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coming in next issue....

celebrating academic excellence

students begin spring semester
Welcome to the new BUZZ – the Harrisburg Campus newsletter. Thanks to the newsletter committee chaired by Pat Thompson which includes Dr. Lori Fair, Jeff Fazio, Thad Sampson, and Juanita Mort.

Well, we all made it through the Farm Show and the first weeks of classes and now we will look forward to making it through the Eastern Sports & Outdoor Show February 4 – 12.

The Campus will have several new initiatives starting to enhance our communication, share information, and provide strategic direction for the Campus.

Two new initiatives underway are:

- We are using Survey Monkey to ask a few questions per month on Harrisburg Campus issues so we can get feedback on issues to share with the Campus and determine if there are opportunities for us to make changes. The first survey will be out this week. Please take a minute to give us your feedback.
- Our first informal hour long gathering for staff to get together to informally talk about any issue and just enjoy socializing with colleagues is scheduled for February 2 at 2 p.m. in Cooper 204.

I am very pleased to only have one job as the Interim Harrisburg Campus Vice President so I can put all of my time and effort into the Campus. My calendar is available for everyone to view so you can see when I plan to stop in each building and site to just walk around and talk to students and staff. Please invite me to visit your classroom, attend meetings, or sit in on any event. Just contact Janice Miller-Zerbe at 221-1773 to put it on my calendar. If you need to reach me at any time 24/7, please call my cell – 991-2098.

Thank you to all of you for what you do for our students and the community on a daily basis.

Nancy Rockey
Interim Vice President
We were saddened last week to learn of the death of our colleague and friend, Arlene Orth. Arlene had been a dedicated HACC employee since January, 1992.

In July of 2010 Arlene was selected as Facilities Employee of the Month. She was a hard worker and a dedicated employee. A primary part of her job was working at the front desk greeting and helping FMD customers, and she was always ready to help anyone who walked through the CSC doors. Whether a contractor, College employee or student, she would always get people to the right location and in contact with the appropriate College representative. A smile and cheerful greeting always awaited customers at the CSC. Arlene was truly an asset to the College and FMD. We will all miss Arlene.

Arlene’s funeral services will be held tomorrow, Tuesday, January 31, 2012, at the Jesse H. Geigle Funeral Home, 2100 Linglestown Road, Harrisburg, PA. Viewing from 9AM until 11 AM. Funeral services begin at 11 AM.

Condolences can be sent to her children:
Ed Orth
1735 Nevada Avenue, N.E.
St. Petersburg, FL 33703

Jamie Orth
133 Kings Arm @ Waterford
York, PA 17402
Cody Burt – Student; Welcome Center/Recruitment Department Employee; President, AASA (African American Student Association)

**What are your areas of responsibility in the Welcome Center/Recruitment?** My area’s of responsibility are helping to assist students at the Self-Service Kiosks at the Welcome Center. I also do minor processing for the Admissions/Recruitment Offices.

**What do you see as your most significant challenge in this role?** The most significant challenge for my co-workers and myself, is the heavy traffic of students that come through and need assistance. We see this mostly during the critical parts of the semester for example, the first day of registration, payment due dates and first day of classes.

**What do you view as the most significant service you provide to the students?** The most significant service that my department (Recruitment) offers the student is information to help them make a good educational decision. I also think that the Recruitment office is **ESSENTIAL** because it starts off the students collegiate journey.

**Do you have a favorite/cherished HACC moment you’d like to share?** My favorite cherished moments are when I get to work with my organizations: the HACC VIP’S, HACC’s Campus Ambassador Program & the African–American Student Organization (AASA) where I’m the president. Both of these organizations are assets to my education career.

**Are there other things about yourself, or your position, that you would like to share with our readers?** Some things about my position: it motivates me to venture in the career in Education. It’s a fast pace career where you can make a difference in someone’s life. And I think that it’s **GREAT** to wake up and go to work and know that I’m constantly helping.

Allison Stark – Student; Editor in Chief, The Fourth Estate

**What are your areas of responsibility?** I am Editor in Chief of the Harrisburg student newspaper, The Fourth Estate. Along with the two associate and assistant editors, I recruit writers, artists, and photographers for the paper, solicit advertising from other colleges and vendors, and edit, compile, and layout the paper. We distribute the paper at the Wildwood and Midtown components of Harrisburg Campus.

**What do you see as your most significant challenge in this role?** There are two significant challenges for the newspaper: 1) Recruiting and retaining staff. So many people are juggling school, work, and family concerns that it can be challenging to convince them they have enough time to write or produce artwork for the paper, even though we know we have a huge talent pool here at HACC. 2) Ensuring the paper is covering and being distributed to as many students as possible. We would like to provide more coverage of things such as events at Midtown and HACC sporting events, but struggle to find students who can cover events at times and locations outside of the traditional daytime, Monday-Friday, Wildwood mold.

