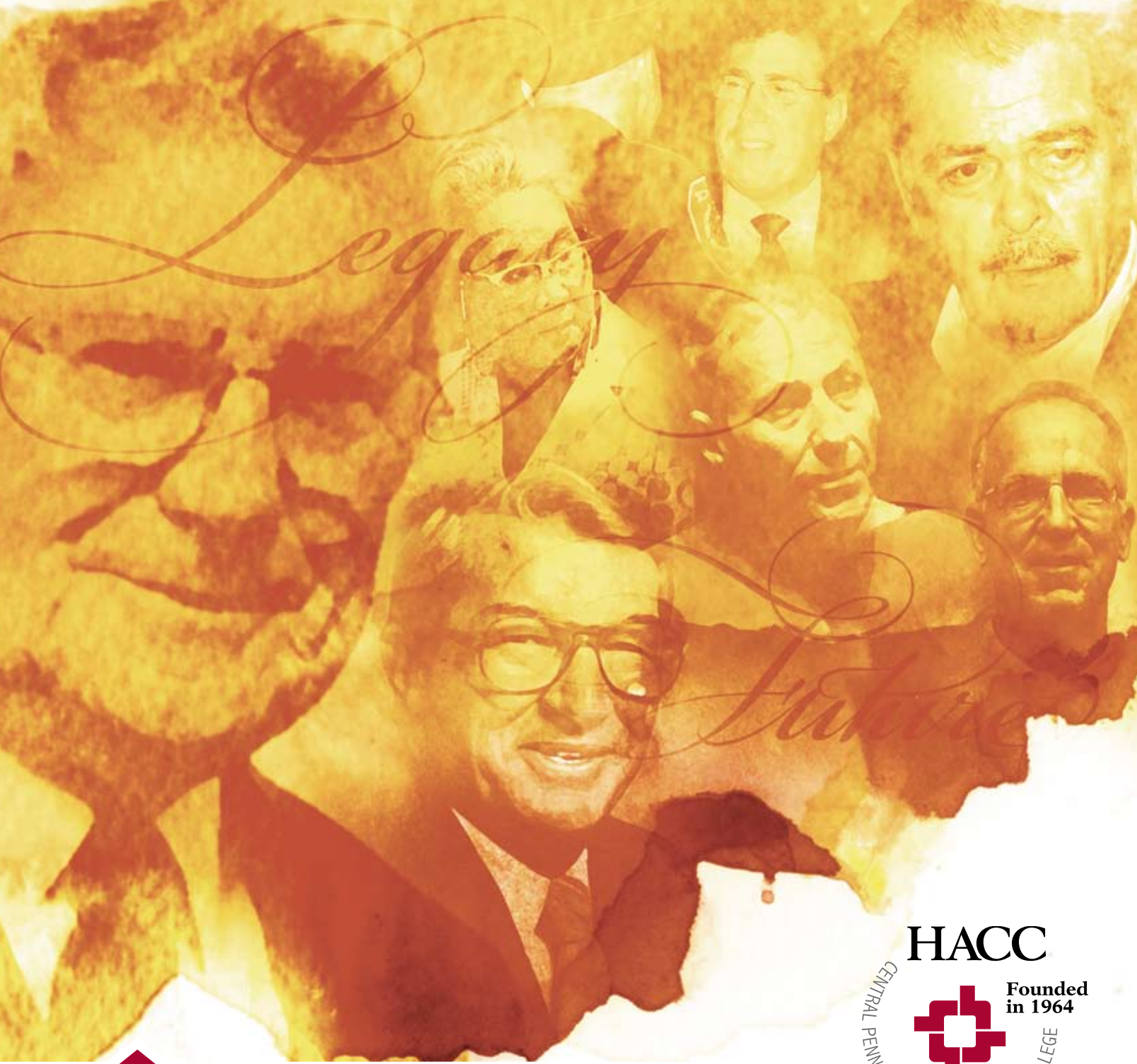


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Exhibit: March 14 – April 7  
Rose Lehrman Art Gallery

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She Packed Her Trunk and Said Good-bye to the Circus, © Sue Coe, 2 color woodcut, 2006



Unnatural Disorder, © Sue Coe, woodcut, 2009



# HACC benefits from legacies of many



Since HACC was established in 1964, the college has benefited from the legacies of its founders, faculty and staff, students and many, many others in our Central Pennsylvania community who generously have given not only their money but their time and support. In this winter 2011 issue of HACC Connections, we celebrate some of those legacies.

You'll read about John Ford, who, as one of the first faculty members, rolled up his sleeves and joined his colleagues in doing whatever it took to get HACC off to a solid start. Although now "retired," students and faculty still benefit from his wit and wise counsel several days a week at the Harrisburg Campus as a healthcare adviser.

The college recognized the legacy of James Scheiner, trustee emeritus and long-time supporter, by conferring an Honorary Doctorate of Public Service at commencement in December. Sadly, he passed away in February, but his legacy as a staunch HACC advocate will live on.

Recent legacies to the college also include generous fiscal support to the capital campaign for the much-needed renovation and expansion of the Senator John J. Shumaker Public Safety Center. Those gifts include \$2.5 million from the state Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program presented by Sen. Jeffrey Piccola, chairman of the state Senate Education Committee; \$315,000 from the John Crain Kunkel Foundation; \$100,000 from PNC Bank; \$50,000 from Crabtree Rohrbaugh & Associates; and an additional \$25,000 from PPL, bringing the amount the utility has given to the college to \$75,000.

Legacies also are found in the more than 200 endowments and nearly 6,000 contributions to the HACC Foundation, established in 1985 as a nonprofit educational trust by the visionary leadership of then college President Kenneth Woodbury Jr., Ed.D. The foundation is a vital additional funding resource for scholarships with more than \$1 million supporting students each year. Endowments also enhance the college's programs and provide money for the faculty or for the college to buy state-of-the-art equipment for programs.

This summer, the college community marked the legacy of Edna V. Baehre, Ph.D., HACC's sixth president, who left after 13 years to take a similar position in Napa Valley, Calif.

With apologies to Noah Webster and those who have followed his lexicographic legacy, we are celebrating the beginning of a "new" legacy being established at HACC with the designation of John "Ski" Sygielski, Ed.D., as the college's seventh president. This is an exciting time in our history as we enter into a new era with Ski, who formally joins HACC in the college's top leadership role in early July.

*Ronald R. Young*

**Ron Young,**  
HACC Interim President

# John Ford embraced ‘pioneering attitude’

Like many others, John Ford came to HACC and never left. And the legacies he leaves are almost too innumerable to count. With 47 years under his belt, Ford’s memory is crystal clear about HACC’s founding as Pennsylvania’s first community college and the many roles he played.

For 22 years, he was dean of math, science and allied health. He created most of the health care programs that the college offers today while dean of those divisions. He was director of admissions and records; a division counselor for math, science and engineering; a senior professor of chemistry; and a vice president.

Now “full-time retired,” he works eight to 12 hours a week as an adjunct in health care advising students, except right before registration when he puts in a few more hours.

Ford came from Harrisburg Academy to teach physical science and chemistry for HACC’s start in September 1964.

“We were all academicians in that group of 13 faculty, with no experience with a community college. We had a set of standards that we believed higher education was all about. We started with a first schedule looking like a liberal arts college. Civil tech and electrical tech were the only technology programs,” he recalled.

“When students came in, we scheduled them as first-year, college-level students. But by the end of the first week, we had professors saying, ‘We just can’t teach these students. They’re not prepared to take college-level algebra.’ So within a matter of several hours, we created a developmental math class. Then some of the English professors came in with a similar story. So we created a preparatory course for English,” Ford said.

“All of a sudden, we were a community college and as Pennsylvania’s first, we were setting the standard and pattern for everybody else. HACC had and still has an open door policy, but no one really understood what that meant at the time. It meant we were going to take students from where they were and prepare them to be college students, make them qualified, and help them handle an academic program.”

That was the birth of HACC’s developmental program and one of the things that remains closest to Ford’s heart.

“Nobody ever tells a student at HACC that they can’t do it – at least they better not while I’m here,” he said. “For students who wanted to achieve,



*John Ford – former college vice president; dean of math, science and health; director of admissions and records; division counselor for math, science and engineering; senior professor of chemistry; and now adjunct in health care advising students – is joined by his wife, Anna Ford, during the dedication of a plaque in his honor outside Blocker Hall on the Harrisburg Campus.*

the tools and the encouragement have always been there. They had to produce, of course, but I hope we don’t lose that human side of what we did over the years with all the technology we have today.”

In the early years, Ford did just about everything, from teaching to advising students, and helping register students and run the bookstore, even organizing a softball league and a veterans group. “It was a pioneering attitude, wanting to make it work. That’s what you had to do when you’re starting a new venture. There was no punching a clock then, no paid professional assignments. It was a family, doing what we were doing for the community, and we became an outstanding institution in a very short time.”

In his later years, he became most known for the development of HACC’s health care program. He created the first Nuclear Medicine Technology program that was college-based in the state of Pennsylvania.

He also had the first microbiology course on the Internet. “My colleagues in other community colleges said, ‘You can’t run a class like that on the Internet with video.’ But students came on campus one day a week for lab work, and it worked,” said Ford. Today HACC produces 85 percent or more of all the health care workers in central Pennsylvania.

## John Ford’s advice for students

*“I tell them if you don’t know what you want to do, don’t stop going to class even if it’s part time. Stay in the system, and don’t lose the study habits. Get a few bumps, and then you’ll figure out what you want to do. That has worked for many students who have no goals graduating from high school. Going to a four-year school without any goals is a waste of money. Many of our successful students have had to go through this kind of realization to achieve their goals. Even the doctors and lawyers – they didn’t know what they wanted to do at the end of high school.”*





John Ford gets ready to cut the cake at his retirement party in 2005 while Bernie Giordano, his longtime administrative assistant, stands ready to serve the pieces.

"When I look back at the opportunities we created for local citizens... at one point seven legislators were HACC students. There were physicians, attorneys, ministers, and of course, former Harrisburg Mayor Steve Reed who was our first Student Government Association president," he said.

"Some of the people we brought into the education system were not accepted to the four-year schools, and even some of the state colleges were beyond the means for these students. Another group of students just

needed another chance, and we provided that. As a result, we created an outstanding group of citizens who have made significant contributions."

As a community college, HACC was also responsive to part-time students, Ford explained. "Most of the four-year schools didn't want part-time students. They wanted full-time boarding students, so they had control of their lives for a few years. Today that's different, but HACC was always there for those who wanted to upgrade their skills.

