Happy Summer!

Having just returned from a restful, relaxing week in Nags Head, N.C. I feel as if summer has finally arrived. The summer is a great time to take a deep breath, reflect on the accomplishments of the past academic year and establish goals for the upcoming year. In a few weeks a group of staff and faculty will be meeting to once again “dream” new ways to create the best student centered environment for our students. Each of you know firsthand that the educational opportunities we provide to our students are life-changing. We want to ensure that we continue to provide a supportive community that reinforces our commitment to each student. If you’re interested in participating in our upcoming “dream session”, please email me.

As we close the 2015 employee giving campaign, I thank each of you who supported the campaign with a gift. Through our collective efforts, this year’s campaign was one of our largest. A special thanks to Diane Bittle, Lise-Pauline Barnett and Beverly Stanton for serving as employee ambassadors to promote the campaign amongst faculty and staff colleagues. Next month, the HACC Foundation will kick off a fundraising campaign to raise $12 million over the next four years. The fundraising priorities (listed in alphabetical order) are Cooper Student Center renovation, emergency assistance funds, President’s Fund for Excellence and scholarships. This campaign will allow us to expand innovative educational opportunities for our students and support their financial assistance needs. I’m pleased to announce that alumni Jeff Shaffer and Gary Laabs have volunteered to co-chair our campus fundraising committee.

Mark your calendar for our Faculty and Staff Appreciation Picnic and Convocation on August 19, 2015. The picnic will begin at 11:30 a.m. followed by Convocation at 1:00 p.m. in the Robert C. Hoffman Community Room. Enjoy the remainder of the summer!

WELCOME!

Lori Bridel, Test Center Technician, will work in the Test Center on Mondays and Tuesdays. Lori is a former Air Force officer who served as an aircraft commander, instructor pilot, and flight evaluator. She holds a master’s degree in Aeronautical Science from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. An active member of the Gettysburg community, she enjoys horseback riding and is busy researching hobby farming. Please take a minute to stop by the test center to welcome Lori to the Gettysburg Campus!

Angel Sierra, Security Officer Angel was born on the beautiful island of Puerto Rico. He attended the Catholic University of Puerto Rico and graduated with a B.S. in Secondary Education. Angel served in the Army during the Cold War as a Hawk missile crew chief in Germany, California and Texas. He has spent the last 7 years in private security, two of those years as a supervisor. Angel is bilingual in Spanish and very patient with those who want to practice their Spanish!
MANUFACTURING SUMMIT

“Summit shines light on Adams County’s manufacturing future” was the headline in the June 20 Gettysburg Times. The Summit, hosted by the Adams County Economic Development Corporation (ACEDC), Senator Rich Alloway, The South Central Workforce Investment Board and HACC, focused exclusively on Adams County’s manufacturing industry. It provided an opportunity for the campus to highlight our new Mechatronics certificate program as well as HACC’s customized manufacturing training opportunities. Dory Uhlman, dean of academic affairs, Rich Hebel, mechatronics faculty member and Dan Wagner, director of workforce training represented HACC at the Summit. Local manufacturers represented at the Summit included, Rice Fruit Company, Knouse Foods, Pella, AgCom, Dr. Pepper/Snapple and Graphcom.

Construction began last week on the 2,900 square foot hands-on mechatronics lab which will be located at the south end of the campus. The Mechatronics certificate program melds electronics with automated mechanical systems, including robotics and electrical, hydraulic and pneumatic operations.
YWCA REDUCED RATE MEMBERSHIPS

Gettysburg campus staff, faculty and students have the opportunity to purchase a reduced rate membership for full Rec Pass access to the YWCA in Gettysburg. Faculty & staff can join at the **reduced rate of $150 for a 5 month membership until August 14, 2015.** After August 14, a new rate will be announced. Registration and payment for this discounted rate occurs in the campus Welcome Center where you will receive a card verifying your payment. This card is then taken to the YWCA and redeemed for your YWCA membership ID. **Thank you to Jessica Knouse,** director of student development and multicultural programming, for working with the YWCA to provide this important discounted wellness benefit.

FACULTY & STAFF RECOGNITION

**Scott Simonds, dean of student affairs,** is part of a group of volunteers who for the last four years have been involved in an experimental effort to find local solutions to food insecurity. The results of their efforts is Healthy World Café, a nonprofit, pay-what-you-can eatery in York that was recently featured in the Washington Post [http://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/travel/pay-what-you-can-cafes-let-diners-pay-it-forward/2015/06/18/47b12f2e-fd75-11e4-8b6c-0dcce21e223d_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/travel/pay-what-you-can-cafes-let-diners-pay-it-forward/2015/06/18/47b12f2e-fd75-11e4-8b6c-0dcce21e223d_story.html). **Congratulations Scott!!**

**Catherine Frost, assistant professor of mathematics,** was nominated to represent HACC at the Million Women Mentors Summit and Gala on September 21, 2015, at the National Press Club in Washington, DC. Million Women Mentors is committed to the advancement of girls and women in STEM, providing mentorships supporting them from middle school through their STEM careers. **Congratulations Catherine!**

**Amanda Hartzell, academic success specialist** and **Shannon Harvey, campus vice president,** for not forgetting fitness while on vacation in Nags Head, N.C. where they participated in the Sunset Spectacular 5k & Carolina Pig Pickin' beach race. **Congratulations Amanda and Shannon!**

**Darwin Laughman, facilities technician** and **Lorie McKee, fiscal support specialist** who have been recognized by their colleagues for their extra efforts to keep things running smoothly in the midst of staff changes, vacations and illnesses.
PHYSICIAN OFFICE ASSISTANT (POA) PROGRAM

Congratulations to our first class of POA graduates! The POA program was offered this spring for the first time on the Gettysburg Campus. The program is a workforce development program consisting of 172 class hours and 160 hours of practicum, allowing students to extern in family and specialty medical practices. At the completion of the program, students are prepared to work as front office staff in a physician or specialty practice or patient call center. Thank you to Joylynn Achaj, coordinator, Healthcare Education/Workforce, for bringing this high demand program to our campus and Sara Ridley, recruiter, for her recruitment efforts. The next POA class at the Gettysburg campus is scheduled to begin in January.

From Left to Right, POA graduates Debra Sneeringer, Rosa Basurto, Sarah Stolfzus, and Gayle Boyd →

ADIEU

We bid farewell to Beth Evitts, executive director of the HACC libraries, as she moves her office to the Harrisburg campus to focus full-time on college wide library department needs and strategic priorities, exploration of new library programs, and opportunities to enhance student success through library services.

WELCOME BACK

We welcome back Laura Wukovitz as director of Gettysburg and York campus libraries. Laura will split her time equally between the Gettysburg and York campuses. She anticipates being in Gettysburg consistently on Tuesday and Wednesday. Her outlook calendar will always reflect her location for the day.
NEW LOOK FOR THE HACC FOUNDATION

The HACC Foundation, the non-profit organization established in 1985 to raise private and corporate revenues in support of HACC, Central Pennsylvania's Community College, is pleased to announce the new:

1) HACC Foundation website
2) HACC Foundation logo

The design and coding of the new website were initiated by three Capstone Web Program students in spring 2014. They are now HACC alumni, each with an associate degree in Web development and design.

The HACC Foundation is truly grateful for this gift, as the new website is a tool that will help the Foundation grow its funds to further support HACC students and academic programs. It will also help to communicate more effectively and efficiently with our donors.

To accompany the new website, a new HACC Foundation logo was designed. The new logo helps to visually connect the HACC Foundation and the trademarked HACC logo.

For more information about these enhancements, I invite you to read the news release in HACC’s online newsroom.