Happy Spring!

With more than a foot of snow outside, we’ll have more than a little slush in our shoes for a few days! Despite the unexpected March snow, we are quickly approaching the end of another semester and May commencement! Before we get there, I wanted to highlight and invite you to participate in a number of important events that will be happening at the Campus and the College in the coming weeks.

Upcoming Events

- April 4, 2018—Spring 2018 Open House from 6:00—8:00 p.m. Spread the word to any prospective students you may know.

- April 14, 2018—First Annual Gettysburg Campus Car Show to support students scholarships from 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Cruise on over to the Campus to enjoy food, a silent auction and your favorite cruising tunes played by our very own faculty organization president, David Bailey. Admission is free!

- April 18, 2018—HACC 3rd Annual Day of Giving Lots of fun activities are planned including a Corn Hole Tournament, Paint Night, Photo booth and Silent Auction. Special thanks to Judy Alder, Diane Bittle, Kathy Brickner, and Tracey Smith for their leadership in planning our activities. All funds raised from our Day of Giving activities will be used to establish the Gettysburg Campus Student Success Fund for Excellence. This fund will allow us to support initiatives that support our students.

- April 27, 2018—Third Annual President’s College wide Symposium “Fostering Community In Higher Education” The Gettysburg Campus students success committee will be presenting a session entitled “The Importance of Connections in Fostering Community”. We’ll be highlighting the work all of you do to support student success and retention.

April is shaping up to be a VERY busy month! I hope to see you at one or more of the events listed above. In the end, it is all about making meaningful connections with each other to build a strong community. Thank you for all you do to build a strong community for our students and each other!

~ Shannon Harvey
Welcome Back!

Keep an eye out for former Gettysburg Campus security officer Ed Baltzell and his therapy dog Blayde. Ed will be working with nursing faculty and students as part of Blayde’s training to become a certified therapy dog. Ed acquired Blayde from a very reputable breeder in Pocomoke, Maryland when he was nine weeks old. Blayde is a pure bred German shepherd and has been in training since he was ten weeks old. His first test, which he’ll take at one year of age, will be the American Kennel Club’s Canine Good Citizen exam which involves numerous commands he must execute and pass.

The next test will be a more involved State of Pennsylvania exam to become a certified therapy dog; this certification will allow Blayde to visit any institution with patients that would benefit from his comfort.

Blayde’s work with the nursing faculty and students will occur in the nursing lab to familiarize him with an active hospital environment. Canines, just like nursing students, can benefit from simulation!

If you’re interested in meeting Blayde, contact Wendy Kaehler at wakaehler@hacc.edu to find out when he’ll be on campus.

C.I.T.E Updates

On Friday, March 16, Gettysburg Campus faculty member and CITE coordinator Diane Bittle took a group of staff and faculty to visit the African American Museum in Washington DC.

For a listing of upcoming C.I.T.E. offerings click here.

Newest HACC Student

Grant William Gerhart
7lbs 15oz
21in
3/6/18

Congratulations to dad & mom, Gettysburg Campus math professor Matt Gerhart and his wife Ana Sanchez-Gerhart
On Tuesday, March 8 HACC Financial Aid hosted the first college wide HACCFAA day. HACCFAA was initiated to provide HACC staff with training in various areas of financial aid. Gettysburg Campus financial aid director Angie Buchanan-Bloch presented a session entitled "Financial Aid Detective". Welcome center director Cinnamon Hosterman and financial aid specialist Steve Helfrich also attended.
On Friday, February 23, 2017 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm Gettysburg Campus medical assisting professor, Jennifer Gonzalez hosted a reverse interview panel event for Gettysburg Campus medical assisting (MA) students. The MA students were able to meet office managers, human resources department personnel and receive information on job expectations from healthcare organizations in our community. The event was a huge success!

This year’s MA class includes students from Adams County, Franklin County, York County, Huntingdon County, and Maryland. Based on the student’s demographics, the following healthcare organizations participated:

- Apple Ridge Family Medicine
- Family First Health
- Gettysburg Family Practice
- Summit Physician Services
- UPMC Pinnacle Hanover Medical Group
- WellSpan Medical Group

Thank you Jennifer for providing this formative professional development opportunity for our MA students.

Welcome to Academic Affairs

Welcome to Patarin Hoffman who joined the academic affairs team on Monday, February 19th as an administrative assistant. Patarin was formerly the department assistant for the John L. Grove College of Business at Shippensburg University where she assisted with the daily operations of the MBA and Business Internship Program, semester scheduling process, and student application and enrollment processes.

