



## April 2017

Welcome to *HACC Highlights*, an e-newsletter created specifically for HACC retirees to keep you connected with *YOUR HACC* community. We plan to publish this e-newsletter four times per year. We hope you enjoy the issues.



### Spring Back to HACC retiree event

On April 18, 2017, the HACC Foundation hosted a Spring Back to HACC event for retirees in the Rose Garden at HACC's Harrisburg Campus. WOW, what an event! The weather was gorgeous, and the Rose Garden was blooming. Retirees were treated to delicious food from our culinary students, heard a College update from Dr. Ski and members of his Cabinet and fellowshiped with those who attended. The event wrapped up with a guided tour of the Bruce E. Cooper Student Center renovations. To see more photos, please visit [event photos](#).

### Did You Know?

During a portion of the program at the recent Spring Back to HACC retiree event, a question was asked about the percentage of HACC students who receive financial aid. The percentage was not readily available at the event. We are following up to share that approximately 50 percent of HACC students receive financial aid. Additionally, 79 percent of first-time, full-time HACC students receive financial assistance.





### **Thank You for Supporting HACC's 2017 Day of Giving!**

On April 20, HACC's 2017 [Day of Giving](#), we raised funds for the College and our students. The funds raised support the four priorities of the HACC Foundation's [Invest. Impact. Inspire. Campaign for HACC](#).

Final totals are still being calculated. For additional updates, please visit [hacc.edu/HeartHACC](http://hacc.edu/HeartHACC).

Thank you for helping to make a BIG impact for our students!

### **Cooper Student Center Undergoes Facelift**

The Bruce E. Cooper Student Center is undergoing its first renovation and expansion in more than 30 years. The fully renovated facility is slated to open in summer 2017. The original Cooper Student Center was completed in 1968, and it has been the center of student activities at [HACC's Harrisburg Campus](#).



Visible updates on the first floor of the Cooper Student Center include renovated bathrooms, a new vending area for our students and visitors to enjoy and a new south entrance across from the Rose Lehrman Arts Center that has a new ramp and doors. There are also many changes occurring behind the scenes, including the installation of a new heating and air conditioning system and new office spaces being constructed. To see the latest updates and renovation progress, please visit [hacc.edu/cooperunderconstruction](http://hacc.edu/cooperunderconstruction).

Student-oriented HACC facilities are imperative to the College's success. Your company, foundation or family can make an impact on our students' lives by investing in naming

opportunities at any of HACC's five campuses. Available naming opportunities can be found at [hacc.edu/NamingOpportunities](http://hacc.edu/NamingOpportunities).

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

If you are interesting in naming a space at HACC, please contact the HACC Foundation at [foundation@hacc.edu](mailto:foundation@hacc.edu).

To see the progress of the *Invest. Impact. Inspire. Campaign for HACC* and the four fundraising priorities, please visit [hacc.edu/campaign](http://hacc.edu/campaign).

### **Invest. Impact. Inspire. Campaign for HACC Totals**



The *Invest. Impact. Inspire. Campaign for HACC* kicked off in August 2015. We are making good progress and believe we will reach our \$2-million scholarship goal by December.

We are receiving contributions on a regular basis. Therefore, the fundraising totals change often. For the latest information, please visit [www.hacc.edu/campaign](http://www.hacc.edu/campaign). Please join us in investing in HACC! Thank you!

### **Veterans and Active-Duty Military Personnel Enrolled at HACC Eligible for Scholarship Funds**

HACC proudly has more than 1,200 active military and veterans studying in the classroom or through virtual learning, making HACC the second largest active military and veteran population among public colleges and universities in Pennsylvania. While many veterans and active-duty military personnel are eligible for postsecondary education payments under the G.I. Bill, the funds provided by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs may not cover all of the costs.

HACC recently established a fund to provide scholarships to veterans and active-duty military personnel enrolled at HACC. The HACC Veterans Scholarship Fund is the result of proceeds received after a fundraising letter was mailed to veteran's organizations in Central Pennsylvania. This scholarship fund will give students who qualify some additional assistance to pay for tuition, books, fees and program expenses while enrolled at HACC.

