Happy New Year! I hope the holiday season was a time of rest and renewal!

Last year I made a New Year’s resolution to be mindful of being more appreciative. It remains my resolution for 2016! I hope each of you know that I am deeply grateful of all you do for our students. I’m also very grateful to our students for choosing HACC and allowing each of us to share in their experiences.

At the fall 2015 faculty in-service, Gettysburg Campus student Becky Laptook shared how significant the faculty and staff of the campus have been to her academic and personal development. I just received an email from Becky that this spring she’ll be doing an internship with Adams County District Attorney Brian Sinnett. She will be the first paralegal intern in the Adams County DA office. As we start another semester, remember Becky and never underestimate the impact you can have on a student and ultimately our community.

Last week you received a letter from me announcing the “Invest. Impact. Inspire.” Employee Campaign for HACC, Central Pennsylvania’s Community College. This campaign is rooted in providing students in need with assistance to pay for their education and developing programs that align with the needs of our community. It’s an investment in our students and, by extension, an investment in the community. The impact of this campaign will be profound. It will be the largest amount of money we’ve ever raised in support of students!

On behalf of our students and our community, I hope you will consider participating in the campaign to the degree that is meaningful for you. If you have any questions or would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact me, Diane Bittle, or Budd Hallberg.

Best wishes for a great semester!

<Gettysburg Campus Fundraising Committee
Jeff Shaffer, Dr. Ski, Budd Hallberg, Gary Laabs, Shannon Harvey, Diane Bittle, and Judy Rang
Gettysburg Campus Update

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CONGRATULATIONS & WELCOME

< Liz Dunn, former Gettysburg Campus math faculty member and college-wide math and computer science department chair and newly announced York Campus associate dean of academic affairs, was selected as a NISOD recipient and will receive the coveted Medallion award at the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Conference on Teaching and Leadership Excellence at the University of Texas in Austin, May 28-31, 2016.

> Congratulations to Gettysburg Campus math professor Matt Gerhart and his wife Anna on the birth of their daughter Samantha Nicole Gerhart, born on Tuesday, Dec. 15 at 4:55 a.m., weighing in at 7 lbs. 2 oz.

Matt at Samantha’s shower held in the faculty suite >

PLEASE EXTEND A WELCOME TO OUR NEW SPRING 2016 FACULTY MEMBERS:

- Mike Brazda, Sociology
- Cass Daubenspeck, English
- Barbara DeCesare, English
- Wesley Evans, Humanities
- Terri Fritz, CHS Math
- Lisa Lieberum, CHS Chemistry
- Nicole McCartan, Marketing
- David Moore, Biology
- Irene Rainville, English
- Sherry Roland-Washington, English
- Emad Tantawy, Biology
- Stephanie Wells, Government & Politics
- Richard Whitehead, Humanities
- Martin Yespy, Sociology

NEW TEST CENTER HOURS

Monday through Thursday - 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Friday – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Walk-ins are welcome for academic make-up and placement testing. All other testing requires an appointment, which may be made in-person in the Test Center, via email at gett_test@hacc.edu or by phone at 339-3535.
**400 SUITE CHANGES**

**Beginning Friday, Jan. 15, Lincoln Intermediate Unit #12 Migrant Education and ESL Programs led by Suzanne Benchoff and Brenda Reyes-Lua, will occupy the 400 suite as tenants and neighbors!**

The **400F video conference room (renumbered to room 315) will still be used by HACC. Campus access will be through the nursing suite.** The door to access the conference room will be key card access and is located across from the nursing lab. Please remember to bring your swipe badge. Scheduled January video conferences have been moved to conference room 126. The 400 suite offices including the 400A conference room have been removed from CollegeNet and are no longer available for college use.

**Kathy Brickner and Lorie McKee have moved to the facilities building; Kathy’s office is 800B and Lorie’s is 800. Their phone extensions remain the same.**

**LEARN2LEAD**

On Tuesday, Dec. 15, **Gettysburg Campus student Alexa Groft and Jessica Knouse (center of photo) attended the LEARN2LEAD Capstone Leadership Experience Day at Adams Electric Cooperative, Inc. headquarters. Alexa and Jessica were greeted by Adams Electric CEO and HACC Advisory Board member, Steve Rasmussen, and spent the day meeting with Adams Electric executives. Alexa is the first student to complete the new Learn2Lead program. Students can earn a leadership certificate by attending three Learn2Lead sessions throughout the semester and attending the capstone day.**
Gettysburg Campus graduate, Jenn Ostroff was chosen as the student speaker for the fall commencement ceremony held on December 15 at the Giant Center. Jenn was a member of HACC’s Alpha Nu Omega chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society and served as vice president of the Student Government Association at the Gettysburg Campus.

