FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CAMPUS VP

Members of the York Campus Community:

Welcome back for the spring semester at HACC. I hope the winter break gave you all an opportunity to relax and rejuvenate for an exciting 2017. Special welcome to the students new to the York Campus; we wish you every success and hope you enjoy your time with us. You are now a part of one of the finest and the largest community college in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Recently, there were executive orders issued that limited immigrant and non-immigrant visa holders from Iraq, Syria, Iran, Sudan, Somalia, Libya, and Yemen from entering the United States for 90 days. The overall results of this decision remain unclear. However, whether you were born in the United States or you are one of HACC’s nearly 300 international students who represent more than 60 countries, the central mission of the College – to create opportunities and transform lives to shape the future together – applies to each of you equally. Our international students, faculty and staff are extremely valuable members of our higher education communities. To all of the York Campus international students, please know that you are a welcomed and valued part of the HACC community. We encourage you to purposefully and passionately continue pursuing your educational dreams. Please do not hesitate to connect with advisors, counselors, professors or any of the many caring people on the York Campus who are here to provide support and help you be successful.

Again this year, the world’s most famous groundhog has made a prediction. However, we will not allow Punxsutawney Phil to deter us from planning and engaging in a variety of exciting campus activities. A sampling of these will include a new employee recognition event, invited national and regional guest speakers, book discussions, Black History Month activities, Women’s History Month, Career Fairs, our annual Day of Giving, Campus Master Plan discussions, the Social Justice Film Series, and of course spring break for students. I encourage you all to participate in as many of the upcoming events as possible.

Great opportunities are in store for the York Campus in the coming months and years. I offer you my best wishes for an enjoyable and successful spring semester.

Darryl E. Jones
Campus Vice President
HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

On Thursday, December 16, Dr. Ski joined York Campus staff and faculty for the annual Holiday Pot Luck. Everyone enjoyed an abundance of delicious food, a traditional holiday game hosted by our own Margie Mattis, and lots of fun and fellowship.

SAVE THE DATE

Sierra Leone Refugee All Stars documentary film showing

- Monday, February 13, 11a.m.-12:15p.m.
- Glatfelter Community Room, Cytec Building York Campus
- FREE and open to the public

“The story they tell, and tell well, is how the All Stars' songs...first raise their own spirits, then those of their neighbors, then...other camps too. The story told here is simple, and ultimately triumphant.”

SAFER STAIRWAY FOR ALL

Sarah Johnson (right), a HACC student who is legally blind, brought to the campus’s attention that she has great difficulty navigating the stairs around campus. The reason: they blend together visually for her. She feels like she is stepping into space, not knowing where she will land.

Kathy Brickner, Executive Director for Business Affairs at the York Campus, took Sarah’s and the Office for Disability Service’s suggestions and wrote a grant request to make some improvements to the steps. In October, the HACC Strategic Planning funding request was approved for $4,063 for the Sight Impaired Step Project.

Sarah was asked how she feels about the addition to the stairs. She stated that she loves it and feels much safer going up and down the stairs now. She said she can’t believe how the college was so responsive to her needs in this situation. “It is awesome to know they wanted to help me.” Other students and staff have also commented how helpful this will be when the weather gets snowy and icy this winter.

MEET A TUTOR

From Tutoring and Testing

Each month, we are going to highlight a tutor who works in either the Learning or Writing Centers, and this month’s tutor is Jennifer Ladd. Jen has been a peer tutor in both centers since the fall of 2015. She tutors English/Writing, psychology, sociology, astronomy, CIS, and statistics, and also works at the front desk in the Learning Center. Jen is a social science major and will be graduating in May 2017 with honors, no doubt, since she’s been a member of PTK since fall 2015 and on the board since spring 2016. She loves to spend time with her children, husband, and mother, and in her spare time loves to read. Her favorite book? “Only one?” she responded. Catcher in the Rye, Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant, and anything by Mitch Albom are among her favorites. Something folks might not know about Jen is that she sang on stage at Carnegie Hall in NY with her high school choir. Her favorite thing about tutoring? “When a student comes back to the center and is using a technique I have shared with them or when a student comes back excited because they earned an ‘A’ on an assignment we worked on together.”
CAREER SERVICES CORNER

In the Career Services office, one of the best things that can happen is getting feedback from the students we have helped, especially if it has more than met their expectations. Recently we received this comment from a student at the York Campus:

“I was in a meeting with my college success professor and he suggested I make an appointment with Career Services [because]…they would probably have more answers about the field I’m interested in. So… [I] met with Career Services, and…it came up that I speak Spanish as well as English. A few days later, [they contacted me] about a company who needed a translator on a project….I began to work on the project right away. In the end, the company paid me more than I expected..., and it wouldn’t have happened if I didn’t reach out to Career Services – York. I am really happy with the information I received …and the help they gave me.”

