumni Association has pledged a \$10,000 major gift to HACC-Gettysburg's Share the Vision, Shape the Future campaign, a \$10,000 gift to expand and upgrade the Senator John J. Shumaker Public Safety Center on the Harrisburg Campus, and awarded full tuition scholarships to five students for this school year.

To make a gift, call HACC's Office of Alumni Affairs at 717-780-2474, or send an e-mail to alumniassociation@hacc.edu.

2010 Distinguished Alumni named

The HACC Alumni Association welcomed six new members into its Circle of Distinction during a celebration dinner June 12 at the C. Ted Lick Wildwood Conference Center on the Harrisburg Campus.

“Our 2010 Distinguished Alumni, through their commitment and hard work, embody the HACC spirit and serve as an inspiration to other alumni and all students,” said Linda Cobb, president of the HACC Alumni Association. “Their success is measured by the impact they have made — and continue to make — in our community and in their personal lives.”

2010 Distinguished Alumni are:



Timothy P. Albert

Timothy P. Albert, Criminal Justice, 2002

Albert gives back to his community daily in his work as a police officer for Upper Allen Township in Cumberland County. After joining the police force in 2005, he became involved in the region’s Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program in which he teaches drug awareness to elementary school students in the Mechanicsburg area.

He also mentors boys one-on-one as part of the Mechanicsburg Middle School Mentor Program, is a field training officer, and serves as part of his department’s bicycle safety patrol.

Albert further contributes to the community through his volunteer work. For the past several years, he has been a counselor at Camp Cadet, a weeklong summer camp sponsored by the Pennsylvania State Police for teenagers interested in law enforcement. Not only does he interview potential campers and live at the camp for the week, but he also raises funds for the program by helping in a golf tournament and by selling hats and T-shirts at the state police booth at the annual Pennsylvania Farm Show. The proceeds from these sales help pay for camp accommodations, food, and camper uniforms.

Albert also has a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice from Central Pennsylvania College and is a graduate of HACC’s Police Academy. He is working toward a master’s degree in public administration at Penn State University.

“HACC provided me with a quality education at a fraction of the price that I would have to pay at any other college. I try to encourage students to attend HACC and that it is a smart way to start their college life.”

— Timothy P. Albert



Fredrick A. Clark

Fredrick A. Clark, Education, 1984

Fred Clark is a visionary whose professional accomplishments and philanthropic work has enriched many lives in the Harrisburg area. He is president and CEO of Clark Resources, a minority business, government relations and consulting firm with offices in Harrisburg and Philadelphia.

Clark is a recognized leader in the region, receiving the Council of Public Education Business Partnership of the Year Award, the Central Penn Business Journal’s Top 40 under 40 Business Persons Award, the Central Pennsylvania Leader of the Year Award and the Harrisburg Young Professionals’ Person of the Year Award. He was named Susquehanna Style Magazine’s Visionary of the Year, and recognized as one of the region’s top “Mover’s and Shaker’s” by Harrisburg Magazine. Clark’s weekly TV talk show on Comcast, “One On One With Fred Clark,” features celebrity interviews and his acclaimed e-mail newsletter, “Urban Affairs with Fred Clark,” boasts a circulation of 5,000. He is credited with helping revitalize downtown Harrisburg while executive director of Center City Harrisburg and played a key role in the election of Gov. Ed Rendell.

Clark, who also earned a bachelor’s degree from Penn State, is known for his philanthropy. He has organized and financed many African American Leadership Conferences and sponsored an Urban Leadership Institute to help young and up-and-coming African Americans enhance their leadership skills. He also served on the Harrisburg School District Board of Education, as president of the African American Chamber of Commerce, and chair of the National African American Cultural Center.

“There is no experience that I can relate to today that was more rewarding professionally than the time I spent on the HACC campus. The staff, the students, and the campus were my first impressions of being on my own and started me writing my own story as to who I am and what I want to do.”

— Fredrick A. Clark



Bruce M. Deveney

Bruce M. Deveney, Life Science, 1973

Deveney, superintendent of the East Pennsboro Area School District, is an excellent role model for today’s students and a perfect example of how alumni impact the community. When he took the job in 2009, he became the first of the district’s high school graduates to lead the district.

"I don't know a person who knows more, cares more, or acts to provide the best for East Pennsboro Area School District's teachers, staff, and students," said alumna Kim Grundon, who serves on the school board.

Deveney earned a bachelor's degree in biology at Elizabethtown College, a master's degree in instructional technology from Johns Hopkins University, and principal certification and superintendent's letter of eligibility from Penn State University. In 1976, he became a science teacher at the East Pennsboro Area Middle School and over the next 20 years held several teaching and administrative positions in the district.

His accomplishments include South Central Pennsylvania Joint Council for School Improvement Teacher of the Year, ACES Outstanding Educator Award, district representative to the Capital Area Intermediate Unit's Instructional Media Service Advisory, and district Year 2000 coordinator. He developed the district's technology plan, designed and implemented the middle school's computer curriculum, chaired the technology implementation committee, facilitated the district's Business Advisory Council, and supervised the high school business department.

"HACC afforded me an opportunity to begin my post-secondary education with guidance and nurturing during a time when I was unsure what I really wanted to do with my interests and my life. The foundation built at HACC, along with my other education and life experiences, has allowed me to assume a leadership role in education."

– Bruce M. Deveney



Jonathan A. Hetrick

**Jonathon A. Hetrick,
Computer Networking
Technology, 2006**

From a young age, Hetrick knew he would do something technical. As a child, he loved to work with his hands and discover how something operated. As a teen, he followed this calling to the Dauphin County Vocational Technical School and then HACC.