To be eligible for the scholarship:

1. Students must be veterans of the U.S. military or active U.S. military personnel.
2. Students who are veterans must have been honorably discharged.
3. Students who are active military personnel must be in good standing.

4. Preference will be given to students with unmet financial need.

Here at HACC, we strive to provide the needed support to all enrolled students to ensure their success. This is just one way we are supporting veterans and active-duty military personnel. Your contributions to this fund will help provide even more support.

To contribute to this fund, please visit [www.hacc.edu/givenow](http://www.hacc.edu/givenow). Thank you!

**HACC and the HACC Foundation’s 2015-16 Annual Report Available Online**

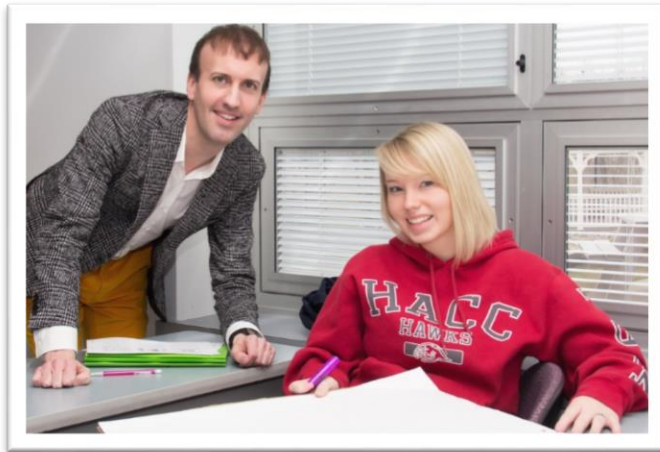
We are excited to share with you the [2015-16 Annual Report](#) of HACC and the HACC Foundation. The report summarizes the accomplishments and highlights of the College and Foundation.

See how HACC has made an impact by working to accomplish the subgoals and objectives under the four main goals of [HACC’s strategic plan](#):

1. Advance Academic Excellence
2. Foster Student Success
3. Strengthen Institutional Sustainability
4. Instill Inclusivity

YOUR hard work, dedication and various contributions helped HACC succeed last fiscal year.

**HACC Foundation Allocates \$136,361 for HACC Programs and Projects**



The HACC Foundation recently provided funding for key projects at HACC, Central Pennsylvania’s Community College, including funding to update the York Campus automotive laboratory.

The HACC Foundation, a nonprofit organization that raises private contributions in support of HACC, approved \$136,361 for projects at the College. This funding is made possible through generous contributions from individual and organizational donors.

The HACC Foundation funded the following projects:

<b>Purpose of HACC Foundation Funding</b>	<b>Benefit to Students and College</b>	<b>Funded Amount</b>
York Campus Auto Lab NATEF Accreditation Upgrades	Funding was provided to update the York Campus automotive laboratory to meet the National	\$89,000

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	Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF) standards.	
iPad Pro and Accessories for Demonstration of and Student Practice on Adobe Creative Cloud Mobile Apps	Funding for tablets and accessories was provided for faculty members to demonstrate Adobe application and make student practice available.	\$1,346
Zoom Video/Audio Recording Field Kits and Canon Video Recording Field Kits	Funding for cameras and kits was provided to replace unserviceable equipment. The cameras will be provided for student usage in several multimedia classes.	\$6,028.22
Supporting Men of Color in the Community College	This funding will support the Men of Color initiative at HACC, which is focused on connecting new male students of color with seasoned students for peer mentoring. In addition, the initiative is focused on leadership development and special events for male students of color.	\$12,000
Central Dispatch Public Safety	Funding was granted to establish a central dispatch as the single Public Safety answering center for all HACC campuses.	\$23,355
E-Learning Conference	Funding was provided for a HACC faculty member to attend a conference and increase knowledge related to online education and retention.	\$2,451
HIST 218 Academic Field Trip	Funding was provided to support an academic field trip to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum.	\$180.80
2017-18 Inclusion and Diversity Innovations Awards	Funding was provided to engage students in submitting entries related inclusion and diversity awards and providing monetary awards for the top entries.	\$2,000
<b>Total:</b>		\$136,361.02

**Please Join Us In Extending Our Condolences**

John Cavanaugh Saussy, Jr., 80, passed away in his sleep on March 15, 2017. Professor Saussy was a professor emeritus of economics at HACC. Please read his full obituary [online](#).