At Career Services, students can get help with

- Resume Review
- Mock Interviewing
- Internship/Volunteer Opportunities
- Cool Events
- Networking
- Employment Opportunities
- And so much more!

CREATIVE CLASSROOM

Associate Professor Rob Swatski’s Spring 2017 BIOL 121 (Anatomy & Physiology I) Blended with iOS class is getting ready for a great semester! This is a 1:1 Apple iOS class where the students use their iPhones and iPads to complete course work on Professor Swatski’s iTunes U course. They also use their devices to work on activities and complete creative projects during lecture and lab.
BARLEY NEWS

The Research Project Clinic is back for another semester!

Research Project Clinic

Get help from a Writing Tutor and a Librarian!

Thursdays
10am-Noon
Writing Center
(Cytec 130)

PASSING IN TODAY’S SOCIETY

February 7th
12:30 - 2:00 p.m.
York Campus Library
Guest Speaker, Dr. Michelle Chatman

Light refreshments will be served

If you missed this event last year, please join us for an encore presentation! Along with Jeanne Purtell’s English students, Dr. Michelle Chatman will be leading a conversation about racial, social, and gender identity, using Nella Larson’s novel *Passing* as a starting point.

Written in 1929 during the Harlem Renaissance, the novel explores the ways in which race, class, gender, and sexuality influence self-identity. Claire, one of the main characters in the story, leaves behind her black community to “pass” as a white woman, married to a man who knows nothing of her family, history, or background.

If you haven’t read this short novella before, come check it out. Then join us for some thought-provoking conversation!

Learn more: [http://libguides.hacc.edu/blackhistorymonth](http://libguides.hacc.edu/blackhistorymonth)
DONATIONS FROM THE LIBRARY OF DR. DAVID PERCY

As many of you know, Dr. David Percy, Adjunct Professor of History, was a beloved member of our campus community. Students will remember him for his jokes, his knowledge, and his passion for asking questions. Those of us who work in the library will remember him for his love of books. Before he passed away on June 30th, after a 15-year battle with cancer, he made arrangements to donate his books to our library, so that they may continue to help students learn more about history and the world. Some of these books are now on our shelves, ready for checkout!

Stop by the library and take a look at our display, in gratitude of this generous gift from Dr. Percy. Many thanks are also due to his wife, Sandra Percy, and all the Percy family.

View a full list of books added to the collection so far
HACC’s DAY OF GIVING 2017

On April 21, 2016, we held our first-ever Day of Giving. This first-time event was a HUGE success. Guess what? We’re doing it again! Are you EXCITED? We are!

Please mark your calendars for April 20, 2017 and stay tuned for more information to be shared with you over the next few months.

COUNSELING SERVICES

Just a reminder - Counseling Services is here to assist students with issues that are interfering with their ability to be successful. We see students struggling with issues that range from anxiety and depressed mood to those who are in stressful relationships and are grieving a loss – and everything in between!

Our goal is to provide short-term, solution-focused interventions to help students gain insight and develop skills that will lead to improving their academic success. Services are fee-free and provided by Master’s level counselors. Our offices are located in Leader 102, next to the Welcome Center.
HACC FEST

The Spring 2017 HACC Fest was held on Thursday, January 26, 2017. This year’s theme was “At the Movies” Congrats to the KEYS department for their winning booth! HACC Fest is an event where clubs and departments host tables showcasing themselves and what they have to offer. Students are encouraged to visit multiple tables in order to be eligible for a prize giveaway at the end. This is an opportunity for clubs to recruit new members and departments to communicate services and initiatives. Thanks to all who participated in this fun event!

Above left: Jackie Bareuther, Shelly Blanchette and Crystal Myers staff the Counseling and Advising table; above right: Dr. Jones joins KEYS staff and students; center left: Cathy Rosenkrans greets students with a smile at the Learning and Writing Center booth; center: the winning department – KEYS – presents “The Wizard of Oz”; center right: Veterans Club pride! Left: Students visit various club tables to learn of new opportunities
**VALENTINE’S DAY FUNDRAISER!!!**

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Please make check payable to: HACC

Roses are available for pick-up at each of the campuses from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, **February 14, 2017**. Cash or check accepted. There will be a limited amount available to purchase that day.

*Gettysburg Campus – The HUB*
*Harrisburg Campus – Whitaker lobby*
*Lancaster Campus – East lobby*
*Lebanon Campus – Room 104U*
*Midtown I & II – MID1 Rm. 209*
*York Campus – Student Entrance-Leader Building*

**ORDERS DUE BY MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2017**

Please return form w/check to:
Central orders – Janet Quigley, TL203
Harrisburg orders – Jean Tucker, PSECU 314A
Gettysburg orders – Lolita Lupian, G102
Lancaster orders – Fay Snyder, RF101
Lebanon orders – Peggy Lenton, D106C
Midtown I & II – Jamie Eckrode, MD1 209
York orders – Jimmy Gironda, YL132

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