Technology is Hetrick's passion. While studying at HACC, Hershey Entertainment and Resorts hired him as an information technology intern. In less than 18 months, he was employed full time with Hershey as an IT specialist. A year later, he was promoted to his current position as an associate network specialist where he designs, configures and supports more than 250 network devices at 25 properties, including Hersheypark, the hotels, Hershey Arena, the Giant Center, and Hershey's corporate offices.

Hetrick is a life-long learner. He has earned numerous technical certifications, including Cisco CCNA, HP Procurve, AIS Procurve Networking, CompTIA Network+ professional, CompTIA A+ certified professional, and Pennsylvania Skills certification in information technology. His achievements include the Computer Professionals

of Central Pennsylvania Award, United States Achievement Academy All American Scholar Award, United States Achievement Academy National Leadership Merit Award and the United States Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence Award.

To give back to the community, he serves on Dauphin County Vocational Technical School's IT advisory board and HACC's computer networking technology advisory committee. He also volunteers at the Grayson View Assisted Living Community in Harrisburg.

"Looking back I firmly believe that attending HACC has had a direct influence on my life and my success. The skills I acquired at HACC have proven to be invaluable. HACC may be Central Pennsylvania's Community College, but the personal value the College has provided me makes me feel as though it is my community college."

– Jonathan A. Hetrick



Lisa A. Moreno

**Lisa A. Moreno,
Legal Assistant, 2000**

Moreno is a familiar face to many residents of Adams County. Since April 2007, she has served as an Adams County commissioner. She is only the third woman ever elected to this position.

She is one of three administrators of the county government, which encompasses registration and elections, assessment of persons and property, human services, veterans affairs, appointment of county personnel and fiscal management. As a commissioner, her primary duty is to create and manage the annual budget.

As a community activist, Moreno is a member of the boards of directors of Adams County Cooperative Extension, Adams County Transit Authority, Adams County Economic Development, Local Emergency Planning Commission, and Pennsylvania Counties Risk Pool. Previously, she held various positions in county government and was a licensed Realtor with Jack Gaughen Realty in Gettysburg.

The HACC-Gettysburg alumna also remains engaged in her former campus. Moreno is co-chair of the Gettysburg Campus 20th Anniversary Committee and serves on the Campus Advisory Committee. In the past year, she has worked with an alumni leadership group charged with establishing the HACC Alumni Association's first campus chapter.

"I attribute my education at HACC for my successes today."

– Lisa A. Moreno

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James B. Harman Nesbit, DDS

James B. Harman Nesbit, DDS, Life Science, 1968

Dr. Nesbit's mission is to make the world a better place — one country at a time. His work has taken him around the world to every continent in an effort to bring compassionate health care to those in need.

Nesbit continued his education at Temple University, earning a bachelor's degree and then a doctoral degree in dental surgery. For more than 30 years, his family dental practice gave care to inner city poor and the elderly in the Harrisburg area.

He was recognized as one of America's top dentists in 1979 and 2009. When he retired, Nesbit donated his dental office equipment to set up school-based clinics in Harrisburg and Lancaster. He also equipped a dental facility in Jamaica for handicapped orphans and worked at a clinic in Brazil. In 2004, he received the Mayor's Award for Distinguished Public Service from the City of Harrisburg and was recognized by WHP-TV as an "Angel Among Us."

More recently, Nesbit and his wife, Sheila "Nesbit" Harman, a 1981 HACC graduate, have worked together on an HIV/AIDs project in Swaziland, South Africa. He also has worked on health care projects in the Amazon and with the Hualapai Indians in Arizona. For his humanitarian efforts, Nesbit has received recognition from the White House and citations from the Pennsylvania Senate, the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, and Harrisburg's former Mayor Stephen R. Reed.

HACC had a major impact on my life by providing an affordable education with good teachers who helped direct my path to compassionately love and serve others."

– Dr. James Nesbit



The Circle of Distinction awards were designed and produced by Michael Peluso, center, a HACC alumnus (2001, general studies, and 2003, visual arts). Pictured with Peluso are Interim HACC President Ronald Young, left, and Alumni Association President Linda Cobb, right.

Carillon Society

The Helen Y. Swope Carillon and Clocktower stands on HACC's Harrisburg Campus as a testament to a woman who was a staunch supporter of the college and served on its original Board of Trustees.

Swope also was among the first HACC supporters to remember the college in her estate. As such, the HACC Foundation honors similar support of the college with membership in The Carillon Society.

"The individuals who include HACC in estate planning are expressing a deep commitment to this college and community," said Jayne Abrams, executive director of the foundation. "Their collective vision and generosity will ensure that this college can deliver on its mission of provided education for all. Their legacy sends a message loud and clear - HACC is here today, tomorrow and always."

The foundation honored individuals who joined The Carillon Society in the last year with a reception in June on the campus. It also was an opportunity to breathe new life into the society, which to date has received 17 planned gifts that total in excess of \$2 million.

"The HACC Foundation is now embarking on a focused effort to increase the members of The Carillon Society," Abrams said. "In the past year, we have identified 13 new members, including current and former faculty, alumni, local philanthropists and friends of the college."



The cake featured a replica of the Carillon on top.

supports education for all

College President Edna Baehre, Ph.D., is among those who have pledged a legacy gift to the college.

“More than ever in our entire history does this college and these students need your support to have access to education so they can better their lives,” she told those at the reception. “They depend on you, and we hope you will continue your support to them.”

No one understands that need better than Jay Ebersole, Ed.D., the first executive director of the HACC Foundation, and Francis Haas, Esq., solicitor emeritus. Together with HACC’s administration they oversaw the creation of the foundation in 1985 after recognizing that if the college were to thrive, it would need financial resources beyond tuition.