"For example, the average age of the first nursing students was 36-37 years old. Some of these women began to raise a family after high school, some were working as secretaries – yet longing to be nurses, and some were prospective students lacking a science background. We were designed to strengthen their academic background and move them forward to a profession they really loved. That wasn't possible before the community college movement that mushroomed in the mid-1960s and opened the doors for so many people."

Ford feels good about his contribution to HACC's expansion. "With the exception of York, I had significant opportunities to influence those campuses as dean and vice president."

He added, "Again, we took a mustard seed and branched out and created something to help these communities. Surprisingly, each of these campuses is unique, with a different flavor and a different culture mirroring the personality of the community itself."

## HACC gives me educational trips

### In the Footsteps of the American GIs of WWII Western European Battlefields

May 24-31, 2011



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# James Scheiner leaves legacy of service, accomplishment (1944-2011)

James I. Scheiner, P.E., HACC trustee emeritus and benefactor, leaves a legacy of service to the college and his community.

Scheiner, who was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Public Service at the fall 2010 commencement, died in February after a 12-year battle with cancer.

He served on the college's board of trustees from 1994-2000, holding the position of board secretary from 1996-2000. He also co-chaired the educational planning committee, and served on the building and grounds, human resources, finance and nominating committees.

During a significant period in HACC's history, Scheiner served as a member of the Lancaster Campus Task Force and the 1996 Presidential Search Committee, providing invaluable assistance to the founding of the Lancaster Campus and the selection of Edna V. Baehre, Ph.D., as the college's sixth president.

Longtime friends Marion C. and William H. Alexander of Hummelstown made sure they came to commencement to see Scheiner receive recognition. HACC is a common denominator of their association: William H. Alexander helped establish The HACC Foundation in 1985 and served on its first board of directors, and Marion C. Alexander is now a director on the board.

"What I will remember most about Jim is the consistency of his personality," said William Alexander, a West Point graduate two years ahead of Scheiner. "Even spending the last years of his life fighting a horrible disease, he was never down. His intelligence was insightful. He could apply that intellect to everyday problems in a way that was humble. He was able to draw out great conversation so that when you walked away you felt it was time well spent."



*James "Jim" Scheiner is flanked by longtime friends Marion C. and William H. Alexander in December before the commencement ceremony begins.*



*James "Jim" Scheiner makes comments after receiving an Honorary Doctorate of Public Service during fall 2010 commencement.*

Both men were active in construction, with Alexander, then CEO of H.B. Alexander Construction Co., going to Scheiner, the CEO of Benatec Associates, a leading engineering firm based in Harrisburg, for design services. Scheiner also was an officer of Benatec's parent company, Century Engineering, Inc.

After graduating from the United States Military Academy at West Point, Scheiner earned master's degrees in civil engineering and public administration from Princeton University. A captain in the United States Army Corps of Engineers, he taught construction management at the U.S. Army Engineer School and supervised military construction units in the United States and the Republic of Vietnam. While serving in Vietnam he earned a Bronze Star Medal and was a recipient of a Purple Heart Medal.

Earlier in his career, Scheiner was brought to Harrisburg by Pennsylvania Gov. Dick Thornburgh as deputy secretary of transportation and then secretary of revenue. During his tenure, he was a champion of integrity and efficiency in government, and was instrumental in many improvements brought about during the administration.

Throughout his years as a leader in business, Pennsylvania government and civic activities, Scheiner made extraordinary contributions to both HACC and the community.

While serving simultaneously on the boards of HACC and WITF Public Media, Scheiner frequently noted: "HACC and WITF are the two truly regional institutions in south central Pennsylvania." As a chairman of the Harrisburg Regional Chamber and the Capital Region Economic Development Corporation Scheiner was a consistent advocate of regional cooperation and joint promotion of the multi-county, multi-city region.

He also served on the boards of Harsco Corporation, M&T Bank, Pennsylvania Tobacco Settlement Investment, and Pennsylvania Workforce Investment, and was vice chairman of the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry.

# Dr. John J. “Ski” Sygielski named new president

HACC has named a community college president from Oregon as its new leader. John J. “Ski” Sygielski, Ed.D., is slated to take over as president of HACC this summer.

Sygielski, a native of Ohio, is currently president of Mt. Hood Community College (MHCC), a multi-campus community college based in the Portland, Ore., area. He is also chairman of the board of the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC), the national association representing the nation’s nearly 1,200 community colleges. At HACC, he will replace Edna V. Baehre, Ph.D., who left to take a similar job in Napa, Calif.

Sygielski, known as “Ski,” will take over the leadership role at HACC on July 5 at the start of the college’s new fiscal year.

“We are delighted that Dr. Sygielski has decided to join HACC’s team,” said Don Schell, chairman of the HACC Board of Trustees. “He brings multi-campus experience, strong workforce development and academic credentials along with excellent planning and fundraising skills as well as a national reputation to HACC and will help the college continue its excellent progress and growth.”

For his part, Sygielski expressed pleasure in returning to the region near former colleagues, friends and family as well as a great admiration for HACC and its continuing potential.

“I’ve followed HACC closely since 2003, and I am thrilled to have an opportunity to represent a successful teaching and learning community that is highly responsive to its communities’ education and training needs and which is strongly valued and supported by its constituents,” he said. “We’ve accomplished a lot over the past three years at MHCC, and I leave it in the hands of a very strong leadership team who will continue to work with professionals dedicated to growing the college to be the shining light within the Oregon community college system.”

Under Sygielski’s leadership, MHCC enhanced the college’s engagement within the communities it serves, reversed a decline in student enrollment, created a strong strategic plan, enhanced the relationships with service region high schools and increased the college’s reserve fund from \$100,000 to more than \$4 million. In addition, he helped increase donations by 32 percent, established new academic programs, increased community partnerships, led the creation of a facilities master plan and secured funding for new capital projects, including a new child development center – the first new building project on the college’s Gresham campus in nearly three decades.



*Dr. John J. “Ski” Sygielski has been named as HACC’s seventh president. He will take over the college leadership role this summer.*

Prior to joining MHCC in 2008, Sygielski was president of Lord Fairfax Community College (LFCC), a multi-campus college in Virginia – a post he held for five years. While president at LFCC, he consistently increased enrollment, helped establish a third college location, led the successful completion of the college’s 10-year accreditation process, developed and established institutional planning strategies. He also raised more than \$4 million dollars for the college, led an upgrade in its technology infrastructure, increased dual enrollment participation of high school students by 25 percent and oversaw construction of more than \$22 million in capital projects. What’s more, under his leadership, the college served a greater percentage of businesses in its service region than comparable programs at any of Virginia’s 22 community colleges.

Previously, Sygielski has served as the first vice chancellor for workforce and economic development for the Virginia Community College System. Before that, he had been an adjunct business faculty member and administrator for nearly a decade at the College of DuPage – Illinois’ largest community college. He also has experience as a K-12 instructor and a corporate trainer for two Fortune 500 companies.

Sygielski holds a bachelor’s degree in philosophy, two master’s degrees in business, and a doctorate in education leadership from Northern Illinois University. An avid bicyclist and runner, Sygielski is a native of Cleveland, Ohio, and the only member of his working class family to graduate from college.



**Alumni Snapshot: Lisa A. Myers****Living life to the fullest**

Lisa A. Myers

**In a nutshell:** Lisa Myers is a partner at Boyer and Ritter Certified Public Accountants and Consultants (B&R) in Camp Hill where she oversees the Government Services Group. She has extensive experience serving clients in need of fraud and forensic accounting services and is an integral member of the firm's risk assessment and internal audit practice. Myers has been the lead investigator

on white collar crime investigations that uncovered more than \$4.5 million of misappropriated assets. After earning 60 credits at HACC, she obtained a bachelor's degree in accounting from Penn State University and earned such designations as certified public accountant, certified fraud examiner, certified forensic financial analyst, and forensic certified public accountant. She was named one of Pennsylvania's Best 50 Women in Business in 2001 by the Central Penn Business Journal, recognized by the YWCA of Greater Harrisburg as a Woman of Excellence in 2009, received the 2009 Volunteer Service Award from the South Central Chapter of the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and was named one of the region's 25 Women of Influence by the Central Penn Business Journal in 2010.

**Role models:** "I have been extremely fortunate to have several influential female role models in my life. My grandmother shared with me the love of travel and business, and inspired me to strive for excellence in all you do. My aunt was instrumental in exposing me to the world of education, culture and history. My mother supported me in all capacities as I grew into the woman that I am today; offering unconditional love, guidance and encouragement as well as teaching me the importance of giving back."

**Career cornerstone:** "A pivotal moment in my life was when I was voted into the partnership at B&R. Currently, I am the first and only woman partner, and I hope to mentor other women in the firm to help them attain the success that I have been fortunate to experience. There have been many challenges both professionally and personally over the years; however, life is never easy and the lessons I learned along the way have made me a stronger and better person."

**Recipe for success:** "My success is directly related to those who believed in me from an early age. My father always encouraged me to want more out of life and never underestimate my abilities or allow someone to tell me that my dreams were not possible. My parents instilled in me the importance of goals, hard work, and a positive attitude."

**Starting a legacy:** "My professional momentum and energy are derived from helping clients reach their business and operational goals. I thrive on knowing that the clients I serve are successful. Personally, I am motivated by living my life to the fullest: enjoying golf, cooking classes, ballroom dancing, bridge, yoga, travel and regular exercise. A special person once told me 'Life is not a dress rehearsal.' I have adopted this mantra and attempt to internalize this philosophy in all that I am and do."

**Alumni Snapshot: Dr. Todd McIntyre****Believing in yourself**

**In a nutshell:** Growing up in New Cumberland, Todd McIntyre was a hard worker. He held a full-time job and still was able to earn an associate degree from HACC in two years, then earned bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in neuroscience from the University of Colorado in Boulder. In 1986, McIntyre was awarded a post-doctoral fellowship at the U.S. National Institutes of Health in research. In 1990, he was recruited by the pharmaceutical industry and has worked for Boehringer-Ingelheim, Hoffmann La Roche, Johnson & Johnson and Wyeth. For the past three years, he has been a consultant to pharmaceutical companies as senior vice president of federal regulatory strategy at ProEd Communications, a division of Omnicom Health Care. McIntyre and his wife live in Chester Springs.

**Career detours:** "When I started at HACC, I intended to study law because I believed it would train my thinking to be more rigorous, so that I could help individuals make their case. At the University of Colorado, however, I discovered an aptitude for science and changed my career focus. Although medical research remains a keen interest, there are thousands of brilliant researchers, but not all are effective leaders. Moving into management represented an opportunity to remain involved in research, while letting the young minds of today to work their magic. The pharmaceutical industry is heavily regulated by governments. That I am working with government regulations is somewhat ironic given my initial idea of becoming an attorney, but you need a familiarity with medicine, statistics and government's legal regulations to make a theoretical new drug available to patients."