**What do you view as the most significant service you provide to the students?** The Fourth Estate’s goal is to provide fair and balanced coverage of campus events and issues impacting students at HACC. We include news articles about student government and the administration to keep students informed about decisions being made and actions being taken on their behalf. We also strive to showcase features highlighting student achievements and events, as well as opinion pieces on social issues students may be concerned about.

**Do you have a favorite/cherished HACC moment you’d like to share?** Since I was laid off from my job of 9 years and came back to HACC in Summer 2009 as a returning student, it’s been kind of an unbroken string of favorite moments that just build on each other. Some amazing professors and fellow students have helped me see possibilities I had long ago written off as being unattainable for myself. It was a pretty surreal moment finally getting my Associate's Degree at age 35.

**Are there other things about yourself, or your position, that you would like to share with our readers?** Something I’ve had reinforced a hundred times since I came back to HACC is that real happiness only comes from taking steps that scare you.
STAFF PROFILES ~ a few minutes with….

Matt Braswell—Assistant Director, Counseling Services.

What are your areas of responsibility? I work side by side with Christine Cappuzzo in Counseling, Advising, Career, Transfer and Disability Services. Specifically Matt supervises Career Services, Transfer Services and the Advising Centers at our campus.

What do you see as your most significant challenge? I would say that change is our most significant challenge. Our goal is to implement changes in a way that results in a more positive experience for the students.

What do you view as the most significant service you provide to our students? As counselors, we have the opportunity to enter into our students lives and help facilitate the achievement of their educational and life goals. For me, there is nothing more significant than that!

Do you have a favorite/cherished HACC moment you would like to share? On April 7, 2009, my son Levi was born. When I returned to work, his picture and different captions were taped to my door. This is just one example of the family environment that exists at HACC.

Are there other things, about yourself or your position, that you would like to share with our readers?

• My two oldest sons, Stephen and Luke, are going to USA Volleyball’s National Tournament in Dallas, Texas this summer.
• My oldest daughter, Abby, is going on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic this summer.
• My youngest daughter, Leah, qualified for the Far Western Swim Meet in California this summer.
• My second youngest son, Joel, was chosen to be part of a Bible Quiz competition by his AWANA leader.
• My youngest son, Levi (2 yrs old), is using the toilet now! (but only when he feels like it)
• Last, but not least, MY WIFE IS AMAZING!!!
Garden Ramble

The longest nights of the year are behind us, and each day brings us a few more moments of precious sunlight. Most of the plants in our gardens lie dormant, but there are a few hardy specimens that bloom even with snow on the ground. Look for these beauties during the next few weeks in

**Winter Jasmine** (*Jasminum nudiflorum*) location: west wall of Stabler along the rear access drive. The warm winter weather encouraged this jasmine to begin blooming in December! Sun-yellow flowers adorn this shrub when other plants in the garden are still asleep. A mounded mass of lime green stems defy the drab winter shades of grey and brown and are unbowed by snow.

**Chinese Witchhazel** (*Hamamelis x intermedia*) locations: north side of the Quad, Ford Alcove, College Service Center, north side of Select Medical. A light dusting of snow beneath the branches of the witchhazel showcase the threaded tufts of blooms that light up the winter landscape. These subtle flowers would go unnoticed in the gaudy extravaganza of late spring, but in winter each one is a jewel. Yellow, orange, and red clothe the branches on sunny days; in bitter weather, the flowers roll their petals inward and wait for the warmth to return. Time is on their side, and the long lasting blooms will lift our spirits into March.

Although the gardens may look frozen, the life that they contain is never far below the surface. Buds swell, twigs deepen in color, and gardeners dream of the glories to come. We hope you will enjoy these plants and count the days until spring returns to HACC.

Spotlight on Sports

Our HACC Hawks are doing well in the Eastern PA Collegiate Conference (EPCC) play this year. So far, the women's volleyball team won first place in the EPCC regular season play and won the EPCC Championship Tournament. They advanced on to the PCAA Championship game, where they were defeated by Potomac State. Their overall record was 14-0 in regular season play and 14-3 overall.

The HACC soccer team fared similarly. They were the number two seed going into play-offs, with a conference record of 4-2-3. They defeated Lehigh Carbon in the semi-finals to advance to the EPCC Championship Match, in which they defeated Delaware County with a score of 5-1 to capture the EPCC Championship.

Our shining star this winter is the women's basketball team. They are currently tied for first place in the EPCC with a Conference record of 5-1.
Harrisburg NISOD winners for this year:
(Nation Institution for Staff and Organizational Development)

Amy Kennedy
Marjaneh Talebi

Did you hear....
... you could nominate a student for a campus award?