Frank Haas, Esq., HACC’s solicitor emeritus, talked about the importance of HACC in the region during the Carillon society reception.

Fertal. Both received financial aid through the William M. & Florence E. Bliss Memorial Scholarship.

“I had taken student loans to pay for my education,” said Eslinger, who was a single parent attending school full-time and working part-time before graduating in May. “The scholarship helped with books and gas.”

Fertal believes the foundation’s support was crucial to his success in school.

“If it wasn’t for the help of the foundation, I wouldn’t be able to pay for basic living expenses and still come up with tuition,” said the full-time student. “The foundation is a great way to fill that gap.”

For information on how you can include HACC in your estate planning, please contact Jayne Abrams at 717-780-2329.



Jay Ebersole, Ed.D., the first executive director of the HACC Foundation, addresses the attendees at the Carillon Society reception.

“An endowed foundation would accumulate resources for unfunded educational needs and expansion, instructional technology, and supportive services,” Ebersole said of their motivation. “Within a few months of inviting faculty and staff to become initial investors, we gathered over \$35,000 in gifts and pledges as the first stake in the foundation. We then extended the invitation to the community.”

The city, county and school district support that HACC has earned since that time has been nothing short of miraculous, according to Haas. But the future may present challenges.

“This college really has existed from the very beginning on private resources. One after another have given private resources to this public institution,” he said. “The way we can keep this going is to make sure the importance of HACC is out there in this region every day. People must know it and understand it.”

Among those students who benefited from scholarships made possible through a bequest to the foundation are Sherry Eslinger and Jonathan



From left, donors Daniel Beren and Ernie Davis chat with Sandy Box, college development specialist/donor relations, second from right, and Frank Haas, college solicitor emeritus at the reception.

Dean takes carillon duties to heart

Inside a small room in the Rose Lehrman Arts Center sits a medium-sized console that contains the “brains” of the Helen Y. Swope Carillon and Clocktower that welcomes visitors to HACC’s Harrisburg Campus.

It is here that the digital system determines whether the carillon’s chromatically tuned bells ring out in concert mode or fall silent; whether they play classical tunes or seasonal selections.

While this computerized system of musical libraries, wheels and pulleys is considered the carillon’s “brain,” there is no doubt that Thaddeus Sampson, dean of academic affairs at the Harrisburg Campus and senior professor of communications, is most definitely the system’s “heart.”

Occupying an office a few steps from the carillon’s operating system, Sampson monitors both the carillon’s sound and operation.

“I make sure it is working properly; that the clock hands are in sync; that it plays when it is supposed to; and that the fidelity of the music is as it should be,” said Sampson, who is a musician and considers the task a pleasure. “I don’t get any compensation. I enjoy doing it.”

Although the digital system is programmed to operate on its own and rarely runs into problems, Sampson must have detailed knowledge of how it operates in the event something does not work properly.

“You just have to know how to communicate with it,” he explained, adding that it is an involved process, but not a difficult one. “But, if something happens to the internal programming, we would need a technician (to fix it).”



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The carillon, which strikes on the half hour and rings the time on the hour, is programmed to play musical selections at certain times throughout the day. But, in the event of special celebrations, holiday seasons and memorials, Sampson willingly devotes hours of his time to program appropriate musical selections in advance and to set them to play at a specific date and time.

“The most work involved is when you are creating a new program and need to know which buttons to push to tell it what to do,” he said. “It is like playing a pipe organ - the sound is there, but you need to know what stops to pull to get that sound.”

Fortunately, the carillon has a memory and once the special programming is complete, the musical score can be used again and again or stored in its library until called out. Currently, Sampson is in the process of researching songs that can be added to the carillon’s popular music library.

“I’m working on coming up with more popular tunes that would be familiar to students coming into HACC now—new artists, such as Beyoncé and Mariah Carey,” he said. “The company has an interesting way of scoring those selections so they are longer lasting.”

Whether the carillon is playing the latest hits or relying on the classics, it remains an asset to the college, according to Sampson.

“The sound of the carillon is absolutely beautiful,” he said. “It is a source of delight for all of us here on campus.”

Foundation appoints five new board members

Five new members have joined the HACC Foundation board of directors, including Stephen Dailey, MD; Douglas Heineman CRB, CRS, GRI, CSP, QSC; Gerald Robinson, Esq.; Randy Tice, PE; and H. Ralph Vartan, MBA.

In addition to serving as the “eyes and ears” of the foundation in the communities that HACC serves, board members are stewards of its endowment, said Jayne Abrams, executive director of institutional advancement and the HACC Foundation.



Stephen Dailey, MD

Dailey is an orthopedic surgeon with the Orthopedic Institute of Pennsylvania, Camp Hill. A graduate of Jefferson Medical College, Dailey completed his residency at St. Luke’s Medical Center, Cleveland, Ohio, and a fellowship in hand and upper extremity surgery at SUNY-Upstate Medical Center, Syracuse, N.Y.

He is a Fellow in the American Society for Surgery of the Hand and the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. He also is an active member of the Pennsylvania Medical Society and the Pennsylvania Orthopedic Society.



Douglas Heineman CRB, CRS, GRI, CSP, QSC

Heineman is the owner of B-H Agency Real Estate, Carlisle, where he is a broker, Realtor, and certified residential appraiser.

Actively involved in his community, Heineman has served as a Carlisle Borough councilman, a former member and president of the Carlisle Board of Realtors, a former member and president of Carlisle Area School District board of directors, and as a member of the Carlisle Area Industrial Development Corporation.

Heineman earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration from Pennsylvania State University and has obtained numerous credentials in real estate disciplines.