Jenn graduated with an Associate in Arts in humanities, languages, and the arts, and plans to continue her education, ultimately to earn an MFA in screenwriting. During her speech Jenn recognized and credited English professor, Tara Whitehead for her success.

Nineteen students completed the Associate Degree RN program requirements and were pinned during the fall 2015 Nursing Pinning Ceremony on Thursday, Dec. 10, 2015. These students are now eligible to take the NCLEX RN exam to become licensed Registered Nurses. Three students received awards for outstanding performance in the areas of Leadership, Art of Nursing, and Excellence.
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT WORKSHOPS AND PRESENTATIONS

Check out the upcoming workshops that will be held at the Gettysburg Campus. Complete information on these sessions can be found on the Benefits page of MyHACC, under “Latest News!” Mark your calendar now!

- TIAA Cref consultations
- RetireWise – presented by MetLife
  - 4 sessions (Wednesdays) Feb. 3, Feb. 10, Feb. 17, Feb. 24 from Noon – 1:00 p.m.
- New York Life – a NEW voluntary insurance product will be introduced in the coming weeks. Watch for more information later this month!
  - Multiple sessions Feb. 16, 17, 18 & 20
- Capital Blue Cross – open sessions to educate YOU about YOUR medical and prescription insurance, and the added value of membership with Capital Blue Cross.
  - Multiple sessions Jan. 28, Feb. 2, 3, 4, 16 & 18

CONDOLENCES

Richard Naugle, brother of Professor Emeritus Linda O’Connor passed away suddenly. Please keep Linda and her family in your thoughts and prayers. If you would like to share your condolences, Linda’s address is:

Linda O’Connor
1 Winding Drive
Gettysburg, PA 17325

DELAYED OPENINGS & CLOSURES

As the cold weather is now upon us, I wanted to remind everyone of the changes for delayed openings due to inclement weather. In the event of a delayed opening, classes will start at 10:00 am and staff are to report at 9:30 am. All classes will meet for a reduced amount of time. More information regarding the 2016 weather delays/closings can be found on the following webpage: http://www.hacc.edu/Weather/Weather-Messages.cfm.

Also, if you have not already done so, please register for e2campus and/or review your preferences so that any notifications regarding delays or closings are sent to you.
ALL STUDENTS MATTER ACTIVITIES

The “All Students Matter” committee met recently to plan student success activities for the fall semester. I hope you’ll consider participating in one or more of the activities.

Making Connections (1st three weeks of term activities)

• **HALLWAY MEET AND GREET**
  Sign up for a fifteen minute spot (or more!) during the days of **Tuesday, January 19th** – **Monday, January 25th** by following this link https://www.timetosignup.com/haccgettysburg/sheet/52773. Before you head out at your appointed time, please wear your **Ask Me button** and stop by the Faculty Suite to pick up a **class schedule**. If you need an Ask Me button, please let Wendy Kaehler know.

• ** ADVISING ON THE GO BY STUDENT AFFAIRS STAFF**
  Advisors will be in front of the Bookstore on **January 19 & 20 from 9 am – 1:30 pm and 5–6:30 pm**

• **NEW STUDENT WELCOME CALLS**
  Welcome phone calls will be made to all new students on **January 27, January 28, or February 2 between the hours of 4–6 pm**. Calls can be made from any campus phone, or your personal phone. You will be provided with a small list of students and a script with a sample welcome message. To sign up to make calls, go to https://www.timetosignup.com/haccgettysburg/sheet/52770.

• **LOG-IN HELP**
  Please refer students who need assistance logging in to myHACC, HAWKMail, etc. to the Ask ME desk in the Library, the Welcome Center or the IT Office.

• **B2G1**
  Ragged Edge and Subway have agreed to continue the **Buy2Give1** (B2G1) initiative started by CIS professor Monica Bajaj and the Gettysburg Women’s Tennis Team. The way it works, you buy two of an item and leave one for a student in need. Baskets are at the registers with coupons to complete.

• **Starfish Refresher**
  One-on-one and group sessions on HACC’s academic monitoring and powerful student success communication tool will be held throughout the semester! Contact Amanda Hartzell for more information.