**The HACC factor:** "Since I had struggled with learning when I was younger, the professors at HACC were instrumental in mentoring me, allowing me the time and latitude to learn at my own pace, and constantly stimulating me to examine things from multiple perspectives."

**Recipe for success:** "Don't give up on yourself if learning is not easy initially – many individuals are late bloomers. There is no clock managing learning or your success. Expose yourself to as many different fields of study as possible, since our interests change as we mature, and one eventually learns that lessons from one discipline bear strongly on others. Finally, as hard as it can be to have a job while attending school, work can imbue you with common sense and discipline, both of which are as essential to your success as the actual facts that you are learning."

**Building a legacy:** In 1997, McIntyre and his wife established the Henry F. McIntyre Memorial Scholarship for students in the computer information systems or computer applications associate degree program. "I established the scholarship for two primary reasons. First, to honor my father who never gave up on me despite my learning disabilities when I was younger and who started working in the fledgling computer industry in 1946, just after returning from war in the South Pacific. Second, to thank HACC for the many opportunities it afforded me and to try to help a few students realize their potential."

## Explore the Big Apple

Join alumni on Saturday, April 23, for a fun-filled day in New York City. The HACC Alumni Association has chartered five buses for HACC alumni, family members, and friends for a 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 your seat, use our new secure Web site, [www.hacc.edu/giving](http://www.hacc.edu/giving), or contact the Office of Alumni Affairs, 717-780-1157, by March 18.

## Kick up your heels with Step Afrika!

On Thursday, March 31, experience stepping – a high-energy art form born at African-American fraternities and based in African traditions – by attending Step Afrika! at the Rose Lehrman Arts Center on the Harrisburg Campus.



Step Afrika! celebrates stepping. Like a tap dance without shoes, or a band without instruments, stepping is percussive dance that uses kicks, stomps, claps and chants – all linked to African and modern dance traditions.

The first professional company devoted to stepping, Step Afrika!'s high-energy performance is a feast for the eyes and ears.

The 7:30 p.m. event is sponsored by your HACC Alumni Association. For more information and to purchase your tickets, visit [www.LiveatRoseLehrman.org](http://www.LiveatRoseLehrman.org) or call 717-231-ROSE.

## Alumni in the news

### Business, Hospitality, and Tourism

**Yana R. Akopova** (Harrisburg, Accounting '08) is a financial programs trainee for the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue. She earned a bachelor's degree from Central Pennsylvania College.

**Thomas Breivogel** (Gettysburg, Business Management '06) continued his education at Millersville University and is a product consultant at Bath Fitter.

**Carl Coulson** (Gettysburg, Business Administration '06) is office manager for WorkFlow One in Emigsville.

**William R. Feist IV** (Harrisburg, Business Administration '92) is vice president of business development for Orrstown Bank in Mechanicsburg.

**Adam S. Gamble** (Harrisburg, Business Studies 30+ Credits) recently joined Remax as a full-time agent with the North Cornwall Township office. Gamble, who lives in Cornwall, is studying for his broker's license. He is also a licensed practical nurse.

**Donald S. Gilcrist** (Harrisburg, Business Administration '03) is director of patient access services at Baptist Medical Center South in Jacksonville, Fla. He earned a bachelor's degree in business administration and an MBA from the University of Phoenix.

**Stephen Miller** (Gettysburg, Business Management '07) is manager of Gettysburg Beer Mart.

**Jennifer Orris** (Harrisburg, Business Administration '01) recently became engaged to Brian Donohue of Harrisburg and is planning a March 2012 wedding. She is a staff accounting representative with DST Health Solutions in Harrisburg.

**Juan D. Ortiz** (Lebanon, Business Administration '00) is a senior material handler for Bayer Health Care in Myerstown.

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**Ruby Shy** (Gettysburg, Business Studies '04) works in accounting for the Gettysburg College bookstore.

**Megan McGrew Unger** (Harrisburg, Business Administration '07) is a data entry specialist for Jackson National Life Insurance Company in Lansing, Mich. She is working on her bachelor's degree at Davenport University.

**David J. Williams** (Harrisburg, Business Administration '76) is a guarantor representative for the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) in Harrisburg.

### Communications, Humanities, and the Arts

**Josephine Falto** (Harrisburg, Liberal Arts '01) is a human services specialist II with Monmouth County Division of Social Services in Freehold, N.J. She lives in Keyport, N.J.

**Eryn Frischkorn** (Harrisburg, Humanities '08) is a sales associate with Gallery Hallmark Card & Gift at the Camp Hill Shopping Center. She is working on her bachelor's degree in English at Mount Aloysius College.

**Susan M. Giusti** (Harrisburg, Liberal Arts-Mass Communications '90) recently began a new job as the technical services team leader librarian at the Widener University School of Law in Harrisburg.

## General Studies

**Melisa Brightbill** (Lebanon, General Studies '07) is a job trainer for the Northern Lebanon School District in Fredericksburg. She earned a bachelor's degree in behavioral health at Alvernia University and a graduate certificate in behavioral interventions in autism from the University of Massachusetts-Lowell.

**Zachary Dinkel** (Lancaster, General Studies '09) is working toward a bachelor's degree in occupational safety and environmental health from Millersville University. He is scheduled to graduate in May.

## Health Careers

**Diane Deitz Anderson** (Harrisburg, Medical Assistant '84) is employed as a medical records assistant for the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections' State Correctional Institution in Camp Hill.

**Jessica Bair** (Harrisburg, Dental Hygiene '08) is a dental hygienist with Elizabethtown Dental Associates in Elizabethtown.

**Robin Rethamel Davis** (Lancaster, CVT-Cardiac Sonography '02) is an adult and pediatric cardiac sonographer at Wright Medical Center in Clarion, Iowa. She lives in Nora Springs, Iowa, with her civil engineer husband, Dustin Davis, and their two children, Whitney, 3, and Garrett, four months.

**Lynn Frock** (Gettysburg, Phlebotomy Technology '07) is a clinical technician at Hanover Hospital.

**Patrice E. Gruver** (Lancaster, Nursing '97) obtained her bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing from Millersville University and is now a board certified family nurse practitioner. She is employed by Lancaster General Hospital.

**Abigail Lau** (York, Radiology Technology '08) is a registered radiologic technologist at Lancaster General Hospital.

**Lou Ann May** (Harrisburg, Emergency Health Services Management '09) is program manager for the Fire Service Intrastate Mutual Aid System with the Office of the State Fire Commissioner.

## Social Science

**Ryan S. Evans** (Harrisburg, Social Science '06) continued his education at Millersville University, earning a bachelor's degree in special and elementary education. On June 19, he married Erin Anslow of Hatfield.

**Lillian Gaskin** (Harrisburg, Social Science '66) retired in September from the American Bar Association (ABA) in Washington, D.C., after 33 years of service. At retirement, she was the ABA's senior legislative counsel in the Governmental Affairs Office. She lives in Washington, D.C.

**Michele R. Miller** (Lebanon, Early Childhood Education '96) opened her own day care center, STAR, eight years ago. She now operates three facilities and is making plans to open a fourth center in 2011.

**Lynn Elizabeth Maloney** (Harrisburg, Paralegal Studies '08) continued her studies and earned a bachelor's degree in paralegal studies from Peirce College in December.

**Denese Narayanan** (Lancaster, Early Childhood Education '07) is a lead teacher at the Manatee Community Action Agency in Bradenton, Fla.

**Ruslan Nikitin** (Lebanon, Social Science '03) is living and working in Waltham, Mass.

**Donald G. Palmer, Jr.** (Harrisburg, Police Science '69, Auctioneering '91) retired from the Lancaster City Bureau of Police in April 2009 after nearly 39 years of service.

**Mark Purdy** (Gettysburg, Social Science '04) is first vice president of operations at Adams County National Bank in Gettysburg.

**Cerissa Heiss Sutherland** (Harrisburg, Paralegal Studies '08) is an administrative assistant with Reinsel Kuntz Leshner LLP in York.

## Technology

**Artiom Andrejev** (Harrisburg, Mechanical Engineering Technology '08) is an estimator for S&R Enterprises in Harrisburg. Andrejev earned a bachelor's degree in engineering from Penn State University.

**Joseph Emrich** (Harrisburg, Engineering '88) and **Scott A. Schmittel** (Harrisburg, Engineering 30+ Credits) both serve in management positions at Johnson Controls in New Cumberland. Emrich is HVAC branch manager and Schmittel is account executive, HVAC systems sales.

**Gregory C. Harr** (Harrisburg, Engineering '03) is project manager, construction and geotechnical services for Professional Services Industries, Inc., in Harrisburg. He earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Penn State University.

**Randy D. Pentz** (Harrisburg, HVAC '93) is president of Cheran, Inc., in Camp Hill.

**Rachel Ralls** (Harrisburg, Geospatial Technology '08) is a conservation information specialist with The Nature Conservancy in Harrisburg.

## In Memoriam

**Phillip H. D'Amico** (Harrisburg, Food Service Management '80) died Sept. 19 at home after battling pancreatic cancer. He was employed by Morrison HealthCare Food Services.

**Susan S. Benesole** (Harrisburg, Business 30+ Credits) died Oct. 11. At her death, she lived in Manakin-Sabot, Va., with her husband of 27 years, John. Benesole was a licensed hairdresser in both Pennsylvania and Arizona.

**Penny A. Rosenkrans Greiner** (Harrisburg, Liberal Arts '68) died Oct. 5. She was a manager at Dollar General in Lancaster.

**Bryan P. Keck** (Harrisburg, Industrial Automation Technology '87) died Oct. 2 from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident. He lived in Dillsburg and was employed by IBM as a project manager.

**Sonya K. Ebersole Keller** (Lebanon, Phlebotomy Technology '00, Nursing '00) died Nov. 1 at home. She was a registered nurse at Good Samaritan Hospital in Lebanon.

**Virginia S. Knight** (Harrisburg, Human Services '77) died Sept. 2 at Masonic Village at Elizabethtown. She worked for Boscov's Department Store at the Colonial Park Mall and was also employed by the Pennsylvania State Employees Credit Union (PSECU) in Harrisburg.

**Greg Taylor Lindsey** (Harrisburg, Engineering '02) died unexpectedly Oct. 11. Lindsey continued his education after HACC, earning a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Penn State University and a master's degree in systems engineering from George Washington University. He was employed as an electrical engineer with S.A.I.C. in Bowie, Md.