Gerald Robinson, Esq.

Robinson is the managing partner of Robinson & Geraldo, Harrisburg, where he concentrates his efforts in business development.

An active community participant, he has served on many nonprofit boards, including The Urban League of Lancaster County, The National Urban League, The March of Dimes, Southeast

Lancaster Health Services, Heinz-Menaker Senior Center of Harrisburg, and NAACP of Greater Harrisburg.

Robinson is a graduate of Howard University and Howard University School of Law. He is a member of the Dauphin and Lancaster County Bar Associations and the Pennsylvania Bar Association.



Randy Tice, PE

Tice is chairman of the board of APR Supply Company, Lebanon, a family-owned HVACR and plumbing distributor. An advisor to the Lebanon Valley Division of Fulton Bank, Tice also serves as president of the Annville Rotary and on the board of directors of the Lebanon American Heart Association.

A Penn State University graduate, Tice holds the Professional Engineer designation. He is on the board of directors and is a former chairman of North American Technician Excellence, a nonprofit certification program for HVACR technicians.



H. Ralph Vartan, MBA

Vartan is chairman of the Vartan Group Inc., Harrisburg, a real estate investment company. He serves on the board of directors of Harrisburg Young Professionals, Penn State Harrisburg, and Market Square Concerts, as well as on Harrisburg University’s Honorary Alumni Association Steering Committee and the Harrisburg Symphony Artistic Advisory Committee.

Vartan earned a bachelor’s degree in music at Westminster Choir College and a master’s degree in business administration from Penn State University Smeal College of Business.



Gettysburg

Life-changing discovery

I am 35 years old. I am a grocery stock boy. I live on next week's paycheck. I found \$30,000 in my back yard. This is the story of my life-changing discovery.

I was an honor-roll student throughout high school. I took AP classes and passed easily. I went to a very nice four-year university as an honors student and took accelerated classes in chemistry and mathematics. My self-worth was a function of my academic and social successes. I was quite content. I joined a professional fraternity. I tutored children at the local middle school. I learned a few chords on the guitar. I stopped attending that very nice university.

For the next eight years I played in a band. I judged my self-worth by a standard that was in direct correlation to the length of my hair – a standard that gave my mother a head of gray ones.

One autumn, I rode a 1965 Honda CB350 to Tampa. I judged my worth by the miles I endured on that leaky little machine. There was no Zen nor was there an art of maintenance. That bike was an anarchist in the mechanical pantheon. I judged myself very successful for that trip.

Another autumn, I hitch-hiked to New Orleans and backpacked across Louisiana and Mississippi. I had worth because my feet were strong and light. Though, if you had asked my feet at the time, the consensus would have been to re-enlist the leaks and rattles of the anarchist motorcycle. I had worth because I could fly in the face of convention and soar about two or three inches above ridiculous for short periods of time.

Having lost a few laps around the track, and having no skills or education of any value in the workplace, I was a bit behind the pace of life that most of my peers had established to that point. But I eventually found legitimate work in my father's trade. In fact, after learning what I could and becoming a shop



Randy Hnatkowicz maintains a 4.0 GPA at the Gettysburg Campus where he is majoring in mathematics. After graduation, he plans to transfer to Shippensburg University for a bachelor's degree.

foreman after a few years, I began a business. I began a family. I began my life. My worth was measured in dollars and hugs. I was very happy.

As Wall Street giveth, it taketh away. The recession rained on my parade. As I grew weary sloshing in the mud, I climbed a tree. I crawled out on a limb. I went to an open house at HACC.

I am now a full-time student with a full-time job and a full-time family that will grow by one next January. I am overworked and exhausted, and I would have it no other way – I am a college student again. This is possible for two reasons: the cost and the quality of HACC. My education at HACC is equal to that which I received 16 years ago and at a fraction of the price. Returning to academia by way of HACC is like finding \$30,000 in my back yard. HACC is my second chance.

Today, I am tempted to value my life by a GPA – or raindrops I have dodged or stairs I have climbed. But I find that no qualitative assessment can adequately describe the value of finding treasure and putting it to good use. No score can measure this kind of satisfaction.

EMS PARTNERSHIP FORMED

A dozen Fairfield High School students will get a chance this fall to give back to their community while learning valuable skills in a new emergency medical services (EMS) program.

They will be taught emergency medical technician (EMT) basics in the program, a partnership between the Gettysburg Campus, Fairfield Area School District, and Fairfield Fire and EMS.

"These kids can join the fire department as junior members," said Neal Abrams, captain of the Fairfield Fire and EMS. "At our Tuesday night training sessions, we can help them out with their coursework and they can ride the ambulance with us. It will be a great way for them to get some experience that can help them get a job when they get out of high school."

Shannon Harvey, executive dean of academic affairs at the Gettysburg Campus, agrees.

"Career pathway programs like this one in EMS allow students to develop high-demand career skills that support their success in the workforce and give them a competitive edge," she said.

The noncredit class, which will meet for the first and second marking periods at the high school, will be taught by Patsy Fiorenza, HACC adjunct faculty and seasoned EMS instructor. Students will study cardiac and respiratory emergencies, CPR, chest and abdominal injuries, allergies, poisonings, behavior and environmental emergencies, injuries of the head, neck and spine and more.

Agreement offers pathway to associate degree

Journeyman linemen can take advantage of a new college degree pathway program forged through a partnership between HACC, the Pennsylvania Rural Electric Association (PREA), and the 14 electric cooperatives in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

An agreement signed June 16 between HACC, Adams Electric Cooperative, Inc., and PREA gives journeyman linemen at the cooperative a pathway to an associate in applied science degree in Technology Studies.