Anyone can nominate a student - you don’t have to be a faculty member to do so.
If you know of a student who:

- Represents HACC Harrisburg beyond the classroom and campus
- Show service to the Harrisburg Community
- Has a commitment to community outreach and service to others

Nominate that student today
For forms contact Janice Miller-Zerbe at jmmiller@hacc.edu

Congratulations to Paul Carrick, Ph.D., Senior Professor of Philosophy and Humanities, and Head of HACC’s Philosophy discipline! Paul was recently selected to serve a two-year term on the Board of the Kienle Center for Humanistic Medicine. For more information about The Kienle Center, visit their website, http://pennstatehershey.org/web/humanities/home/resources/kienlecenter.
The Live at Rose Lehrman Artist Series and the Rose Lehrman Arts Center are being honored this spring as the recipient of the 2012 Award for Distinguished Service to the Arts in the Capital Region, otherwise known as the "Arts Award." The award will be presented in a gala ceremony and celebration on Sunday evening, April 29 2012 at the Whitaker Center for Science and the Arts in downtown Harrisburg.

Initiated in 1989, the Awards for Distinguished Service to the Arts are the only awards in the Capital Region honoring contributions to the area's cultural life. Presented under the auspices of Theatre Harrisburg, the recipients are chosen by a selection committee comprised of past honorees. Each year, two awards are given. The 2012 award to an individual will be presented to Maestro Stuart Malina, Music Director and Conductor of the Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra.
There’s a new office in town—Midtown that is! Although HACC’s Midtown Trade & Technology Center has offered Career Services to students for three years, there is now a Career Center available to students. The new Career Center is located in Mid2, room 113. The center offers an array of career resources to students, depending on their needs. Cindy Ernharth, Midtown’s Career Advisor can meet with students (or potential students) that are confused about or beginning to question their major. At the center, students can take an online interest inventory to assist them in defining their interests, skills and work values. There are books and online resources for occupational research.

The Midtown Career Center also offers job search assistance and skill development. Students can use the computers to search on HACC’s College Central Network for all types of employment opportunities: on-campus, part-time, full-time, internships and other career related experiences. College Central is a great resource for our students, offering tutorials, podcasts, handouts and more. Besides utilizing the tools available in the Career Center, students can meet with the Career Advisor to have their resumes critiqued or practice their interview skills.

At any HACC campus, the Career Center is a perfect place for students to develop a sense of direction and the skills they need to be successful when planning for life after HACC.
January Birthdays

Brenda Aikey Trotta
Cathryn Amdahl
Mihajlo Balic
Phuoc Bang
Adam Barton
Sean Beaver
Denise Becker
Greg Beckley
Danielle Brookhart
Jennifer Bucher
Heather Campbell
Elizabeth Cook
Craig Davis
Robert Deitzel
Tom Doan
Richard Elwell
Mary Fourlas
Robert Gill
Tina Gill
Gary Gutshall
Charmaine Hall
Terri Hildebrand
Willetta Huth
Martha Lamprey
James Lard
Patricia Lentz
Larry Livingston
Tammie Mauck
Edward McCarthy
Ruth McGinley
Benjamin McNeil
David McNeilly
Robert Meyers
Richard Orange
Perry Pierich
Hubert Sacilowski
Beverly Segina
Elia Stoudt
R Bruce Sundrud
Angela Sye
James Terry
Patricia Thompson
Leroy Wade
Virginia Young
February 2012

AASA Honors dinner, Monday, February 27, 2012

Informal chat with Nancy Rockey, Interim Campus VP
Thursday, February 2 at 2:00 in Cooper 204

PA I-CAN!® E-file Program
Get your taxes done for free!
HACC—Midtown, Room 115
Saturday, February 18, 2012 8 a.m.—4 p.m.

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Alpha Nu Omega Chapter Events
Cooper Student Center

Spring Orientation—February 19, 2012 p.m.
(Inclement weather date: February 26, 2012, same place and time)

Spring Induction Ceremony—March 18, 2012, 3 p.m.
(Inclement weather date: March 25, 2012, same place and time)

For more activities click below to check out the HACCntivity calendar
HARRISBURG CAMPUS EMPLOYEE BUZZ
We invite you to be a part of this process by submitting your thoughts, ideas, items of interest, awards, faculty and staff profiles, etc., utilizing this page.

Received an award recently?
New family member?
Buy a new home?
Interesting vacation?
Employee profiles?

If you would like to be profiled, to nominate someone to be profiled, or to share some personal information with your co-workers at the Harrisburg Campus, please complete the form below, read & sign the release, and send it to Pat Thompson, W126.

PICTURES ARE WELCOMED!

Name______________________________________________________

Job Title____________________________________________________

Location____________________________________________________

Profile?____________________________________________________

What’s new?_________________________________________________

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Signature: __________________________ Date:___________________