Patarin received her B.A. in Political Science with a major in Sociology and Anthropology from Chulalongkorn University, Thailand. She spent one year at HACC Harrisburg before attending Shippensburg University where she earned her Master of Science in Organizational Development and Leadership with a concentration in Public Organization in December of 2012.

Thank you to Judy Alder, Tonya Heckman-Hann, and Wendy Kaehler for all of their extended assistance throughout the search process.
HELP SPREAD THE WORD: $100 AMAZON GIFT CARDS AND HACC YEAH T-SHIRTS

We need your help! Sometimes, community colleges get a bad rap, and we need to set the record straight. **We want our students to tell others why HACC is the #HottestCCInTheUniverse!**

The Office of College Advancement (OCA) is conducting a social media campaign until June 2018. To **encourage student participation**, OCA is giving away six $100 Amazon gift cards and #HACCYeah T-shirts to current HACC students only.

Please visit hacc.edu/WhyHACC for all of the rules and guidelines. Then, **encourage students to submit fun videos, so they can have a chance to win!**

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**Safety & Security Update**

Unfortunately, over the last month recent school shootings have left many students, faculty and staff in K-12 institutions and on college campuses keenly aware of the potential for tragedy. In the past several years, **HACC has implemented several measures to provide a safer environment for our community.** Our Safety and Security team have extensive training and experience and are committed to ensuring faculty, staff, and students on our campus are safe and secure.

Each of us has an obligation also. We need to **be proactive in learning more about the various ways we can protect ourselves and the campus.** I encourage you to do the following:

- Report suspicious activity or criminal activity
- Sign up for Hawk Response
- Request uniformed personnel to escort you
- If you see something say something
- Review [HACC DPSS Safety Briefing Video (Security 101)](#)

I would also like to **acknowledge lead officer Mike Redding who retired on Friday, March 16.** It is with deep appreciation that we say good-bye to Mike and thank him for the great work he has done for the Department of Public Safety & Security and the Gettysburg Campus for the past seven years.

As we look to fill Mike’s position, **DPSS Supervisor Mathew Rose will serve as interim lead security officer at the Gettysburg campus.** Matt has been in a college security supervisor position at the York campus for several years and also serves as the College’s Clery compliance officer.

<Officers Dwayne Smith, Tom Long, Mike Redding, Ivan Quinones & David Bishop>
On March 11/12 I had the opportunity to join 26 college presidents/vice presidents and school superintendents at a College Readiness Convening hosted by the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) in partnership with the American Association of School Administrators (AASA). Over 24 hours, the group shared best practices and discussed ways to address the issues of college access, readiness, persistence, and completion of a community college program or degree.

I highlighted the innovative high school partnerships we have with College Pathways and HACC Academy. If you’re interested in reviewing the presentations, they are available at AACC’s Community College/K-12 Convening website. On Monday (3/12/18), John Dyer, Director of Workforce & Economic Development, AACC provided updates on AACC’s workforce development initiatives and Dr. Anthony Carnevale, Professor and Director of the Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce highlighted his research related to Career Readiness and Good Jobs that Pay without a BA.

My key take-aways:

- Guided pathways have the potential to transform college readiness but will require large-scale transformational change, including re-evaluating and updating advising models, greater partnership between K12 and higher education and, most importantly, engagement of parents and funding support.

- Successful large scale high school/community college pathways require specific course sequences, progress milestones, and program learning outcomes that are aligned to the workforce.

- Increased professional development is needed for both high school teachers and college faculty to introduce and familiarize them with new research-based metrics to more appropriately assess that students are college ready, career ready and life ready. Multi-metrics beyond standardized testing is required. New Hampshire and Illinois were highlighted as two states piloting competency based systems.

- Good jobs for workers without BAs are increasingly concentrated in skilled-service industries such as health services and financial services rather than traditional blue-collar industries like manufacturing. The decline of jobs in the manufacturing industry accounted for the vast majority (83%) of the good jobs that workers without BAs have lost since 1991. Between 1991 and 2015 Pennsylvania lost 246,000 blue-collar non-BA good jobs, but gained 143,000 skilled-services good jobs for workers without BAs.

