Greetings!

Summer is finally here…while the building seems quiet there is a lot that is or will be happening this summer!

- **Markey Builders has begun renovation and construction of the Mechatronics classroom and lab located in the old Go Sport Physical Therapy space.**
- Mechatronics instructor, Rich Hebel, will be doing outreach to local manufacturing companies during **June and July** to promote the program.
- On Friday, June 19th a **Manufacturing Roundtable** will be held in partnership with Senator Rich Alloway, the Adams County Economic Development Corporation, the South Central Workforce Investment Board, and the Adams County Career Link to promote our mechatronics program and workforce development training to local manufacturers.
- As of today, **344 students are enrolled in summer courses representing an increase of 5.85%** over last summer. With the majority of our summer courses beginning June 22, I expect this number to continue to increase over the next few weeks.
- **Laura Wukovitz will be joining us July 1 as Library Director**, Gettysburg and York. Please take an opportunity to welcome Laura back to Gettysburg and wish Beth Evitts well in her new full-time role as **Executive Director of the Library** (college-wide).
- **Sara Ridley and her team will be taking their recruitment efforts on the road**, specifically down Route 116 on July 25th to the Hanover Dutch Days Festival where they will be giving away two $500 tuition giveaways from the HACC Foundation to be used by a future student for tuition and fees at HACC. Please contact Sara if you would like to volunteer to represent HACC at this event.
- **18 New Student Orientation (NSO) sessions are scheduled** between May and August. To date, over 165 new students have participated in an NSO session.
- The “Gettysburg Dreamers” will be meeting later this month to finalize activities and outreach for our fall “All Students Matter” student success campaign. As a result of the campus’ collective efforts around this theme, **student retention at the Gettysburg Campus increased 3% from Fall 2014 to Spring 2015**. The results were even more impressive for male students, with an increase of almost 5%! The photo below is a visual of what 3% looks like...**62 students!**
FACULTY/STAFF RECOGNITION & CELEBRATION!

Welcome…. Rich Hebel, full-time temporary faculty member for Mechatronics. Rich brings 35 years of industry experience, including working as the ergonomic safety specialist for Harley-Davidson, the EHS coordinator/facilities and maintenance manager at Pratt & Whitney, and as the senior training analyst and electrical designer for Hershey Chocolate USA. **Rich has served as a HACC adjunct faculty member since 1988 and was instrumental in developing the industrial maintenance program for HACC.** He earned his associate degree in electrical technology from Ryder Technical Institute, his bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering technology for Elizabethtown College, and his continuing education certification in adult training and development at the University of Richmond. Please join us in welcoming Rich to our campus!

Good Luck… After 13 years of service to the campus, **John Strahler retired on May 26.** A long-time staff member in our Test Center, John contributed to the campus and college in many ways. He began as one of the Test Center’s very first employees and helped develop many of the policies and practices in place today. John also served as the campus United Way campaign chair for many years, developed signage for the water management project at the rear of the building, and was an all-round generous and kind presence. We wish him the very best in his retirement!

Congratulations… Kathy Brickner who recently graduated from Leadership York’s Leadership Training Program (LTP). LTP is a nine-month, experiential course that educates participants about York County history and community issues. Participants discover their style and learn to work effectively with others by fine-tuning their leadership skills, enhancing their knowledge, and receiving guidance in choosing and applying for a board, elected, or appointed position. **Leadership York’s mission is to train and support individuals who have the desire to serve the York community in leadership positions.** The organization was founded in 1978 and boasts over 2,700 graduates from its six programs.
Welcome Back... after a three month medical leave and many trips to Johns Hopkins Medical Center for cancer treatment, John Gill, academic advisor, returned to his office only to find that Sara Ridley, Jessica Knouse, and Lisa Graham-Herrick had changed the décor!