**Mary L. Markle** (Harrisburg, Accounting '80) passed away Sept. 19 at Augusta Health Shenandoah Hospice House.

**Darlene R. Moore** (Harrisburg, Legal Secretarial Science '73) passed away on Nov. 5 at home. She was a retired state employee.

**Kelly N. Sweitzer** (Harrisburg, Dental Hygiene '06) died Sept. 2 at York Hospital after an 11-year battle with cancer.

**Chad R. Williams** (Harrisburg, Social Sciences Education '06) passed away Sept. 7 at Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center. He was employed by MWI Veterinary Supply in Harrisburg.

**Debra G. Wolfhope** (Harrisburg, Business Studies '04) died Sept. 1 at Community General Osteopathic Hospital after a courageous battle with breast cancer. She was employed by HACC.



# Become a HACC Alumni Ambassador

Do you want give back to HACC by representing the college on campus and in the community? Would you like to work hand-in-hand with HACC students to show your HACC pride and advocate for your alma mater? Then join us from 5:30-8 p.m. Thursday, March 24, at the Cooper Student Center on the Harrisburg Campus for a reception to learn more about HACC's Alumni Ambassador Program. The reception will be held in the Alumni Lounge, Room 204.

This spring the Harrisburg Campus' Student Affairs Division, Admissions Office, and the HACC Office of Alumni Affairs are piloting this leadership program which seeks to foster personal growth among our student leaders, stimulate a sense of HACC pride, and promote the college in the community and to prospective HACC students.

We are seeking alumni volunteers to participate in this program and work cooperatively with students who are already involved in the HACC Campus Ambassador Program (CAP).

Alumni Ambassadors will be called upon to share their stories as HACC graduates in the community and on the Harrisburg Campus. Alumni also offer leadership skills and life experiences that can be valuable for mentoring HACC students. For more information, call 717-780-1157 or e-mail [alumniassociation@hacc.edu](mailto:alumniassociation@hacc.edu).

## Networking opportunity

Are you currently working in the business field? Would you be willing to spend an evening networking with business students?

If you answered yes to the above questions, you are invited to join fellow HACC alumni who majored in business and HACC business students for dinner from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, April 7, at the C. Ted Lick Wildwood Conference on the Harrisburg Campus. During the evening, alumni will be asked to share their business expertise and career experiences with students.

As you know, students face many choices in the business field. Through this Student-Alumni Networking Dinner, the college seeks to help students explore their many career options by interacting with alumni who have already lived the experience. This informal dinner will be structured as a progressive three-course meal in which alumni will move to a new table with each course. The students will generate discussion topics that will be shared with alumni prior to the dinner. There will also be an open Q&A session at the end.

There is no need to prepare anything, and there will be no cost to you. Students from selected business classes are already scheduled to attend the event, so alumni participation is vital to making this program a success.

If you have questions about the Student-Alumni Networking Dinner or would like to participate, please contact the HACC Office of Alumni Affairs at 717-780-1157 or send an e-mail to [alumniassociation@hacc.edu](mailto:alumniassociation@hacc.edu).

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— Teri Jakob

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# Initiative, leadership awards make educational enrichment possible



Pauline Chow

Everything came together in 2009 when Pauline Chow, senior professor of mathematics and chair of the math and computer science department, benefited from HACC Foundation awards - the Dr. Jay Ebersole Faculty Initiative and the Bruce E. Cooper, Esq. Leadership Award. With these financial grants, she was able to participate in conferences on national issues about two-year math education, state issues about K-12 and four-year math education, as well as innovative technology.

She also gained recognition among her peers who elected her secretary of the American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges and president of the Pennsylvania Council of Teachers of Mathematics (PCTM).

"I'm getting a much better view from the top about math education at the national level," she said of her involvement in the professional organizations. "That is part of the leadership I'm bringing back to the college. I'm able to really share that with the faculty and have the faculty work together as groups to address certain issues."

As the first math faculty member from a community college in Pennsylvania to lead PCTM, Chow is excited to promote the value of a community college education between K-12 and four-year university teachers.

"We are the anchor piece," she said. "More and more K-12 students are coming to community colleges. We have the transfer programs that will filter students to four-year universities. (We are) the missing link."



Kate Chescattie

Kate Chescattie, a developmental writing instructor in the English Department, also benefitted from a foundation grant. The Betty Martin Staff Development Award provides funding assistance for nontraditional educational opportunities such as the National Association for Developmental Education conference that she attended.

"I have become increasingly interested in the needs of our developmental students and concerned about the high attrition rate that actually occurs with developmental students across the nation," said Chescattie. "I wanted to find out what other schools are doing to increase retention and to help students become more confident college level writers. The conference addressed strategies that can lead to increased retention of developmental students, an important concern at this college," she said. "Students enrolled in developmental programs at HACC have unique issues when it comes to retention."

Chescattie is working on a pilot program for the fall that will offer a smaller classroom environment for developmental students in which they can work closely with the instructor and focus on their individual needs. "Students sometimes have to take up to five developmental English classes before they get college credit. It seems there is much greater chance that they will succeed if they are in a small class with more attention."

She added, "We want students to have the motivation, skill and confidence to become stronger writers and hopefully complete developmental class work in half the time."

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Louis F. Grammes

*Louis F. Grammes, a member of the HACC Foundation Planned Giving Advisory Committee and a certified family business specialist with Executive Planning Group in Camp Hill, wrote this article.*

# The power of the partnership

The HACC Foundation was created in 1985 by the visionary leadership of then college President Kenneth Woodbury Jr., Ed.D., as an additional funding resource to supplement student tuition and the support of state government.

“The foundation’s sole purpose was to support the college,” said Nancy Rockey, HACC vice president of college and community development and interim vice president of the Harrisburg Campus.

“Dr. Woodbury, along with Dr. Jay Ebersole, who was the first executive director of the HACC Foundation, went to the community, telling our story and building endowments, many of which are still in existence today,” Rockey said.

In fact, 25 years after its formation as a nonprofit educational trust, the foundation boasts more than 200 endowments and is one of the 10 largest community college foundations in the country.

Yet today, as traditional funding resources look to tighten their financial belts and more and more students turn to HACC for an affordable education, the role of the foundation takes on greater meaning.

“As state monies have decreased, the state has not been able to keep up with our growth,” Rockey said, adding that in recent years the state budget for community colleges was balanced with stimulus dollars that may not be made up in the new budget. “We have to do more with less.”

One way HACC will seek to minimize the impact of decreased funding is through the foundation, which looks to external resources to support students and programs. This is especially important for the traditional community college student, who often is working full-time while attending school part-time, Rockey said.

“The greatest thing (the foundation does) is provide scholarships,” she said, pointing to the more than \$1 million that goes to support students each year. “The money also goes to enhance our programs, provide money for faculty, or for the college to buy state-of-the-art equipment for our programs.”

Additionally, the foundation supports capital campaigns to fund new buildings and infrastructure that have become increasingly important to a college that opened its doors in 1964. The first capital campaign raised \$5 million to build the Select Medical Health Education Pavilion; the second raised \$3.75 million for Midtown 1 and 2; and the most recent campaign to benefit the expansion of the Sen. John Shumaker Public Safety Center exceeded its \$4 million goal and now is at \$5 million.

“We will forever be fundraising,” admitted Rockey, adding that the foundation has strategically mapped out timeframes and plans for raising money in each of the communities served by the college. “We strongly believe in the power of partnership and will continue to work together to serve our constituents within our communities through collaboration.”

That philosophy is what Dr. Woodbury and Dr. Ebersole had in mind when they created the foundation. “They knew our mission was to help students,” Rockey said.

“But, they knew in order to serve them the best we could, we would have to raise dollars to help some of them just come to school,” she said. “The growth of programs and what we were doing could not come on the backs of the students, states or school districts. It would have to be found in other places, if we were to be one of the best educational institutions there is.”

## Did you know

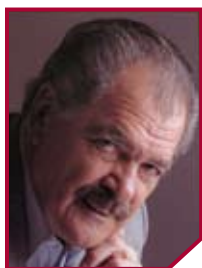
Revenues from the HACC Foundation’s endowments have provided support for many programs and buildings, including:

- Hall Technology Center
- C. Ted Lick Wildwood Conference Center
- North Hall
- Stabler Hall
- Select Medical Health Education Pavilion
- Grace M. Pollock Childcare Center
- Midtown 1 and 2

The HACC Foundation contributed more than \$2 million to the college in 2009-10 which paid for:

- More than 1,000 student scholarships that totaled in excess of \$1 million
- A \$100,000 Targeted Retraining of Displaced Workers grant that provided training in high-growth industries for workers who lost their jobs during the recent financial crisis
- Critical maintenance of the Arboretum and Rose Lehrman Arts Center
- Necessary updates and maintenance to the college IT system
- Critical upgrades to the “burn building,” a structure in the Sen. John J. Shumaker Public Safety Center that is central to the training of nearly 10,000 firefighters annually





Frank J. Dixon

Since its formation 25 years ago, 5,935 individuals and businesses have contributed to the HACC Foundation, including those pictured here.



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## Champion Lady Hawks



The 2010-11 HACC Lady Hawks basketball team defeated Community College of Philadelphia 51-48 in the Eastern Pennsylvania Collegiate Conference championship played Feb. 13 at Evans Gym on the Harrisburg Campus. Members of the team are, from left, Stephanie Nell, Julie Shumate, Sami Cox, Kim Nesmith, Ashlan Clark, Emily Ziegler, Eryn Spangler, Olivia Franklin and Lakisha Lemon (white shirt.) The team came in second in the state playoffs at Potomac State College in Keyser, W.Va., Feb. 19.

Learn more about the Lady Hawks basketball team on your smartphone using this QR code. Once you have installed and launched the scanning app, scan the code with your phone and wait for it to direct your mobile browser to the website with additional photos.



# Gettysburg

## Scholarships help students to achieve goals

Jon Gist and William “Bill” Hewitt know first-hand the benefits of scholarships that help local HACC students achieve their dreams of a better life through education.

Gist is a proud scholarship recipient while Hewitt, commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 15, is a champion of scholarship support for local students through the annual VFW Post 15 Scholarship.



*Jon Gist, a 2007 HACC grad, was named a Pennsylvania All-Academic Scholarship recipient, making it possible for him to earn a bachelor's degree from Shippensburg University in two years.*

Gist earned an associate degree in criminal justice from HACC in 2007, graduated last May from Shippensburg University with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and is in the university's administration of justice master's program.

“Six years ago, I never dreamed of the possibilities in my future. I credit my HACC experience for this success,” Gist said, who enrolled at the Gettysburg Campus after graduating from Littlestown High School in 2005.

