MAKING CONNECTIONS

For the past two years, we’ve kicked off the academic year by highlighting activities and events to reinforce a campus culture focused on “All Students Matter.” The inspiration for these activities and events was based on Nancy Schlossberg’s theory of Mattering and Marginality. Her research indicates that the most powerful predictor of a student’s success is mattering; a student’s belief that they matter to the college and those they engage with at the college. Our commitment and focus on “Mattering” has proven to be successful, resulting in an increase in our fall to fall student retention rate! What we’ve come to realize is that this success has not resulted simply from the specific events and activities that have been part of our “All Students Matter” campaign.

Our student’s success has resulted from the connections they’ve made with faculty and staff. The Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE) reports that entering students predict they will stay in college and achieve their academic goals because of their own resolve. But most continuing students indicate that, at some point, they considered dropping out, and their reasons for staying in school almost always include the name of a particular person — an instructor, a staff member, another student — who gave the encouragement, guidance, or support they needed to keep going.

While we plan to continue all of the activities (Starfish, Hallway Meet & Greets, new student phone calls, etc.), and events (Advising on the Go, Food for Thought series, etc.) that are focused on student engagement, we recognize that the most powerful retention and success tools are the things each of us do on a daily basis to encourage, guide and support our students AND each other! It is these CONNECTIONS that make the difference. Keep up the great work and continue to do what you’re doing in big and small ways to understand students’ needs, connect with students where they are in their lives, and purposefully create relationships that will help our students stay in college and succeed.

Best wishes for a great semester!

“There were so many people at HACC, who believed deep down that my children and I have the right to create a better, brighter and healthier future for ourselves. With the help of so many HACC faculty and staff who believed and encouraged me, I was able to reach my goal of becoming a registered nurse.” ~ Audrey Mazur, 2016 HACC graduate

Audrey Mazur with Dr. Ski & Shannon Harvey >
BE IN THE KNOW WITH E2CAMPUS, HACC’S EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM!
Sign up for e2Campus, HACC’s free college wide alert system, to be informed quickly when the College has immediate announcements, such as weather-related closings, delays or cancelations or emergencies. You can find the link to e2Campus:

- On the homepage of hacc.edu
- On the homepage of myHACC
- By clicking on this link: http://bit.ly/e2Campus.

If you have any questions, please email haccaction@hacc.edu. Thank you!

YWCA REDUCED RATE MEMBERSHIPS
ALL Gettysburg campus staff, faculty and students have the opportunity to purchase a reduced rate membership at the YWCA of Gettysburg and Adams County.

Through HACC’s Hallmark Sponsorship, all campus faculty & staff receive a 20% membership discount. To receive the discount, see Vanessa Larson in Room 127 for a discounted membership card. This card is then taken to the YWCA and redeemed for your YWCA membership ID. To enter to win a FREE two-week membership to the YWCA, please see Vanessa Larson or Wendy Kaehler before September 2, 2016. A drawing for eight two week membership passes will be held on Monday, September 5.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION DAY
On Tuesday, June 14, the Gettysburg campus held a successful Community Education Day. Thirteen exciting and entertaining educational sessions were offered, including From Script to Syndication: A Step-by-Step Look at Producing a 30-minute Comedy, Baker’s Dozen: Thirteen Interesting but Little Known Places to Visit in Gettysburg, I Didn’t Know I Could Get That on the Internet and Sustainability 101-Your Ecological Footprint: What Is It, and Why Does It Matter? HACC faculty members, Tara Whitehead, Terry Havel, Josh Rumpff and William Hartzell participated as presenters for the event. This fall we are launching a Friday community education series. If you’re interested in presenting a session, please contact Dory Uhlman for a course proposal form.

To see a listing of sessions already scheduled for the NEW fall community education series visit http://www.hacc.edu/Students/upload/Fall-2016-Community-Education-Flyer-Updated-8-18-16.pdf.
ADAMS COUNT HEART & STROKE WALK

A HACC-Gettysburg team will again participate in the American Heart Association fundraising walk to be held on Saturday, September 11, 2016 at 9 a.m. Watch for more information from our team captain, Ed Baltzell. His goal is to exceed our $2,000 fundraising total from last year!

