Faculty and Staff Attend PADE’s Annual Conference

On April 4, at Willow Valley, approximately 18 HACC faculty and staff attended the Annual Conference of the Pennsylvania Association of Developmental Educators where Dr. Hunter Boylan gave the keynote address, “Reports of Our Death Are Greatly Exaggerated.” Present at the conference were approximately 130 higher education professionals who work with underprepared students in higher education throughout the state, including Annette Beamesderfer, Margo Boman and Kathy Felty, from the Lebanon Campus (pictured below).

HACC has given leadership to this organization by persons participating on PADE’s Board of Directors including executive officers. Currently, Linda Mininger, Assistant Professor of Reading, is PADE President. Also on the PADE Board are Pauline Chow, Dr. Geri Gutwein, Marie Ulmen (secretary), Elisa Cohen (past president), and Mary Jo Keiter. Marguerite MacDonald is the current Vice-President of the National Association of Developmental Education.

The two-day annual conference was a chance for state-wide professionals to collaborate and participate in professional development sessions and activities.

Founded November 1979, the Pennsylvania Association of Developmental Educators (PADE) is a statewide professional, non-profit, educational organization addressing the needs and interests of developmental educators from every type of postsecondary institution in the state. Affiliated with the National Association for Developmental Education, PADE is recognized for its leadership in, advocacy for, and nurturing of programs/services for academically underprepared students and other special needs populations served by institutions of higher education.
News from Facilities

On May 13th, providing Mother Nature cooperates, Facilities will start the final window refurbish project. All the windows on the north and west facing exterior walls will be removed, cleaned, resealed and put back in with new exterior and interior sills. The purpose of the project is to stop water infiltration and to prevent heating and cooling exiting the building. The project is scheduled to be completed no later than July 13th, but is anticipated to be completed before this, again with Mother Nature’s cooperation.

The contractor will start with the windows in the Testing Center and classrooms 218 and 115, in order to keep class disruption to a minimum. It is hopeful these first areas will be completed by the start of the first summer classes, the following Monday. East Coast Contracting from New Cumberland, PA, was awarded the contract.

During the duration of the project, the parking lot directly next to the building and along the alley next to St. Mary’s will be unavailable to faculty and staff. And quite possibly other parking areas will have limited access from time to time.

The Facilities Department thanks you in advance for your patience and understanding!

LEBANON CAMPUS CLEAN-UP DAY

It is that time of year again, SPRING! It is time to clean up the campus landscaping, re-mulch and plant some flowers. Friday, April 19th, is the scheduled date to start the cleanup - rain date is April 26th. The plan is to rake, move some of the existing perennials around and if time permits do some mulching. Depending on the amount of helpers, there may be time to plant some annuals in the flower boxes and other areas.

Date: April 19th

Time: 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Facilities will provide a lunch of hotdogs and soda/water and the Bookstore is providing chips.

There is no formal signup sheet, but if you could contact a Facilities staff member or Errol Wizda, that would help in planning for lunch. So come out, roll up your sleeves, get a little dirty and help keep the campus “LOOKING GOOD”!!!
As the first sprouts of spring flowers were showing signs of the new season, the HACC Lebanon campus was also sprouting with excitement at their Spring for Success 2013 Job Fair. As a kick-off to the upcoming busy employer hiring season, HACC Lebanon Campus, in partnership with Dress for Success of South Central PA, held a job fair and fashion show event on March 21, 2013.

Dress for Success in Lebanon coordinated the fashion shows with Career Services and the KEYS Department at HACC Lebanon Campus, using students as models. The students were “outfitted” with a business suit prior to the event and walked the runway, showing off their attire to the onlookers, which included students, staff and community members. After the show, the student models were allowed to retain their attire for future job search activities.

Spring often means that many students are engaged in an active search for jobs or internships. Identifying companies of interest is certainly the first step, and these types of networking events provide students with the means to meet face-to-face with some of the area’s top employers. Included in the list of companies attending the job fair were: ASK Foods, Avon, Bayer Healthcare, Berks and Beyond, Career Link, Community Services Group, Good Samaritan Hospital, Hershey Entertainment and Resorts, Hollywood Casino, Holiday Inn, Jonestown Bank and Trust, Lebanon Family YMCA, Lowes of Lebanon, MSC, Nationwide Insurance, Quest, Royers, Tempforce, UPS and the VA Medical Center. The job fair was open to both HACC students, as well as the community. Over 50 students and 100 community members dropped in during the day to make the event a huge success. Job fair events are held at the Lebanon Campus at least twice per year, in the spring and fall.

It was an excellent “fit” to partner with Dress for Success for the event. HACC serves as a referral source to the Dress for Success Program for any student who is in need of an outfit for a job interview or business event. Referral forms for Dress for Success can be completed by contacting Lavinia Ritter, KEYS Program Facilitator at lgritter@hacc.edu or Margie Groy, Career Advisor/Career Services at mlgroy@hacc.edu.
Congratulations to staff and faculty!

Congratulations to Marie Melusky, who has been selected as the recipient of the Adjunct Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award for her exceptional contributions to HACC and our students. Marie will be recognized at the May 3, 2013 Staff Recognition Dinner and the Fall Orientation at our campus.

Best wishes to Shawn Dumez, IT Services, and his lovely bride, Heidi, who were married on April 13th!

Hats off to Brook Lauer, Adjunct Art Instructor, who won first place in the Art in the Wild Exhibit, at Wildwood Park, for her project entitled Nesting Roots. Sponsored by the Dauphin County Parks and Recreation Department, Harrisburg, Art in the Wild is an outdoor, trailside public art installation, using natural materials. The installation will be on public display from April 13 through October 31.

Brook explains that her project is influenced by nature and how her ideas of domesticity are reflected within the natural world - the balance and harmony that connects our family worlds to nature, including the chaos that lives within each. Nesting Roots is Brook’s way of connecting the human condition to the state of nature.