- Apprenticeships have the capability of transforming career readiness but must be carefully constructed so as to not perpetuate educational tracking. Reality remains that 70% of Americans believe career and technical education is critical to the economy and yet 70% of parents continue to desire a 4 year degree for their child. K12 and Community Colleges must focus resources and partnerships on apprentice/work based learning, non-credit to credit pathways, prior learning assessment, competency based education and effective industry partnerships.

—Dr. Walter Bumphus, president & CEO of AACC & Dr. Dan Domenech, executive director of AASA
Please congratulate the following Gettysburg Campus Faculty who were recently approved for promotion and/or tenure!

- **Lori Hockley** promotion to Associate Professor
- **Kathleen Pratt** promotion to Associate Professor
- **Kathleen Heidecker** promotion to Assistant Professor with tenure

The **2018 Employee Recognition Ceremony** honoring these employees will be held on **Friday, May 4, 2018** at the Cooper Student Center beginning at 4:30 p.m. **Honorees and one guest may attend free of charge.** Please visit [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/employee-recognition-ceremony-tickets-42715791081](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/employee-recognition-ceremony-tickets-42715791081) to purchase tickets and reserve your spot by Wednesday, April 25, 2018.

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Congratulations to **Aly Gray**, adjunct reference and instruction librarian for the Gettysburg & Harrisburg Campus’s who was recently featured in the Middletown Press and Journal newspaper for an innovative literacy program, "Tales with TAILS", that she facilitates at the Middletown Public Library.

Congratulations to **Gettysburg Campus student Kelsey Weaver** for being named a **2018 Coca-Cola Academic Team Gold Scholar**. Kelsey will receive a commemorative medallion and a $1,500 scholarship. Kelsey’s selection was based on academic achievement, leadership, and engagement in college and community service.

Congratulations to **Gettysburg Campus students Alexa Groft and Kelsey Weaver** for being named to the **2018 All-PA Academic Team**. For 24 years the PA Commission for Community Colleges has joined Phi Theta Kappa to honor students who have been nominated by their colleges to the All-PA Academic Team. Alexa and Kelsey will be honored at an Awards Banquet in Harrisburg on April 9, 2018.
Community Events

Come Walk With Me...

Save the Date: May 5 2018 from 1:00—5:00

May 5, 2018 from 1:00 to 5:00
Adams County’s annual
Come Walk With Me Event!
Free!! Multiple walks to meet
different needs and interests.
Walks begin at the Gettysburg Middle School Stadium.

If you’re a pastor invite your congregation, a teacher invite your students, a case worker invite your clients, a doctor invite your patients, a coach invite your team, a business leader invite your employees, or invite your friends and family. Let’s get Adams County Walking!

For More Information Go to www.adamscountycomemewalkwithme.org
Sponsored by: Healthy Adams County and Our Community Partners
Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Sorry, no pets allowed.

WALKING IS A MAN’S
BEST MEDICINE

HIPPOCRATES
The sixth annual Day of Transformation will be held Tuesday, April 10, from 1 to 5 p.m.

A one-day event created to honor the memory of former Gettysburg Campus vice president Jennifer Weaver by making a difference in the lives of women in our community. Local women who are aspiring to make a change, and could use a helping hand, are invited to choose professional clothing and accessories, receive makeovers and massages, and learn skills for interviewing and resume writing. This free event helps women in need to gain confidence and guidance.

How you can help:

- Donate women’s clothing, handbags, jewelry, and accessories. Clothing should be professional or business casual, gently used or new, clean, and on hangers. Donations will be accepted at the Gettysburg Hospital Auxiliary Thrift Shop from April 2–6, Monday through Friday between 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. Note: this year, there is early drop off at the United Way of Adams County on 123 Buford Avenue during normal business hours.

- Volunteer to help on the day of the event. To sign up to volunteer go to http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b45a4ad2fa2f58-dayoftransformatio2.

- Publicize the event to HACC students.

For more information contact Erin Rose (elrose@hacc.edu) or Shannon Harvey (ssharvey@hacc.edu).

Wilson College Partnership

Recently Wilson College vice president for enrollment services David Boisvert, vice president for academic affairs Elissa Heil and director of nursing programs Carolyn Hart met at the Gettysburg Campus with Shannon Harvey, Jill Lott, Tracey Smith and Dory Uhlman for a tour and discussion of a combination general articulation and dual admission agreement to replace the 2005 articulation agreement between Wilson College and HACC.

Representatives from Wilson College are also meeting with HACC Department chairs to discuss other possible program-to-program agreements in Education, Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Business, and Exercise Science.