“HACC faculty and staff were very supportive,” he said. “The lessons I learned about how to study, time management and networking were a valuable stepping stone to my future. Because HACC offers a dual admission program, I also enrolled at Shippensburg University and transferred right into the criminal justice program there from HACC. That would not have been possible without the scholarship support that gave me the ability to continue my higher education. I was floating when I received notice that I had been named a Pennsylvania All-Academic Scholarship recipient,” Gist said.

“I wholeheartedly credit my involvement with the HACC-Gettysburg Campus, academically, civically and socially, for helping me earn the scholarship,” he said. “Without the scholarship, I would have had to take out student loans and work for a couple of years to save up enough money to continue. I didn't take the scholarship for granted.”

While VFW Post 15 lends support to several education programs in the community, its largest effort for a decade has been a scholarship fund for veterans and their extended families through the HACC Foundation.

Participating in the annual recognition event for student recipients and donors is a moving experience for Hewitt: “Sitting in the audience is quite a privilege. Proud and committed students speak to their appreciation for this community support. As a donor, it is overwhelming to realize these students are trying to balance the demands of family and jobs, while continuing their educational endeavors.”

Hewitt continued, “Donors, if they have not already realized their impact, get to experience their own pride in contributing to these exceptionally talented and appreciative students. It is striking the varied and number of businesses and organizations that have carved out a portion of their profits, or put aside a part of their budgets, for their own funds,” said Hewitt, noting the VFW recently increased its annual contribution to its scholarship at HACC in recognition of economic conditions and the growing need of the students.

“HACC also deserves great credit for fulfilling its mission to the community. Matching recipients with qualified donors is a daunting task – and one they do willingly as a vibrant educational contributor to this community.”



*Commander William Hewitt of VFW Post 15, Gettysburg, presents a check for the VFW Scholarship to Judy Alder, campus development officer at the Gettysburg Campus. The annual contribution will be placed in the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 15 endowed scholarship fund.*



# Welcome Center world map dedicated

A new world map that fills one wall of the Welcome Center lobby is dedicated to international students, staff and faculty.

The concept was developed by the Campus Inclusion Awareness Committee as a way to enhance the Welcome Center and provide a welcoming atmosphere for international students, said Scott Simonds, dean of student affairs, who emceed a ceremony and reception unveiling the map.

Divine Dugah, assistant professor of chemistry, stressed the importance of recognizing and appreciating international perspectives then placed a marker on his home country of Cameroon. Also pinpointing their countries of origin after briefly addressing the crowd were Ben Baughman, Student Government Association vice president, and K.D. Layug, who was born in the Philippines, where she placed a marker, and grew up in Germany. Layug attends HACC through a German student exchange program, and spoke of the friendly welcome she has experienced at the Gettysburg and Harrisburg campuses.



*International students, staff and faculty gathered for the dedication of a world map in the Welcome Center. Among the participants were, from left, Joseline Clinton of the Philippines, Ila Vidyarthi of India, Gabriela Grezina of Latvia, Emily S. Mori of the Philippines, Marizol Jiminez of Chile, and K.D. Layug of the Philippines*

Baughman noted some of the multi-ethnic projects and events sponsored by the SGA to bring diversity awareness to students, before placing a marker in the U.S. on his home state of Pennsylvania.

Jennifer Weaver, campus vice president, called attention to the wall-hung banner posted in the Welcome Center that expresses "Welcome" in 21 different languages, and to the declaration posted next to the world map: "In the end, community must be defined not only as a region to be served, but also as a climate to be created in the classroom, on the campus, and around the world." - *American Association of Community and Junior Colleges, 1988*

Following the ceremony, additional international students, staff and faculty gathered at the map to place their markers on Chile, Columbia, Dominican Republic, England, India, Latvia, and Puerto Rico.



*"Welcome" in 21 different languages greets visitors to the Welcome Center.*

## HACC-Gettysburg Campus Scholarship Partners Program

You can help local students in financial distress attain their dream of a college education by becoming a HACC-Gettysburg Campus Scholarship Partner. Your gift will support the Opportunity & Access Fund through the HACC Foundation. This endowed scholarship fund will ensure that financial support is available to local students now and well into the future.

We invite you to participate in this community campaign. Join others who have become scholarship partners and have helped to raise nearly \$25,000 in a few short months. The HACC-Gettysburg Campus Scholarship Partners Program provides affordable levels for gifts, pledges, naming opportunities, and corporate donations.

Gifts and pledges of \$1,000 or more can be made over five years. There are opportunities to name campus trees in memory or in honor of loved ones. Gifts of \$1,000 or higher will be recognized on the HACC-Gettysburg donor wall in the main entrance of the campus. Gifts of \$10,000 or higher receive naming of classrooms and student spaces.

Make a difference in the educational success of local students. Contact Judy Cole Alder, campus development officer, 717-337-3855, ext. 3056 or jaalder@hacc.edu.



# Gettysburg

## Campus vice president named Citizen of the Year

Campus Vice President Jennifer Weaver is the Gettysburg Adams Chamber of Commerce's 2010 Citizen of the Year.

Weaver, who has been at the helm since HACC established a presence in the community 20 years ago, was nominated by Judy Cole Alder. She described the Adams County native and long-time community activist as a "quiet leader who has put her mark on the county over more than three decades."

Weaver is "reluctant to claim credit for her accomplishments, commending others for their part in successful programs," Alder added.

Adding his support to the nomination, Ronald Hankey, chairman of the board of Adams County National Bank, wrote that Weaver's "efforts have provided our community with an outstanding institution of higher learning for our citizens as well as creating substantial economic benefit to our entire community. We are grateful for her leadership over the past two decades."

Before joining HACC, Weaver was program director and executive director of the YWCA for 14 years and was instrumental in initiating a 1980 campaign to build the YWCA Family Recreation Center.

She also provided leadership as one of the founders of Survivors, Inc., the local nonprofit organization that provides services to victims of domestic abuse.

In 1990, she became the director of HACC's newly established Gettysburg Center, with 218 students enrolled and offices in the basement of the Gettysburg Area School District administration building.

Under Weaver's leadership, the campus has experienced extraordinary growth and success in meeting the diverse and evolving educational needs of students and employers in Adams County and the surrounding region: HACC-Gettysburg Campus has grown to nearly 2,400 students this fall; moved to a newly transformed college campus at a former shopping mall; and expanded the operation from limited courses to a wide range of associate degrees as well as a comprehensive program of noncredit courses and workforce training programs.

"Throughout the growth of the campus, she has promoted community partnerships and resources in the development of new and innovative programs, including the implementation of Best Management Practices for storm water management at the campus site; the creation of a health care learning center for HACC nursing programs; College in the High School partnerships with most of the secondary schools in Adams County; and



*Jennifer Weaver, third from the left, campus vice president, was named Citizen of the Year by the Gettysburg Adams Chamber of Commerce. Pictured with her are, from left, state Rep. Dan Moul, R-91, who presented a proclamation from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives; Skip Strayer, representing state Sen. Richard Alloway, R-31, with a proclamation from the Pennsylvania Senate; Weaver; Judy Alder, campus development officer; Carrie Stuart, president of Gettysburg Adams Chamber of Commerce; and Greg Allen, vice chairman of the chamber's board of directors.*

new career and technical programs in collaboration with area business and industry," said Alder, HACC-Gettysburg Campus development officer.

Weaver also has served on many boards and committees, including the boards of Adams County Economic Development Corporation, Adams County National Bank, Survivors, Inc., and Adams County Criminal Justice Advisory Board; advisory committees for Adams County CareerLink, Adams County Business Education Partnership and Adams County Prison; the Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration committee; and the Majestic Theater restoration campaign committee.

Previous awards include Outstanding Woman of the Year award as a leader in education by the Gettysburg Business and Professional Women in 2000; the inaugural Exceptional Women of Adams County Callie award for education in 2001; and a certificate of recognition as one of the Founding Mothers of Survivors, Inc. in 2008.

She earned both bachelor's and master's of education degrees from Penn State.

"I consider myself a servant leader and fortunate to have opportunities to work with organizations whose missions support the betterment of individuals in our community," said Weaver.

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# Harrisburg

## Biomass facility first of its kind

### Students to get first-hand look at sustainable energy practices

An educational partnership between the college and Enginuity Energy, LLC, of Mechanicsburg gives students and staff an opportunity to participate in cutting-edge biomass technology on the Harrisburg Campus.

“This facility will help students get real-life experience with next generation renewable energy technology, and help us train students for the operations and maintenance jobs generated by this new industry,” said HACC Interim President Ron Young. He described the partnership as “another step in the college’s major commitment to both renewable energy and to providing training for emerging green jobs.”

“Enginuity Energy’s new development facility houses our exclusive Ecoremedy™ Gasification Technology, which converts naturally occurring materials known as biomass into affordable, clean energy,” said Richard Madeira, vice president of sales and marketing of the Mechanicsburg-based company. Mushroom substrate, poultry manure and cow manure are among the biomass materials that will go through the process.

“When we began looking for a site to locate our new development facility, we considered many possibilities but HACC was an easy choice as the premier workforce development provider in the region,” Madeira said. “The Harrisburg Campus location is centrally located within easy reach of the many businesses and industries that can benefit from our Ecoremedy™ technology.”



*David Mooney, inventor of Ecoremedy technology, describes the process during an open house in January.*

The development facility will conduct ongoing gasification testing to identify new sources of organic materials suitable for use as clean energy and sources of recoverable nutrients that can be used for fertilizer, feed supplement and biochar.

“In addition to producing affordable, clean energy, Ecoremedy™ offers the ability to dramatically assist Pennsylvania’s efforts in cleaning up the Chesapeake Bay,” Madeira said. “Agricultural byproducts having high nitrogen and phosphorous content, such as poultry manure, are identified as a leading contributor to polluting the waterways and tributaries of the bay.”

## Solar Panels update

The student-driven solar photovoltaic (PV) installation in the Urban Meadow between Midtown 1 and 2 produced approximately 5 megawatts (5 million watts) of power through Dec. 4, the first year of operation.

According to Michael Barnes, solar PV instructor, this is the equivalent to powering:

- 15,272 light bulbs for one day
- 5,040 computers for one day
- 102 trees planted (carbon offset 8,672 lbs.)
- 446 gallons of gasoline

If purchased from PPL at 10 cents per kWh, the generated power would have cost \$500, said Robert B. Meyers Jr., instructor of industrial technologies. The solar renewable energy credit (SREC) income if sold at \$275 per megawatt would have generated \$1,375.

The 3.5-kilowatt (kWh) grid-tied array consists of 16 220-watt panels. The power produced from the sun spins the utility meter backward during the day offsetting the pedestrian and parking lot lighting electrical usage at night.

