Welcome to the First Edition of the Harrisburg Vibe!

This is our monthly campus newsletter, providing updates of campus news and events. If you have interesting news stories, please send info and pictures to Amy Beth Martin, amartin@hacc.edu, who has agreed to collect information.

NEW STAFF

HACC WELCOMES TWO NEW FULL-TIME ADVISORS TO THE COOPER STUDENT CENTER

**Kelvin Harrison**

Holds a Master of Education in Educational Psychology/Guidance Counseling from the University of Texas-Austin. He has celebrated 10 years of college service at HACC and comes to us from the Lancaster campus where he was the Director of Counseling & Advising. Kelvin's forte is working with students with developmental needs, GED transition and Adult Basic Education. He is a member of the Pennsylvania Association of Developmental Educators (PADE) and recently co-presented “Support Services That Encourages Retention” at the Regional PADE.

**Terri Marquis**

Holds a Master of Public Administration with Master's Certificate in Human Resources from Pennsylvania State University. She is also a HACC alumnus. Terri has been with HACC since 2005 as an adjunct faculty member teaching Government and Politics. She has served on various faculty organization committees and worked as a part-time advisor.

SCHOLARSHIP DONOR

**Stephen Yoder** (pictured left), a HACC Electronic Engineering Technology student, is the recipient of the Kyle D. Edmunds Memorial Scholarship. Tom Edmunds (right), along with his wife Irene, established the scholarship in their son Kyle's name after he passed away while attending HACC. The scholarship is granted to a student in the Electronic Engineering Technology program. Yoder plans to graduate this spring and transfer to Penn State Harrisburg to continue his education.

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VOIP PHONES

The college is in the process of replacing the phone systems at each campus with Voice over IP (VoIP). You may be wondering why it’s important to upgrade and why now? There are many benefits to upgrading but the most substantial reasons are cost of ownership, features and quality of service.

The Harrisburg Campus’s phone system has been operational for over twenty-five years. The manufacturer has long since discontinued support and parts to maintain it are difficult to locate. To keep our phone system operational, Information Technology Services (ITS) has resorted to locating used parts on the internet. It’s the equivalent of rummaging through junk yards for parts to a 1972 Ford Pinto.

Features like voice recognition are a welcome surprise for many. If you’re not sure of a person’s extension, you can simply speak the person’s name into the receiver and VoIP will dial that extension for you!

Also, with the recent addition of Microsoft Outlook, VoIP enables you to listen to voice mail within your email client. This feature will be made available shortly after each campus is upgraded to VoIP and Microsoft is fully configured.

Lastly, the sound quality will be noticeably clearer. The Gettysburg, Lebanon and York Campuses have already upgraded to VoIP. It’s expected before the end of December, Harrisburg will be completed and Lancaster in January. Look for more information regarding training and installation dates in your email.

A TYPICAL WEEK IN THE TEST CENTER?

Testers were accommodated between November 1 and November 7.
The breakdown of tests administered is as follows:

123 Placement Testers
5 CLEP Testers
222 Virtual P/P
76 Academic Make-up Testers
254 Outside Examinations
12 Praxis Testers
52 Virtual Online Testers

Security

The HACC Public Safety department welcomes new Director Todd Crawley, Assistant Director Ian Parchen (Harrisburg and Lebanon campus), and Edwin Dominguez (Lancaster, York and Gettysburg campuses).

All faculty and staff are encouraged to stop by and meet the Safety and Security team.

The team would like to remind everyone about the emergency notification system at HACC (E2 Campus). Notifications can be sent to e-mail addresses and cell phones through text messaging. In order to sign up, go to the main HACC web page and click on the cell phone icon in the top right corner. Remember, inclement weather is fast approaching!

As always, when in need of security assistance, please call 780-2568.

DO YOU HAVE INTERESTING NEWS STORIES TO ADD TO THE HARRISBURG VIBE?

If so, please send info and pictures to Amy Beth Martin, amartin@hacc.edu.
On Wednesday, November 7, The Workforce Recruitment Program (WRP) visited the Harrisburg campus so that students with disabilities could interview with a federal recruiter. The WRP is a recruitment and referral program managed by the US Department of Labor’s Office of Disability Employment Policy and the US Department of Defense’s Office of Diversity Management and Equal Opportunity. This program connects both federal and private employers across the nation with current college students and recent graduates with disabilities who are eager for opportunity to work at both summer and permanent jobs. Four Harrisburg students participated this year. We hope to continue this program in 2013 and involve a greater number of students by partnering with the Harrisburg Career Services Office.

SOCCER

The fall sports teams have had much success in Region 19 of the NJCAA this year. Men’s soccer had some rough patches to start, but finished the final four games of the season with a winning streak 3-1. Player Chrissan Lewis was selected as first team All Eastern PA Athletic Conference.

BASKETBALL

Men and women’s basketball has begun. Check out the Athletic & Recreation site for a complete schedule.

VOLLEYBALL

Women’s volleyball, with first year head coach Matthew Marshall, continued their success in the new Conference with a play-off showing at the Region 19 Final Four. They defeated Passaic County College in the semi-finals 3-0, but came up short against undefeated Northampton Community College 3-0. Player Ameleah Moyer was selected to first team All Eastern PA Athletic Conference, first team All NJCAA Region 19 and nominated for All-American. Miranda Lomman was selected to the All Tournament team and second team All NJCAA Region 19. Jess Farabaugh was named to the third team All NJCAA Region 19.

HACC’s Harrisburg Campus Season of Goodwill Holiday Reception

Friday, December 14, 2012
4:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.
Wildwood Conference Center

Gingerbread House displays provided by the Baking and Pastry Arts Students
Food provided by the Culinary and Pastry Arts Club

In observance of the “Season of Goodwill”
we ask that you contribute a non-perishable food item
to be donated to the Central PA Food Bank.

RSVP to Janice Miller-Zerbé at jmmiller@hacc.edu by
Monday, December 3, 2012
Janka Ovcharovichova was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to teach in Uganda last year where she served as a visiting professor of Civil Engineering at both Kampala and Makerere Universities. During her tenure at the universities, she helped develop curriculum and taught classes at the master’s level in transportation, highway, and water resources engineering. She advised students and worked with them on their dissertations. She also assisted in reviewing a textbook manuscript for a colleague on hydrology and water resources engineering.

Last Spring 2012, Cami Maianu, Assistant Professor of Psychology, conducted a study abroad course in Romania called “Child Development in Context.” The class traveled to Romania for three weeks to work with New Horizons Foundation, a local grass-roots organization, in service and adventure education projects. During the course, students learn about social, political, and economic factors that have led to the child welfare crisis in Romania. At Cami’s request, New Horizons included children from the local orphanage in their service project (something that was not previously a part of their practice). As a result, both the orphanage and New Horizons recognized the benefit of this partnership and decided to begin plans to expand their model nation-wide in Romania! :)

(FULL TEXT AVAILABLE AT HACC VIBE WEBSITE.)

(PICTURED HERE, ALONG WITH OUR ROMANIAN PARTNERS, ARE THE CHILDREN, THE HACC STUDENTS, AND DR. ANGELA CAMPBELL, HACC COUNSELOR, WHO ACCOMPANIED THE GROUP.)