Michael McGinley, husband of Professor Emerita Ruth Ann McGinley, passed away on April 14, 2017. The obituary is [online](#).

### **2017 Bucknell Scholarship Recipients Announced**

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

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

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

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

To find out more about the Bucknell Community College Scholars program, please visit <http://www.bucknell.edu/CommunityCollegeScholars.xml>.

### **HACC Grads Earn High Scores on National Credentialing Exams in Health Careers**

Graduates of HACC's health career programs are super stars, passing national exams with flying colors at the top of their field – often with 100-percent pass rates.

A look at the national rankings achieved by students in health career programs at HACC include the following programs.

#### ***Cardiovascular Technology Programs***

In the 2015-16 academic year, graduates of HACC's Cardiovascular Technology (CVT) Programs had a 95 percent pass rate. CVT programs include Invasive Cardiovascular Technology and Cardiac Sonography.

### ***Dental Assisting and Dental Hygiene Programs***

Graduates of the Class of 2016 in HACC's Dental Assisting Program achieved these pass rates on the Dental Assisting National Board certification exam:

- General Chairside – 100-percent
- Infection Control – 100-percent
- Radiation Health Safety – 95 percent

The 2016 graduates of HACC's Dental Hygiene Program also had a 100-percent pass rate on the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination administered by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations.

### ***Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program***

Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program graduates in 2016 passed the sonography principles and instrumentation test, the abdomen test and the OB/GYN test at 100-percent. Because of this achievement, they were all registered diagnostic medical sonographers upon graduation, and all were employed within two months. The national average for passing the three tests is 70 percent.

### ***Medical Assisting Programs***

The exam pass rate for both the Medical Assisting degree and certificate programs was 100-percent for students who entered in 2015 and graduated in 2016. In February 2017, HACC received accreditation to expand the program to the Gettysburg Campus.

### ***Medical Lab Technician Program***

Graduates of HACC's Medical Lab Technician Program in 2015-16 had a 100-percent pass rate on the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP) board certification exam.

### ***Nursing Programs***

Graduates of HACC's Registered Nursing (RN) and Practical Nursing (PN) programs also had high pass rates. In 2014-15, the first-time pass rates for the National Council Licensure Examination were 85.88 percent for RNs and 93.8 percent for PNs. In 2015-16, the first-time pass rates for HACC graduates was 89.23 percent for RNs and 92.65 percent for PNs.

### ***Respiratory Therapist Program***

Graduates of HACC's Respiratory Therapist Program have a three-year average of a 95 percent pass rate – the highest pass rate in Pennsylvania – on the credentialing exams for the designation of Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT). HACC's outstanding success was recognized in June 2016 by the national Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC) with its Distinguished RRT Credentialing Success Award.

### ***Surgical Technology Program***

The Surgical Technology Program's Class of 2015 and Class of 2016 both have a pass rate of 100-percent on the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting's credentialing exam for Certified Surgical Technologist.

HACC's commitment to providing high-quality academics and preparing students for a rewarding career is one of the reasons why graduates of HACC's various health career programs score high on national credentialing exams.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Facebook	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/HACC64">https://www.facebook.com/HACC64</a>
Twitter	<a href="https://twitter.com/hacc_info">https://twitter.com/hacc_info</a>
Online Update Form	<a href="http://www.hacc.edu/data">www.hacc.edu/data</a>

### **HACC Publications**

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

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