The project, funded by a \$15,000 matching grant from The Sustainable Energy Fund, was a training lab for students in alternative energy architectural design and collaboration across multi-craft disciplines with mentoring from Ganflec Architects and Engineers, GreenWorks Development and INeedSolar.com.

They learned about interconnection of alternative energy systems with PPL Electric Utilities Corp., successfully pitched their plan to the Harrisburg Planning Bureau, and were guided in the construction and commissioning of the system by INeedSolar.com.

To learn more, visit <http://hacc.edu/GreenTechnology/Solar-Panels.cfm>.



# HACC: It's a family matter

Roz Ogden, dean of enrollment services and HACC registrar, has a lot in common with Megan Popp, specialist in HACC's records department.

Both graduated from HACC, were student workers and have continued to be HACC employees. They're also mother and daughter. While both



*Alumnae Roz Ogden, right, and her daughter, Megan Popp, both graduated from HACC, were student workers while attending the college and have always continued to be HACC employees. They're also mother and daughter.*

work in Central Enrollment Services, Ogden notes her daughter doesn't fall under her supervision.

Although Ogden was enrolled in her high school's college prep program, "I wasn't really thinking about what college to attend when I graduated from high school." Her two older sisters attended HACC, she had friends who went there, and she finally chose HACC. Eventually, her daughter, Megan, did, too.

Ogden enrolled in data processing, changed to accounting, then switched to social sciences, earning an associate degree in liberal arts/social sciences in 1974.

She earned a master's degree in information systems management from Shippensburg University after receiving a bachelor's degree in psycho-social studies with an emphasis in counseling from Penn State Harrisburg. All the while, she continued working at HACC. Even when employed full time at Hershey Medical Center where she was responsible for the pediatrics department budget, she worked part time at HACC.

After 32 years as a full-time HACC employee, Ogden is responsible for the student module of the computer operating system, oversees records, registration, admissions, financial aid and the certification process of student graduation requirements.

For Popp, choosing HACC was easy. "Because my mom worked here, my tuition was free. That's a great employee benefit," she said. And like her mother, she was a student worker while taking classes for her associate degree in graphic design, which she received in 1999. Then while getting her second associate degree in web design, she returned as a casual or part-time worker until graduation in 2002.

Popp worked full time in HACC's child care center as an administrative specialist processing registration and billing, designing forms and the center's web pages. Today her key roles as a records specialist include processing student transcripts, grades, and transcripts for evaluation from other colleges/universities.

Ogden approved of her daughter's choice of HACC because it offers a quality education at an affordable price. "If there's one thing that frustrates me, it's the notion that community colleges are easier than four-year schools. Many students come here during the summer to take one or more of their harder classes, thinking it will be easier. What they find is a caliber of education and teaching that's on par or even better than their own schools. If only they could look ahead and compare their debt load after graduation, they'd see the financial benefits and value of community colleges like HACC."

## New dean named



*Jennifer N. Baar*

Jennifer N. Baar of Harrisburg was recently hired as dean of mathematics and science at the Harrisburg Campus. Baar oversees the operation of the academic division, including curriculum development for mathematics and physical sciences.

"We are delighted to have Jennie Baar on board here at the Harrisburg Campus," said Linda Lefevre, campus executive dean of academic affairs. "She brings with her a wealth of experiences from higher education, and we look forward to her leadership in the areas of math and science."

Baar's previous positions include administrative director for the contemplative counseling psychology department at Naropa University in Boulder, Colo.; academic coordinator and laboratory instructor in the physics department at the University of California in San Diego; and adjunct instructor in the physics and astronomy department at Grossmont Community College in El Cajon, Calif.

Baar has a bachelor's degree in physics from George Washington University and master's degree in materials science from University of California, San Diego.

Her community service included president of the board of directors for September High School in Boulder, where she successfully completed the school's re-accreditation process and co-chaired fundraising events.

## Partnership overcomes day care turnover trend

“When people are invested in what they do, there won’t be staff turnover,” says Lancaster Day Care Center (LDCC) Executive Director Nancy Jordan. The center boasts a zero percent turnover – in an industry where 36 percent turnover is average – thanks in part to a partnership developed with HACC.

Judy Sherwood, Ed.D., professor of early childhood education at the Lancaster Campus, teamed up with Jordan in 2005, and together they have mentored seven LDCC staff members toward associate degrees in early childhood education, with two more graduating in May.

“We wouldn’t be where we are without her,” said Jordan. And Sherwood is quick to say there aren’t many like Jordan who mentor and encourage their staff to continue their education – and help pay for it.

“It does take a whole village to raise a child, and more than what a parent can pay in tuition,” said Jordan whose own two children and grandchildren attended the center. “We’re supported very nicely by the Lancaster community, including the United Way of Lancaster County.”

The center’s target population includes low- and low-to-moderate-income working parents, and many are enrolled in educational programs. LDCC also serves the homeless population and children in need of protective care through the Children & Youth Services program.

“Parents used to choose us because it was cheap day care they could afford,” said Jordan. “Today, they choose us for our reputation for quality child care, and it’s not unusual for parents to put their child on our waiting list while still expecting. We consider ourselves a family, or at the very least, a community.”

LDCC attributes much of its success to its committed, educated staff of 25 teachers, nearly all pursuing advanced degrees in child development. The staff reflects the diversity of the children served – from Chinese to African American – and many have children of their own. Staff education is encouraged, because LDCC believes that higher education will advance the level of care provided.

About 75 percent of the staff went through the TEACH (Teacher Education and Compensation Helps) Early Childhood® PENNSYLVANIA Scholarship Program, a project of the Pennsylvania Child Care Association. LDCC pays overtime costs, the rest of tuition and books. “As the first students embraced HACC’s early childhood education program, everyone wanted to and did get an associate degree,” said Jordan.



*Lancaster Day Care Center staff who graduated from HACC in May include, from left, front row: Sonya Wright, Aimee Budovec, and Tabitha Miller; top row, Llanira Vidot, Kalysta White, and Darlene Scott.*

The staff’s enthusiasm is infectious and their appreciation sincere. “Dr. Sherwood mentored us when we first started, telling us what classes to take first and which to take later,” said Darlene Scott, 33, who has worked at LDCC for 14 years. She graduated from HACC with a group of six other staffers last May.

Tabitha Miller, 39, has worked at LDCC since 1990 and graduated from HACC with honors last year. She teaches a primary group of five children, and documents each child’s development daily.

Sonya Wright, 43, has worked at LDCC for 24 years, started at HACC in 1991 and just graduated in May. “It broadened my thinking to be more out of the box, more creative, and I keep coming up with different ideas. Now I think I want to take more classes to become a counselor in a school or private practice.”

Llanira Vidot, 33, started at LDCC in 1996 without a high school diploma. “As soon as I got my GED, they encouraged me to register at HACC. I had to take three prerequisite classes in English, because Spanish was my first language,” said Vidot, who graduated with honors and had a baby along the way. “I felt like I was learning totally different ways of teaching, like how to teach math and science to toddlers.”

# Path to 4-year degree on campus

Two years ago, the Lancaster Campus initiated a partnership with several four-year institutions in the region to offer HACC graduates and others in the Lancaster community the opportunity to obtain a bachelor's degree right at the campus.

For Ashlee Rhodes, the timing coincided perfectly with her graduation from HACC in spring 2009. She became one of the first students to enroll in a degree completer program.

"I wanted to continue my education, so I enrolled in Elizabethtown College's adult accelerated program in business administration," said Rhodes, who earned an associate degree in business studies. "I love it," she said of the opportunity to take classes in the evening at the Lancaster Campus while working full time at Sechan Electronics in Lititz. "I like the five-week format; it keeps me from getting bored."

Rhodes, 23, added, "I also like the relaxed learning atmosphere and sitting in classes with older students." She recently completed 13 classes in three semesters, and has 12 more classes to complete in order to earn a bachelor's degree.

The degree completer program is a win-win all around, said L. Marshall Washington, Ph.D., campus vice president. "It is an added benefit for our graduates, who can save time and travel costs while continuing their education in a comfortable learning environment close to home."

Other residents in the community who meet the respective institution's admission requirements also can take advantage of the degree-completer

program at the campus. More than 60 students are currently enrolled in one of the programs.

In addition, Washington said having accelerated, evening classes affords students the opportunity to work during the day.

"Each of the four-year programs matches one of the top majors chosen by our two-year degree students. This gives them the additional benefit of getting all of their prerequisites through HACC then make a seamless transfer to continue their education," he said.

And plans are under way to expand. "We are working with a fifth partner to offer a bachelor's degree in education in the fall semester," Washington said.

All degree completer classes are taught by faculty from the respective institutions using the classrooms and facilities at the Lancaster Campus. Students pay the respective tuition rates of the institution which they attend. In addition, financial aid, registration, admissions, and counseling are completed by representatives of the institution, who provide the services at the Lancaster Campus.

## Programs match majors

HACC has partnerships with four institutions who offer five bachelor's degree programs at the Lancaster Campus. The programs were chosen to match the top associate degree majors taken at the campus:

- Albright College offers its crime and justice accelerated bachelor's degree for students in criminal justice, paralegal and social sciences
- Elizabethtown College offers an accelerated bachelor's degree in business administration
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- Penn State York offers a bachelor's degree in human development and family studies

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# Lebanon

## Renovation turns

The Lebanon Campus is putting the finishing touches on a \$3 million renovation project that has “turned a building into a college campus,” said Kathleen R. Kramer, Ed.D., campus vice president.



*Students, from left, Jasmine Wheat, Khiomary Cancel and Angela M. Mahoski study at a table in the renovated lobby space. The new information desk and entrance to the multipurpose room can be seen in the background.*

She loves that comment from a student about the building that remains HACC's only campus in a downtown setting. The project's completion coincides with the 20th anniversary celebration that will continue through the year.

“We're making better use of the space we had instead of expanding the building,” Kramer said.

A good example is the transformation of the multi-purpose room. It originally was built to include a 30-foot ceiling with the idea of adding a second floor in the future. With the current renovation, steel beams were

installed and a floor poured for the second floor that now spans one-third of the room and is American with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant. The new second-story space houses the student life area including a cafeteria, Student Government Association office and generally a space for students to “hang out.”

The multi-purpose room now seats 200. All technology has been upgraded in the room, with interactive video conferencing. The college's annual convocation will be held there in September, with real-time video conferencing to all other HACC campuses.

The bookstore, now at the front of the building, features an improved layout. Also adjacent to the front door is the new Information Center. In keeping with the other HACC campuses to have a Welcome Center, this new area brings together in one space all student affairs, registration and admissions processes including a place for students to discuss course schedules with counselors.