CAMPUS HOSTS HEROIN AWARENESS COMMUNITY FORUM

The Campus recently hosted a Community Forum on Heroin Awareness sponsored by The Adams County Heroin Task Force. Coordinated by Task Force Education Committee Chair and HACC Director of Student Development & Multicultural Programming, Jessica Knouse, panelists included Mary Qually, Adams Co. Commissioner; Jay Ondrizek, Heroin Task Force Committee Chair; Judge Thomas Campbell, Adams Co. Court of Common Pleas; Ben Allen, WITF News Reporter; Matthew Null, York/Adams Drug & Alcohol Commission; Mark Blanchard, GAHS principal; Charlene Grinder, Cornerstone Counseling; Don Slimmer, Adams Regional Paramedic; Cpl. Kenny Hassinger, Pa. State Police; Chris Echterling, Wellspan Health; Lynne Bishop and Tracie Smith, community members; and Alyssa Smith, recovering addict & inspirational speaker. The two-and-a-half hour forum was attended by over 75 community members. Discussion centered on implementing a drug treatment court, Naloxone access, mentoring programs, rehab, and connections to local resources.

THANK YOU NOTE RECEIVED FROM STUDENT

Marketing professor Kathleen Pratt recently received this note from a former student: “I just wanted to thank you for your assistance in my job search. I am pleased to say, I was offered the position at the YWCA and accepted. Thanks to the skills I have gained from HACC, and the support from the faculty, I re-enter the workforce confident in my ability to contribute and strive to be an asset to the team.”
GETTYSBURG HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT RECEIVES MECHATRONICS SCHOLARSHIP

2016 Gettysburg High School graduate, Jesus Barona, received a $4,250 scholarship to attend the Gettysburg Campus Mechatronics program this fall. The scholarship was made possible by the Adams County Community Foundation-Adams County Dollars for Scholars and the Wolf Family Charitable Trust.

The Wolf Family Charitable Trust has also supported the Gettysburg Campus Nursing program.

< Emily Rice-Townsend, Rice Fruit Company; Jesus Barona; Mr. Tom Wolf; Shannon Harvey

TUTION GIVE-AWAY RECIPIENT

Alana Cosey was the recipient of the $500 tuition giveaway during the Open Enrollment Day in June. Alana recently graduated from Chambersburg Career Magnet School and participated in the FCCTC Allied Health Program. Alana is a pre-nursing student.

OFFICE OF FINANCE TRAINING VIDEO

To kick off the new FY16-17 budget year, the Office of Finance is introducing their first in a series of training videos! The debut video is titled “Accessing FY16-17 Budget” with Tim Sandoe, vice president of finance and Connie Smith, York Campus fiscal support specialist, narrating. The video can be found at: https://drive.google.com/a/hacc.edu/file/d/0B472yeGUcysxdXV1anpTVFjZ0E/view or on the MyHACC portal, finance tab/videos. Stay tuned for the next installment!
FINAL TOTALS FOR DAY OF GIVING!

THANK YOU for making history by supporting HACC’s first-ever Day of Giving. Our goal for the Day of Giving was $51,000 – $1,000 for each year of the College’s existence. The College EXCEEDED its fundraising goal by raising $145,682!

At the Gettysburg Campus, we raised over $45,000 in donations and pledges to support the four priorities of the Invest. Impact. Inspire. Campaign. Thank you for your generosity!

< Wendy Heiges’ “Spring in Bloom” collection of handcrafted jewelry and mirrors were part of the Day of Giving fundraiser resulting in a $500 donation to the Gettysburg Campus Emergency Assistance Fund.

RECENT TOUR OF CAM INNOVATION, INC.

CAM Innovation, Inc., located in Hanover, designs and manufactures machinery to build and repair large motors in more than 60 countries around the world. CAM’s customers include virtually all of the world’s major railroads, mining equipment companies and electrical equipment manufacturers.

Pictured in this photo are CAM, Inc. Operations Manager Jim Green, 2016 Mechatronics graduate and CAM employee, Zachary Brown, Shannon Harvey and Dr. Ski. 2016 Mechatronics graduate Jaime Aviles Martinez is also employed at CAM.
HOW TO HANDLE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION INQUIRIES

When you receive telephone inquiries related to Right to Know or Freedom of Information Act requests, please do the following:

1. Direct the caller to our website: www.hacc.edu
2. Ask the caller to type in “Right to Know” in the search function to find the Web page about the Right to Know process (Note: This is the direct link to the Web page: http://www.hacc.edu/AboutHACC/Administration/RighttoKnow/index.cfm)
3. Ask the caller to follow the detailed instructions on the website
4. Tell the caller that his or her request will be handled when he or she follows the detailed instructions
5. Do not engage in any conversation beyond this, because it might be used against the College later – especially if you share erroneous information with the caller

When you receive email inquiries related to Right to Know or Freedom of Information Act requests, please do the following:

1. Forward the email to righttoknow@hacc.edu (this email address is also listed on http://www.hacc.edu/AboutHACC/Administration/RighttoKnow/index.cfm)
2. Do not respond to the writer

Upon receipt of these telephone and email inquiries, the Office of College Advancement team will handle them and confer with the necessary individuals.