Congratulations to Caren LaRue... who was selected to be a member of the American Nurse Credentialing Center’s (ANCC) Item Writing Workshop for the Psychiatric and Mental Health Nurse & Medical Surgical Nurse specialty. The panel is comprised of a select group of nurse experts from across the country who are tasked with the development of the specialty’s ANCC certification examination. Because of the expertise of nurse experts like Caren, the ANCC is able to offer quality certification examinations to nurses across the United States and internationally.

^ Happy Birthday…to Dr. Ski who received a surprise birthday cake and ice cream during a recent visit to the campus.
STUDENT RECOGNITION & CELEBRATION

The Annual Student Awards and Recognition Ceremony was held on Thursday, April 30. More than 300 students were awarded certificates of merit for their contributions to academic, co-curricular, or leadership excellence for the 2014-2015 academic year. Highlights of the evening included honoring the college’s first “Student Success Hero,” Mary “Evette” Bittman. Evette is a non-traditional student who has been instrumental in helping her classmates succeed through encouragement and her own passion for learning. SGA also honored classmate Kathleen Thompson for her outstanding service to HACC students and Mr. Robert King, facilities technician, for the many contributions he has made to student success. Student award winners and their guests enjoyed a dessert reception in The HUB and the opportunity to take pictures and celebrate with loved ones.

Matthew Zenettini, education major at Gettysburg Campus, was selected as a Bucknell Community College Scholar. The Bucknell Scholars program consists of a six-week summer session where Matthew will take two Bucknell classes while living on campus at Bucknell University. Matthew will return to HACC at the end of this summer to complete his associate’s degree. He will then have the opportunity to return to Bucknell to complete his bachelor's degree with a full academic scholarship as well as additional support for the cost of room, board and books.

GRADUATION HIGHLIGHTS

On Thursday, May 7, 24 nursing students were recognized for completing the associate degree RN program. This class was the first to complete the newly revised concept-based curriculum. The students participated in a traditional pinning ceremony, receiving a HACC nursing pin to commemorate their entry into the profession. Approximately 250 family members and friends attended the ceremony.
GRADUATION HIGHLIGHTS continued…

The Spring commencement ceremony was held May 16 at the Giant Center in Hershey. Pictured are three Gettysburg Campus graduates, Jonathan Weaver, Kathleen Thompson and Kristie Tinney.

Tom Long, Gettysburg Campus security officer receives his degree in Health Science from Dr. Ski.

VETERAN’S JOB VAULT

The York County Dept. of Veteran Affairs, County of Adams Veterans’ Affairs, Hanover Area Chamber of Commerce, and HACC-Gettysburg Campus and HACC’s Military and Veteran’s Affairs Office are partnering to connect veterans in the greater Hanover area to skilled positions with local manufacturers, by matching needed skill sets to those acquired during service. At www.hanoverchamber.com/programs/veterans, veterans are eligible to fill out an application that includes background, education and skill sets. These applications are then sent to area manufacturers and human resource managers.
CHAMBERSBURG HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR DECISION DAY

On May 20, Sara Ridley attended Chambersburg High School's Senior Decision Day, an event where all seniors were celebrated for their career choice after graduation. The students in this photo, as well as seven others, selected HACC as first choice for their college education. Senator Rich Alloway attended, providing the students with a certificate of congratulations.

GETTYSBURG CAMPUS “CAKE BOSS”

This beautiful cake was made by Stephanie King, wife of Bob King (facilities), for the nursing advisory board luncheon held on May 12. Stephanie teaches third grade in the South Western school district and bakes and designs cakes as her hobby!

HACC FOUNDATION BOARD SEEKS QUALIFIED APPLICANTS

The HACC Foundation, a nonprofit educational trust established in 1985 to raise private and corporate revenues in support of HACC, Central Pennsylvania's Community College, is seeking professional, ethical, knowledgeable and hard-working individuals to join its Board of Directors.

Qualified individuals are encouraged to apply for membership on the HACC Foundation Board. Applications are accepted any time and should be submitted using an online application.

^ Gettysburg Campus HACC Foundation Board members Gary Laabs and Missy Shupe