The renovation brought the presence of Safety and Security visible to the front of the building so officers could be more readily accessible to

# building into college campus

students and staff. The design also incorporates better use of the expanse of glass fronting the city street, including redesigning the administrative offices to allow more natural light into the cubicles. “Green” products were used wherever possible in lighting, flooring and paint in the new areas, as well as other areas that were improved.

The new space allows for expanded offerings in the trades area including the program logic controller class. As part of the class, students are building trainers that mirror the machinery in factories run by PLC technology.

A Healthcare Management major will be added in the fall, as well as a computer networking course. Upgrades also are under way to the art lab. In its second year this fall, enrollments in art classes have been healthy for Drawing 1 and 2. In the fall, the campus will expand its art offerings to include Painting 1 and 2, and 3-D Design.



*Myra Kitchen, left, a specialist in enrollment services, helps student Ashley Gettle in the new Welcome Center space at the Lebanon Campus.*

Also housed in the new space are the Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health Science classes in the partnership program with Alvernia College that allows students to complete their bachelor’s degree at the Lebanon Campus.

Kramer said of the reconstruction project, “The benefits include increased administrative office functionality, enhanced attractiveness of the campus, increased course offerings based upon retrofitting existing space, and response to a more ‘student friendly’ environment – all within the same building and with a minimum of disruption to students and staff. Rather than leaving campus between classes, students now stay and use the new spaces created for them.”

There are now more than 1,300 students attending the HACC Lebanon Campus, about 30 percent growth in the past three years.



*Beverley Szakal, left, makes a purchase in the new bookstore as she chats with Bill Romberger, bookstore manager, and Holly Zengerle, sales clerk.*

## Celebrating a 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary

The Lebanon Campus has been serving the Lebanon community for 20 years and is celebrating its anniversary throughout the year to the theme “20/20 – A Vision for the Future.”

The campus opened in August 1990, the same year the Gettysburg and Lancaster campuses opened. Three months later, fire destroyed the building. Efforts to rebuild began immediately, and the campus reopened in 1992.

Today it has an enrollment of more than 1,300 students and nearly 200 different programs of study, many of which can be started and/or completed at the campus. Transfer agreements with dozens of regional

colleges and universities enable Lebanon students to complete general education coursework locally, saving both time and money.

A partnership with Alvernia College provides opportunities for students to complete a bachelor’s degree in Behavioral Health Studies or Criminal Justice. The recent \$3 million renovation included space for Alvernia classes to be held right in the HACC building.

As part of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, the campus solicited HACC success stories from past students, as well as memorabilia such as event programs, pictures and clothing to help tell the story of the campus. Watch for the next issue of the magazine for former students’ success stories.

# Lebanon

## Students benefit from Dixon Foundation's legacy

Students enrolled at the Lebanon Campus received \$107,000 in tuition assistance grants last fall from The Francis J. Dixon Foundation, a local, privately held family charitable foundation.

The foundation provided grants of \$1,000 each to 79 first-year students and 28 second-year students who met the foundation's requirements, including completing an essay on how the grant will help them achieve their goals.

"We have been giving tuition assistance grants since HACC opened, firmly believe in education and were instrumental in bringing the HACC campus to Lebanon," said Dr. Frank Dixon, a Lebanon resident and businessman for nearly 45 years who spends a good deal of his time operating his family's foundation. "We're pleased to have HACC here and strongly support it with our foundation."

In 2009, Dixon made a \$1 million gift to HACC that supplements the foundation's tuition assistance grant program. "By adding to the assets of the Dixon Family endowment within the HACC Foundation, we are increasing the funds available to help more and more Lebanon County students start their college educations at our Lebanon Campus," said Dixon, who received an honorary doctorate of public service from HACC in 2002. Since 1990, he has been a member of the board of directors of The HACC Foundation, and served as chairman for many of those years.

More than 2,000 Lebanon residents have been beneficiaries of the foundation's tuition assistance grants since 1991. Many of the current recipients attended the annual Dixon Scholarship Breakfast where he enjoys hearing their stories.

"I have a journal full of memos from people who tell me without HACC, their lives would be entirely different," Dixon said. "Not only did they never



*Cheryl Batdorf, left, executive dean of academic affairs, introduces scholarship recipient Kristen Clemons to Dr. Frank Dixon at the annual Dixon Scholarship Breakfast.*

dream of going on to college, many graduated from HACC and went on to get bachelor's and master's degrees."

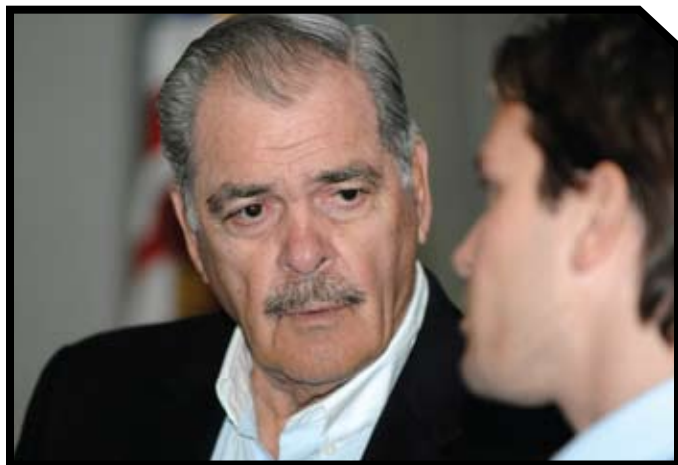
Dixon talked of one beneficiary who said it took her seven years to get through HACC and another seven years to get her bachelor's degree. "She had been a high school dropout and completed her GED when she came to HACC. Her two daughters are both graduates of the Lebanon Campus, and both went on to receive bachelor's degrees. She recently bought a new car, which she thought she'd never have. HACC has enabled people to totally change their lives around."

Kathleen Kramer, Ed.D., campus vice president, calls Dixon "HACC's best friend" when she describes his inter-connected relationship with the campus and the Lebanon community.

Because the Dixon Foundation matches any new or increased gift to the United Way of Lebanon County up to \$25,000, HACC held its United Way kick-off breakfast in conjunction with the scholarship breakfast. "I think that's why our United Way campaign did so well this year, raising \$5,309, an 18 percent increase over the previous year," said Kramer. "Dr. Dixon really is our core."

When asked why he feels so strongly, Dixon said, "I happen to live here. That's why I give here. I believe in giving back to society and giving to those who are less fortunate than I have been. We do a lot with healthcare, but we have a long way to go with our educational standards. We are behind the rest of the world. We want to give to all those who want it."

"Most of the Lebanon students could not do it without this kind of assistance from not only us, but others," said Dixon. "There is nothing like the rewards you get from giving. Giving is much better than receiving."



*Dr. Frank Dixon listens as a student tells him what having a Dixon Foundation scholarship means to him.*



## Helping future generations

There are times when we all ask ourselves the questions: What difference did our lives make? Did we leave the world a better place than we entered it? What legacies did we leave?

Several residents and companies already have left legacies that will help York families for generations to come. And they've done so in ways that expressed their unique interests and passions. Among those legacies are scholarships that honor the memory of a deceased student, give support to single moms and students in the allied health field, encourage those who live in the City of York to pursue higher education, and seek to bridge the gap for veterans and their families.

The York Campus is now home to more than 3,000 students. About half of them are the first in their families to pursue post-secondary education. Without the advantages so many of us take for granted – engaged parents keeping us on course, peer networks setting expectations for success, support to help us navigate challenges and adversity – they have only their own courage and HACC's supportive learning environment to see them through.

The legacies you leave will make the difference between success and failure for some of York's most deserving students. It is a legacy that will change the face of York County.

### The first scholarship

It all started with a single student, Justin Snyder. *(See separate story.)* Justin was one of the 338 students attending classes at the York Campus

in 2004 when his life was cut short by a tragic car accident. His family decided to honor his memory by establishing a scholarship in his name to acknowledge Justin's enthusiasm for his writing class and his HACC instructor. The scholarship is awarded each year to a HACC student who shows promise in English composition.

### Scholarship needs grow with campus

By 2008, the York Campus had more than 2,200 students, 20 percent of whom were living at or below the poverty line. Community leaders



Tony Campisi

recognized a unique opportunity to help students with limited funding prospects gain an education and, in so doing, help end generational poverty by acquiring family-sustaining jobs.

"What could be more important than helping the youth in our community achieve their educational goals?" asked Tony Campisi, president of Glatfelter Insurance Group. "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."

### Training our future workforce

At the same time, with almost 85 percent of HACC's graduates choosing to stay in the region to live and work, a group of donors recognized the opportunity to make a significant investment in their future workforce.

## Student's memory lives on

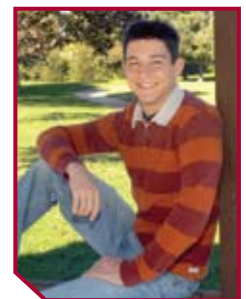
"He was a lovable kid" is how Justin Snyder's father Craig describes him. "He was the glue that kept his friends together."

Like so many teenagers, Justin's focus wasn't on academics. He was an average student at Central York High School, playing tennis and golf, and moving on directly to college after graduation. But by his second semester, according to his father, "He tanked."

Justin then went to work the third shift at Starbucks roasting plant to repay his college loans. When he decided to give college a try a second time, Justin enrolled at HACC.

"Things were starting to come around for him," recalled Craig Snyder. "He was getting good critiques of his writing from one of his professors, and he started to talk about finishing up at HACC and transferring to a four-year college."

Sadly, Justin died in a car accident in 2004 as he was driving home from work one evening. The Snyder family chose to honor his memory by creating a named scholarship fund at HACC-York Campus.



Justin Snyder

"Justin wasn't a student who would have been eligible for a scholarship," said his father. "But this was an opportunity to help someone like Justin, someone who was a non-traditional student, who was working full time. His writing professor, who knew him best, has picked the scholarship award winners."

Each year, one fortunate student at the York Campus receives the Snyder Family Scholarship in memory of Justin Snyder. Justin's legacy lives on.

# York

A partnership with WellSpan Health and Memorial Hospital created the Allied Health Fund. Students receiving scholarships from this fund are enrolled in one of the allied health programs offered at the York Campus.

## From personal passion to a lasting legacy



Joe Wagman

Nowhere is the idea of legacy building more true than with the establishment of the York City Fund. Donor Joe Wagman, president of Wagman Construction, Inc. (WCI), wanted to designate his gift exclusively for the education of students in York City. Wagman relocated his company into a new headquarters in the city in February 2009. The move was prompted by the company's focus on urban redevelopment and its dedication to community.