Steve Rasmussen, CEO and General Manager of Adams Electric Cooperative, Inc.; HACC President Edna Baehre, Ph.D.; and Frank M. Betley, President and CEO of Pennsylvania Rural Electric Association signed an articulation agreement that gives electric cooperative lineman apprentices a pathway to a two-year associate degree from HACC.

“We are pleased to again partner with HACC in an effort that will help today’s workers better prepare for tomorrow’s workplace,” said Steve Rasmussen, CEO and general manager of Gettysburg-based Adams Electric Cooperative, Inc. “Our organizations share similar goals of improving the quality of life in the south-central Pennsylvania communities we serve,” he added.

Adams Electric is the first cooperative to sign the agreement.

“Electric cooperative line personnel from around the Commonwealth and New Jersey have a chance to take the skills they learn through the PREA Job Training & Safety program and apply that to a higher education opportunity,” said Frank M. Betley, president and CEO of PREA, the statewide service organization for the 14 member-owned electric cooperatives.

Shannon Harvey, executive dean of academic affairs, and Judy Alder, campus development officer, both at the Gettysburg Campus, worked closely with Rasmussen and PREA to develop the program. CEOs of the other electric cooperatives served by PREA were given a presentation of the program during a conference in August.

Staff at the Gettysburg Campus will work with potential students from the electric cooperatives on the admission process. Students enrolled in online courses will be assigned an advisor through the Virtual Campus.

Electric cooperative apprentices must matriculate into the Technology Studies curriculum at HACC within four years of having successfully completed the PREA Job Training & Safety lineman training schools.

“The course is very community driven,” said Mike Tonkay, EMS education specialist at HACC’s Sen. John Shumaker Public Safety Center which runs EMT classes in eight counties.

“The Fairfield Fire Company is footing the tuition bill for these students in hopes that they will come back and run with them and give back to the community in that way. It’s a great cooperative effort, giving back to a small community that’s struggling to get volunteers.”

Heather Swope, Fairfield High School guidance counselor, agreed: “A lot of our students like to help and be involved in the community, and this is a great way to tie our students into that.”

Many of the prospective students have indicated their hope of using the program as an entry point into the healthcare field, Tonkay said. Upon completion of the course, they will be certified by the Pennsylvania Department of Health as emergency medical technicians, he said.

“We did some research and found that once a student has their EMT certification, they may work on their college campus as an EMT,” Swope said. “Our students see this as an opportunity to get paid in the future.”

The students also will receive information about career preparation available at HACC, such as the paramedic-EMT certificate and associate in arts degree, Tonkay said. HACC runs a similar program with high school students in the Northern (York County) School District, which has been very successful, he said.

Harrisburg

HACC changes his life vision

Just three years ago, Sean Fortney was an apathetic high school student, coasting along with a “D” average and no plans for further education.

Today, the new graduate with not one, but two associate degrees, is planning on a future in college administration.

“It’s all because of HACC,” the 20-year-old Hampden Township resident said. “There, I met people who changed my world view. I realized I could affect change and I could make things better just because of my efforts. I gained self confidence there that I never had before.”

When Fortney arrived in fall 2007, he was hoping to make decent grades and prepare for a middle management job in business.

As his professors challenged him and as he slowly got involved in campus activities, Fortney began to realize that perhaps he was capable of more than middle-of-the-road goals; perhaps he could reach higher.

“I don’t know why I was so apathetic in high school, but I didn’t really see the benefit of studying because I had no plans. In college, the first difference was that I was paying for it, and that motivated me to try. And secondly, I saw I could do well,” said Fortney, who was named to the Dean’s List both semesters of his first year.

An invitation to become vice president of the Student Government Association (SGA) at the Harrisburg Campus further transformed his life and ambitions. “At first I did it just because I thought it would look good on my resume if I was going to try to get into a four-year school,” he admitted. “But I fell in love with it.”

He loved it so much that he ran for and was elected president in spring 2009. That fall, he was elected chairman of the SGA Executive Council, where he represented all 22,000 students at the college. As chairman, he met monthly with HACC President Edna V. Baehre, Ph.D., and attended board of trustees meetings. He also introduced a proposal for a student trustee, which is being considered.

One of the most popular things the SGA did under his leadership was bring back the free daily newspaper program, expanding it to include not only the Patriot-News but also the New York Times and USA Today. Fortney also was instrumental in transforming a room in Cooper Student Center into the Hawk’s Nest, a comfy student study den.

“I saw the capacity for change and realized that I could be the one to have a part in that, and that got me really excited,” Fortney said.

Armed with an associate degree in general studies and an associate degree in business administration, Fortney will be at Bucknell University this fall on a full-tuition scholarship specifically for community college students of low-income background. The application process was exhaustive and very competitive, but he persevered and was one of 20 applicants accepted.

In keeping with his new habit of setting the bar high, he plans to double major in political science with a concentration in American politics and in education with a concentration in college student personnel.

Fortney plans to be a college administrator and perhaps touch the life of another struggling student who needs some personal inspiration.

He often encourages students who were as lost as he was to rethink their goals, enroll at HACC, and get involved in on-campus activities.

“I was fortunate to have wonderful teachers and mentors who inspired me not to give up, to look at problem solving creatively and to try without fear of failing,” Fortney said. “At HACC, I learned that I can make a difference in my world. I want to help other students see that potential in themselves.”



Sean Fortney was the student speaker at spring commencement.

Award recognizes culinary arts program

HACC Chef Instructor Michael A. Finch, AST, CEC, ACE, left, holds the Governor's Award for Excellence in the Culinary Arts presented by Gov. Ed Rendell, right, during the Gettysburg Festival in Adams County in June. This is the first time that a HACC chef instructor has earned the award, which recognizes the recipient as a master in the culinary arts for his or her outstanding abilities as an artist. Jason Viscount, Bricco chef, also received the award but was unable to attend the presentation. "Chefs Finch and Viscount are innovative professionals who instill their passion for local food in each of the students that work alongside them," Rendell said. "They've been strong supporters of our PA Preferred program and that commitment is helping the farmers, food processors and distributors in the program expand their businesses."



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Lancaster

New campus vice president named

L. Marshall Washington, Ph.D., took the reins July 26 as campus vice president at the Lancaster Campus.

In his leadership role, the former Battle Creek, Mich., educator also is responsible for strengthening and building community partnerships.

"I am excited about coming to work with the people at HACC and getting to know the Lancaster community," said Washington, who most recently was vice president of student services at Kellogg Community College, Battle Creek.

"Working to foster student success by establishing and strengthening various partnerships with local governments, businesses and nonprofit organizations is one of my goals," he said.



L. Marshall Washington, Ph.D., took the helm as campus vice president at the Lancaster Campus on July 26.



HACC President Edna V. Baehre, Ph.D., presents a ceremonial gift to L. Marshall Washington, Ph.D., during her farewell tour at the Lancaster Campus. The gift, a cut-out of Main, was given to Baehre by former campus vice president Michael Klunk, Ed.D., when the building was dedicated.

Washington's doctorate from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln is in educational studies with specializations in educational leadership and higher education. He also has a master's degree in education from Winona (Minn.) State University and a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio.

A native of Columbus, Ohio, Washington's mother was a receptionist at a healthcare clinic and his father worked for the Ohio Department of Transportation. He and his wife, Tonja, have three children.

Washington is president-elect of the National Council on Student Development board of directors. In 2009 he participated in the League for Innovation Executive Leadership Institute for community colleges in Phoenix. He also attended the American Association for Community Colleges Future Leaders Institute Advance in 2008.

While in Battle Creek, he was active in a number of local organizations, including Lions Club and the Boy Scouts of America. He served on the boards of the Boys and Girls Club of Battle Creek; SAFE Place, an organization that assists victims of domestic violence; and SNAP Inc. Preschool and Daycare.

Nursing students take service-learning trip to Kenya

Volunteers sorted, packed medical supplies, goods for the mission

Eight nursing students at the Lancaster Campus and a group of volunteers sorted and packed medical supplies and personal items to take with them on a service-learning trip to Kenya. Pictured, from left, nursing instructors Takiya McClain and Valerie Bugosh, and nursing student Trisha Warrick of Millersville sort through a box of supplies. Below, from left, Michael Sandy, director of HACC's Center for Global Studies, and nursing students Siobhan Downey of Red Lion, Julie Vitz of Dallastown and Megan Nestler of Millersburg take boxes of donated supplies inside to be sorted and packed. The women left June 23 for the small town of Kosele, between Nairobi and Lake Victoria, where they studied with HACC nursing professors Dorothy Dulo, a native of Kosele, and Bugosh, and fulfilled clinical requirements by giving vaccinations, teaching nutrition, visiting hospitals and making house calls to more than 500 patients. Members of the HACC student nurse team included Dawn Oberdick of York, Lisa Wolf of East York, Irene Brubaker of Elizabethtown, and Tina Weaver of New Holland.



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Lebanon

Renovations under way

Work began this summer on renovations that will change the interior space at the Lebanon Campus.

The former administrative bay and financial aid and admissions offices on the first floor are being transformed into a one-stop welcome center where students can take care of multiple needs, such as registration, financial aid and meeting with counselors. The services previously were located among the building's three floors.

Work on the project, which first involved "deconstructing" the existing spaces in order to change the layout, is being done at night to minimize the impact on summer classes and ongoing campus operations.

A second phase of the work will involve reconfiguring one-third of the large multi-purpose room to house a book store on the first floor and Student Life offices on the second floor. That work is expected to begin this fall.



The 'deconstruction of space formerly housing administrative offices began this summer. The space had to be cleared to make way for the construction of a welcome center to better serve student needs.



Denis Deslongchamp, campus director of facilities management, left, gives a tour of the renovations work to Dr. Frank J. Dixon, long-time HACC benefactor, center, and college President Edna V. Baehre, Ph.D.



The walls and overhead structure are going up on the welcome center site.

A fan on many levels

Even as a young professional, Mauree Gingrich peeked through every unopened door that she came across to make sure she wasn't missing a golden opportunity.

That innate curiosity to look ahead and beyond enabled her to build a diverse and illustrious career in healthcare marketing, which eventually led to service in local and state government.

Gingrich, who has served the 101st District in the State House of Representatives for eight years, was HACC's commencement speaker at the spring graduation ceremony in May.

She implored graduates to allow themselves to be open to all professional opportunities that they may come upon, whether those opportunities turn out to be a right fit or not. "I told graduates not to isolate themselves and take seriously being a part of the community ... to keep their finger on the pulse of the community," she said.

"For HACC it's not about what's the popular trend right now. It's about what's necessary to create jobs and responding to what the community is asking for. They are keenly aware of the business communities' need for an educated and well trained workforce."

– Mauree Gingrich, R-101st

Gingrich is a graduate of the former Hershey Junior College, which morphed into HACC in the mid-1960s. Many of her siblings also are HACC graduates. "I've had a great appreciation of the community college concept and structure for a long time on a personal level and as a state legislator," Gingrich said. "I am a fan on many levels."