"As a community, I believe our success depends in large part on our ability to attract and retain great talent, which, these days, means offering a robust urban cultural, retail and entertainment hub – our city," said Wagman. "One aspect of creating a healthy city is helping our most underprivileged citizens break the cycle of generational poverty. On that issue, education is the long term answer – HACC is addressing the challenge head on."

Other donors who share Wagman's passion have since added their donations to the York City fund, from which the first scholarships will be awarded to deserving students this fall.

## Women's Network of York: Mission-centered giving

The Women's Network of York membership also was inspired to make a difference in the lives of others. They answered the question: "What happens when a mother finds herself on her own without the means of supporting



Demeka Moss of North Pole, Alaska, second from right, was awarded a scholarship from the Women's Network of York, a group that seeks to help single moms such as Moss. Also pictured are, from left, Lise Levin, campus development officer; Jennifer Smyser, network president; Moss; and Jody Ashley, past president of the network.

her family?" It was with precisely this scenario in mind that the Women's Network of York approached HACC about the legacy it wanted to create.

"Our dream was to provide a pathway out of poverty for people to whom life hadn't provided many opportunities," explained Jody Ashley, former network board president. "HACC really listened to us, and made setting up a fund very easy for us to make that dream come true."



(From left) BAE Systems York Site Executive Todd Harrold; site employees and HACC graduates Kelly Coleman, Donald Kuhn and Desiree Mitchem; Campus Vice President Jean Treuthart; and HACC student worker/U.S. Navy veteran Robert Bragg pose in front of a Heavy Armored Ground Ambulance (HAGA), one of the configurations of the RG-33 Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicle in use today by American military personnel in combat operations.

## Protecting those who protect us

We will all be known by what we leave behind, and the passion of BAE Systems is for America's servicemen and women, and the more than 20 percent of their employees who are veterans. (See separate story.)

HACC's student veteran enrollment often is the highest among Pennsylvania's colleges and universities, and HACC understands their unique needs. BAE's interest in helping veterans achieve their educational goals led to funding for scholarship, staff training to increase awareness about veterans' needs, and student activities and an entrepreneurial boot camp exclusively for veterans at the York Campus.

## HACC Foundation's supporting role

The HACC Foundation, a non-profit educational trust, was established in 1985 to raise private and corporate revenues in support of students, faculty and programs at all of the college's campuses.

"I'm proud that one of the HACC Foundation's primary values is 'donor-centered' philanthropy," said Jayne Abrams, HACC Foundation executive director. "We work hard to craft vehicles through which everyone – individuals, families, and corporations – can create their own unique legacy."

# BAE steps up to the plate for local veterans

Student military veterans at the York Campus are receiving improved services and additional scholarship aid through Celebrating Strength, a pilot program funded by a \$25,000 grant from BAE Systems, Inc.

The partnership between the West Manchester Township defense contractor and HACC, which provides support to more student veterans than any other institution of higher learning in the state, will focus on ways to supplement the supportive learning environment for these students to help them achieve their academic and career goals.

The one-year grant includes \$10,000 in financial assistance to fill the gaps between veterans' GI Bill coverage and demonstrated need, \$5,000 for staff training, \$5,000 to create a support network for veterans and their families through social and other activities and \$5,000 for an entrepreneurial boot camp to help veterans capitalize on their unique skill sets.

"We are thrilled to be the recipient of a grant from BAE Systems to help us better serve the veterans who are students at the York Campus," said Jean Treuthart, campus vice president. Of approximately 1,400 veterans served in 2010 by HACC, 93 attended the York Campus. HACC served an additional 152 dependents of veterans, including eight at the campus.

BAE Systems' York site is one of the region's largest employers. Its employees – more than 20 percent of whom are veterans – produce ground combat vehicles and is the predominant supplier to the United States Army's Heavy Brigade Combat Teams. Numerous employees at the site are HACC graduates.

"Our motto is 'We Protect Those Who Protect Us,'" said Site Executive Todd Harrold. "We're proud to help meet the needs of America's armed forces. This partnership with HACC represents a unique win-win opportunity. It's the chance to extend our mission of service to those who've worn the uniform of our nation. And it's a way we can help further HACC's role as a leading educational institution which helps equip our region's workforce with the skills and knowledge they need to succeed."

"HACC's Office of Military and Veteran Affairs is highly regarded throughout Pennsylvania for its assistance to veterans seeking GI benefits and for its referrals to outside agencies," Treuthart said. "Lacking, however, was a 'one-stop shop' approach to integrate internal services from the veteran's entry to the college through an individualized career plan developed in concert with HACC counselors and HACC's Institute for Entrepreneurial Studies."

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# Kunkel Foundation gives \$315,000 to expansion, renovation project

## Gift is largest single private donation to PSC campaign

The multi-purpose, 25-lane firing range in the new law enforcement complex will be named The John Crain Kunkel Tactical Firearms & Defensive Practices Arena in recognition of a \$315,000 gift to the expansion and renovation campaign.

"This is a special moment for HACC's Shumaker Public Safety Center and the students who will benefit," said Nancy Rockey, HACC vice president of college and community development and interim vice president of the Harrisburg Campus. "I knew right away how much the trustees of the John Crain Kunkel Foundation cared by the time they spent talking with us and asking questions," Rockey said. "They really wanted to understand the mission of the Public Safety Center."

Rockey was joined by HACC Trustee William M. Murray, M.D.; HACC Foundation Board Chair-Elect James E. Grandon Jr. and other college representatives for the announcement.

The gift includes \$300,000 over two years in 2010-11 and a previous \$15,000 in 2009, which makes the foundation the largest single private donor to the public safety center. The foundation carries on the legacy of the late John Crain Kunkel, a local congressman, and his wife, the late Katherine "Kitty" Kunkel.

"What sold us is how you see the sincerity of first responders," said John Stark, a grandson of the Kunkels, trustee of their foundation, and a member of the HACC Foundation board of directors.

"Their need is clear: the best training facilities so they can do their jobs," Stark said. "Our involvement dovetails nicely with what Congressman John Crain



*Trustees of the John Crain Kunkel Foundation were recognized for making the largest single private donor gift to the Senator John J. Shumaker Public Safety Center expansion and renovation campaign. From left to right are William M. Murray, M.D., member of HACC board of trustees; James Grandon, chair-elect of the HACC Foundation board of directors; and John Kunkel, John Stark and Terry Wright, all trustees of the Kunkel Foundation.*

Kunkel began in 1965. Great education and state-of-the-art facilities is a recipe for great success. The Kunkel Foundation is glad to be a part of that."

John Crain Kunkel was a congressman who represented Dauphin, Cumberland, Lebanon, Perry and Juniata counties in Washington, D.C., serving from 1938-50 and 1961-67. He helped establish Harrisburg International Airport and Penn State Harrisburg at the Olmsted Air Force Base in Middletown after it was closed. Kunkel also served a four-year term as a Dauphin County Commissioner in addition to his eighteen years as a congressman.

A graduate of Yale University and the Harvard School of Law, Kunkel also received an honorary degree from Franklin and Marshall College and was a trustee of Wilson College. He was director of the Harrisburg Library, three times president of the Boys Club, long-time director of the Harrisburg Hospital, a founder of the Harrisburg Bridge Club, and an avid supporter of the Tri-County United Way.

His wife, the late Katherine Smoot Kunkel, donated their home after his death in 1970 to the United Way of the Capital Region as its headquarters. Her leadership roles included president of the Congressional Club in Washington, D.C., and president of the Homeland Center in Harrisburg. She was active with the Red Cross, United Way, Junior League, St. Stephen's Episcopal Cathedral and the Daughters of the American Revolution. She died in 1990.



*John Stark discusses how the John Crain Kunkel Foundation's mission partners with the mission of the Senator. In the background are images of what will be the John Crain Kunkel Tactical Firearms & Defensive Practices Arena.*

# PPL gives \$25,000 to Public Safety Center

PPL Corp. has given \$25,000 toward the major renovation and expansion of the Sen. John J. Shumaker Public Safety Center (PSC).

The donation is part of the company's ongoing support of the work HACC does for the residents of the region, said Jim Nulton, regional community relations director of the Allentown-based utility.

"PPL has a long history of partnering with the community it serves," said Nulton. "Both this wonderful facility and our company share a commitment to safety. This center is dedicated to the education of first responders, a group of dedicated people who work side by side with our crews under sometimes trying circumstances. We are grateful for all that they do."

"We thank PPL for the contribution toward the first phase of a 20-year expansion and renovation of the PSC, which serves as a premier training site for first responders and healthcare workers throughout the region," said Ron Young, HACC interim president. "HACC values its partnerships with business and industry throughout Central Pennsylvania, and it is through the participation of corporations such as PPL that we are able to continue to recruit skilled instructors and build state-of-the-art facilities which enables us to provide high level training to more than 30,000 first responders and healthcare workers annually."

"PPL exemplifies what we call the power of the partnership; the company is always the first to come forward and support the college in whatever we ask," said Nancy Rockey, HACC vice president of college and community development and interim vice president of the Harrisburg Campus.

PPL is a previous contributor toward HACC projects, including a \$25,000 gift toward the construction of the Select Medical Health and Education Pavilion in 2006 and a \$25,000 gift toward the Midtown 2 project in 2007.

*HACC Interim President Ron Young, center, holds the plaque given to PPL Corp. in recognition of a \$25,000 gift for the renovation of the Senator John J. Shumaker Public Safety Center. Young is joined by PPL representatives, from left, Jim Nulton, regional community relations director; Don Bernhard, manager of community and economic development; Young; Jeff Hobbs, field manager of distribution operations; and Diane Coffin, manager of emergency preparedness.*



# Law enforcement complex to be named in honor of Sen. Jeffrey Piccola

*left, managing director of the PSC and director of law enforcement training, and Carroll Wagner, law enforcement training instructor, watch. More than 30,000 of the region's first responders and healthcare workers are trained annually at the PSC, adjacent to the Harrisburg Campus. (Below) Architect's rendering of the new law enforcement complex that will feature state-of-the-art equipment and a 25-lane indoor firing range.*



*State Sen. Jeffrey E. Piccola, R-15, was presented a framed portrait of the architect's rendering of a new law enforcement complex at the Senator John J. Shumaker Public Safety Center (PSC), after Nancy Rockey, HACC vice president of college and community development and interim vice president of the Harrisburg Campus, announced the law enforcement complex will be named in Piccola's honor. The senator was surprised with the announcement during the graduation ceremony for HACC's 98th Municipal Police Academy in November. In the photo, Andrew T. Verbos of Susquehanna Township Police Department, class president, congratulates the senator as Beth Dombrowsky,*





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