During her career, she worked in many capacities related to healthcare research and marketing; as a department director and consultant. Before becoming a state legislator, Gingrich owned her own marketing research company, Mature Market Concepts, which focused on research regarding the aging industry. As a member of the Lebanon Valley Chamber of Commerce board of directors, Gingrich focused on attracting and sustaining businesses in Central Pennsylvania.

In 1987, Gingrich began a 12-year stint on Palmyra Borough Council, serving as president for nine of those years. In the early 1990s she headed various volunteer school-related social programs including "The Chemical People," a group focused on eliminating substance abuse in Palmyra School District as part of an initiative with the Lebanon County Health Council.

As a state legislator, Gingrich continues to have close ties to HACC. She is a member of HACC's Nursing Advisory Board and the HACC-Lebanon Campus Trade Strike Team designed to draw attention to professional careers in the Lebanon Valley.

She also speaks to classes at the campus about the importance of being an advocate for the industry students are entering. "My message to students is to invest in the community where you live, work and raise your family and in return it will invest in your own success," Gingrich said.

That's a particularly important message in light of a weak economy, she said, noting the county has lost a lot of local jobs. Still, Lebanon County's unemployment rate of 7.4 percent in April was slightly lower than the state average of 9 percent partly because, she said, HACC is doing its part to determine what industries are growing nationally and locally and designs programs to fit those needs.

For example, Gingrich said, the college created a licensed practical nurse to registered nurse program in partnership with Good Samaritan Hospital when mandates required that RNs be in positions previously held by LPNs.

"I respect the way that HACC does the research and preparatory work and gets right into the trenches," Gingrich said. "For HACC it's not about what's the popular trend right now. It's about what's necessary to create jobs and responding to what the community is asking for. They are keenly aware of the business communities' need for an educated and well trained workforce."



Rep. Mauree Gingrich of Lebanon was the commencement speaker at the college's spring graduation ceremony.

Diversity creates rich environment

Diversity is measured by more than race and ethnicity. At HACC it encompasses a broader definition to include: age, class, color, country of origin, academic preparedness, religion, gender, gender expression, disability, and much more. At the York Campus, our students come to us from not only our region, but from 60 different countries. The average age of a student is 27 years old and most are working at least 20 hours a week in our community.

Our classes are filled with blue-collar workers looking for second careers, single mothers in search of a family-sustaining wage, academically gifted students who cannot afford the tuition at a four-year college or university, and students in need of remedial education to rise to the performance level of college.

We have found that a diverse student body has significant and far-ranging benefits for all students, as well as for staff, faculty, area employers and York County at large. Read on to meet just a few of the students who make the York Campus such a rich environment in which to learn and grow.

Tannisha Fuentes

“When I was growing up, I never had much support or encouragement, but I always knew I would go to college one day,” said Tannisha Fuentes who came to HACC as a single mother of three boys.

That day arrived when she lost her job and discovered HACC initially through the Virtual Campus with online classes. “I was looking for a place to take classes in the evenings and weekends, so I could try to keep working. And I thought I better do it now, because if I didn’t, I knew I never would.”



Tannisha Fuentes, right, was a student worker for Janet Amidon in the student advising center.



HACC President Edna V. Baehre, Ph.D., left, stands with Nabela Mohamed during Baehre’s farewell reception July 22 at the campus.

Fuentes was able to graduate in two years with the help of the KEYS program, a state-funded initiative designed to help people on public assistance gain the education they need to earn a family-sustaining job. She also worked 15 hours a week at the student-affairs counseling desk.

“As a student employee, I was given a wonderful opportunity to work with a diverse population in an atmosphere of acceptance,” Fuentes said, adding she also gained valuable employment skills.

“Tannisha did an exceptional job of communicating information to students and staff,” said Janet Amidon, her supervisor. “She is bilingual and helps students whose first language is Spanish. She is dedicated, professional, dependable, and has a mature work ethic that makes her a vital part of our student worker team.”

“My main motivation to excel is my children,” Fuentes said. “I want to be a positive influence and strive to lead by example. I am driven by my appreciation for the opportunities HACC offers to students, in particular single mothers like myself.”

Fuentes graduated with honors this past spring and won York’s Outstanding Student Employee Award, her first ever award. “This recognition inspires me to continue giving my all,” she said. Fuentes will enroll at Millersville University this fall to earn a bachelor’s degree in social work.

Nabela Mohamed

Nabela Mohamed skipped 11th grade, graduated from Central York High School, and enrolled at HACC at 16. Although her parents urged her to consider bigger schools, something “felt right” about the York Campus.



Christopher Paul and his family came from Pakistan in 2008 for a better life.

“Everyone knows when you enroll at HACC, you can expect affordability and proximity to home, but I never expected to learn huge life lessons along the way. I met so many different kinds of people, from struggling teen moms to 50-year-olds starting over. HACC has humbled me. I realize now just how privileged I am to be receiving an education.”

When her high-school friends ask why she chose HACC, she replies, “Why would I pass up the opportunity to attend a school where I get the same quality education for half the price? HACC offers everything that a thriving, ambitious student needs to succeed: a helpful staff, encouraging instructors, and a tutoring center with enthusiastic tutors – everything you’d want. HACC was the wisest decision I have ever made.”

Mohamed received transfer acceptances to American University’s honor’s program and Penn State University Park, choosing the latter. “It is so hard to get into PSU University Park if you are not transferring from one of their campuses. But because of this college and all of the activities HACC had to offer in York, I was accepted. HACC’s honor society, student government, student worker positions – these are the things that got me to where I am now.”

She will major in international politics with a concentration on international relations. She is hoping her fluency in Hindi, Bangla, Arabic, and Spanish will land her an internship with the United Nations. “And when I get there,” she said, “I know that I will proudly look back and thank the foundation of my college education – HACC-York Campus.”

Christopher Paul

Christopher Paul, his wife Isabella Christopher and their sons Shawn and Allan Christopher came to the United States from their native Pakistan in 2008. In Pakistan, Isabella Christopher taught English at the high school

and college levels while her husband taught chemistry and also taught in nursing schools, serving as department head in one. Between them, they hold four master’s degrees — but those credentials aren’t acknowledged in the U.S.

Today they work at a local motel and attend HACC.

“Every day we appreciate the fact that we are living in the U.S., a land of opportunities for those who work hard and quest for a better life,” Christopher Paul said.

“Since we have walked in the door at HACC, we have had no desire to go elsewhere for guidance, education, or help,” he said. “From that point on we knew that this is where we should be. Our experience with the faculty, office staff, and counselors has been outstanding. There is assistance and tolerance at every step.”

As teachers themselves, they have a unique perspective on their HACC experience. “We have observed that the teachers are dedicated, professional, organized, and well-educated,” he said. Both are pursuing opportunities as educators – she in English and he in either chemistry or biology while also pursuing a new degree in HACC’s nursing program. Although both would love to teach one day at HACC, Christopher Paul sees his pursuit of a nursing degree as a way to ensure their future for now.

“I am sure once I will receive my associate degree at HACC, I shall be a provider for my family and, even better, a prouder citizen of the U.S.,” he said.

Kelly A. Tribue

Kelly A. Tribue came to HACC fresh from graduation from York Suburban High School, planning on staying one semester – just long enough to build up her grades – and then transfer to a four-year college or university.

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Kelly Tribue is studying to become a radiologist.

York

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Her plans changed, however, when she took Human Development 101, a career development and decision-making class taught by advisor Heather Burns. "I learned about different career choices in HD 101, and decided that I wanted to be a radiologist," Tribue said. "HACC could help me achieve that goal."

With her revised career path in mind, Tribue decided to stay at HACC. "I like the classroom and campus setting here," she said. "I'm really shy and I thought I wouldn't know anyone, but I found out that I knew a lot of people. Everyone was really friendly. My teachers always have time after class to help or I go to the Learning Center. I also spend a lot of time in the library where the librarians are always happy to help. It's easy to find people from my class and we'll work together in one of the study rooms."

She admits that her grades haven't always been strong, but that's changed at HACC. "Now I know why I need to study – I know I need to do this," said Tribue, who made the dean's list this past spring while working part time at Walgreens. Once she graduates, Tribue plans to find a job in her hometown.

Dan Ball

When he lost his landscaping job in 2008, Dan Ball knew he had to do something fast – he had a wife, a baby and a mortgage payment.



Dan Ball installs ducts for air conditioning at a construction site in York.

He got a jumpstart into a new career from HACC's accelerated diploma in heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) offered exclusively at the York Campus.

"My dad heard about a dislocated workers' program at HACC and told me about it," said Ball, 32, who met with a case manager at a CareerLink office and then with a HACC academic counselor.

"I was anxious to get started because I wanted to get back to work as soon as possible," said Ball, one of 18 students enrolled last fall.

"We wanted to provide an alternative to the college's traditional format for people who needed to get a trade and get back into the workforce as soon as possible," said Marjorie Mattis, executive dean of academic affairs at the York Campus.

"It takes a lot of dedication on the students' part, but the stories we've seen come out of this have been tremendous; stories of people being able to get jobs in an area that is increasingly complex. There is always going to be a call for that type of trained technician," Mattis said.

The 15-week course, which meets five days a week, eight hours a day, teaches students to install, repair and maintain heating, air conditioning and refrigeration systems.

The crown jewel of the program is the well-equipped HVAC lab, where students get to work on the actual equipment they will see on a job site. The students installed most of the equipment in the new lab, which, Ball said, gave him the skills he needs for his current job.

Dennis King, HVAC instructor at the York Campus, said despite the rigorous schedule, the attendance and grades of the students in the first accelerated program were as good if not better than those in the traditional program. "They really got engrossed in the HVAC classes. They treated it as if it were a full-time job," King said. "Most had mortgages and families to support and they wanted to get back out there as soon as they could."

Area contractors come into the classes to speak, and King maintains relationships with them that often turn into job leads for students when they graduate.

"I wanted job security, and this is a field where there will always be a demand," said Ball, who is now an apprentice at Haller Enterprises in Mechanicsburg and is training to be an HVAC installation technician.

Older worker retrain for new job

After 18 years as a machine operator, Dennis Williard was laid off.

He worried that his age, 62, would hurt his chances for a new job. Then he learned about HACC's Targeted Retraining for Dislocated Workers at Pennsylvania CareerLink and enrolled in the college's commercial driver's license (CDL) program.

Having driven trucks nearly 20 years ago in a prior career, CDL seemed to be a good fit. "I decided I better try and go for that," he said.

Although it had been 42 years since he was in a classroom, Williard was intent on successfully completing the six-week course. "The first week was a little discouraging because of the book work," he admitted, but soon began learning about operating a truck safely.

Williard is quick to credit the training he received at HACC for his ability to land a job. Just three weeks after completing the program, Ken Crissinger, a local dairy farmer, praised Williard's driving skills during a road test and offered him a job hauling grain.

"They did a good job of getting me over the hurdles to get that first experience," he said of the course instructors. "Every time I get behind the



Dennis Williard found employment after completing HACC's commercial driver's license (CDL) program.

wheel, I think of them, what they taught me, and to keep my eyes open and keep safety in mind."

He recently turned down an offer to return to his old job. "There is nothing quite like going up a quiet, empty roadway at five in the morning," he said. "I'm going to keep driving as long as work is available."

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