CAMPUS BUS HAS NEW TECHNOLOGY!

Scott Decker and the IT team recently oversaw audio-visual enhancements to the campus bus. Additions include a DVD stereo, 32” LED TV, new sound system, the ability to connect a laptop for PowerPoint presentations, connections for an IPOD or MP3 player to listen to your tunes, an AC outlet to charge a laptop, USB charging ports at each seat to keep all portable devices charged, and a new PA system. It is literally a “Classroom on Wheels!”

If you plan to use the bus, please consult our IT staff for a quick tour and training on all the new “bells and whistles.” A manual is located on the bus if you need assistance while you are out and about. Enjoy your next trip!
PARKING LOT PIPE REPLACEMENT COMPLETE!

The buried drain pipe that runs from the storm drain in the north end of the parking lot to Rock Creek (along The Green) was disintegrating, causing potential sink holes in the parking lot. Construction to replace the pipe began on July 26 and was completed by mid-August.

The storm drain at the opening of the pipe is equipped with a filter that removes oils and contaminants from the parking lot runoff. The environmentally friendly filter will be changed three to four times a year. Thank you to Ron Cline and Brian Miller for identifying this potentially dangerous situation and working with the contractors to complete the necessary repairs.

SAYING GOODBYE TO A FRIEND & COLLEAGUE

On Aug. 15 at 2 p.m. in the Robert C. Hoffman Community Room current and former students, faculty, staff, colleagues and family of HACC History professor Terry Havel gathered to celebrate and remember a man who was a historian, teacher, baseball lover, and friend to many. Terry passed away unexpectedly on July 25 from heart failure. Members of Terry’s family, community history colleagues, staff and students from the Gettysburg Campus shared memories of Terry. A reception and time of fellowship followed the program.

In honor of Terry’s enthusiasm for providing co-curricular travel opportunities for HACC students, our campus established the Terry Havel Co-Curricular Travel Fund to provide funding assistance to faculty and staff to offer co-curricular trips for HACC Gettysburg Campus students. You can contribute to this initiative online at www.hacc.edu/givemoney. Under “Choose Your Designation” click “Other Fund.” Then type in the Terry Havel Co-Curricular Travel Fund.

Or, you can complete the contribution found online at: http://www.hacc.edu/HACCFoundation/WaystoGive/upload/Employees-Donation-Form-2016.pdf. Please note the Terry Havel Co-Curricular Travel Fund in the memo line. Written condolences can be sent to Terry’s brother Jim Havel (pictured above) at 823 Troon Trail, Columbus, Ohio 43085-2949.
CELEBRATING HACC STAFF & FACULTY

PART-TIME USER SUPPORT TECHNICIAN

Stop by the IT office and congratulate Nathan Tasker, OIST's new part-time user support technician. Nathan’s hours will be from 2 – 7:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Nathan graduated high school as a homeschooled student in 2015 and is currently enrolled at HACC, pursuing his associate's degree in Math/Computer Science. He has done freelance IT work since high school and for the past year has been a student worker at HACC, Gettysburg Campus IT Department. In addition to IT, Nathan has also served as a New Student Orientation Leader and is a member of our Student Government Association and Student Programming Board and was the recipient of HACC’s first full-ride merit scholarship in 2015.

MEDICAL ASSISTING (MA) FACULTY MEMBER

Jennifer Gonzalez was hired as a full-time temporary faculty member for the new MA program that begins this fall. Jennifer is a medical assistant with AAMA and PBT (ASCP) certifications, and she is a member of HACC’s Medical Assistant Advisory Board. Jennifer graduated from HACC’s medical assisting program and has been working as a medical assistant for WellSpan Medical Oncology. She is a native of Gettysburg, PA.

RON HARRIS SUBJECT OF Companion Magazine ARTICLE

The July issue of the Gettysburg Companion Magazine highlights Computer Information Systems faculty member Ron Harris. If you take a minute to read the article, you’ll learn about Ron’s upbringing, his years in the Navy, the opening of his own company and becoming a principal consultant to the General Accountability Office. He and his wife relocated to Adams County in the mid-nineties where he became an actor with several local theatre companies, founded rhProductions, became an adjunct instructor at HACC’s Gettysburg Campus, and was elected the mayor of Carroll Valley.

<A copy of the magazine is available in the Learning Commons
DIRECTOR OF LOCAL MUSICAL

George Muschamp, Theatre faculty member, recently directed the musical “1776” at the Gettysburg Community Theatre. The musical is based on the events surrounding the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the efforts of John Adams to persuade his colleagues to sign the document. HACC alumni Kramer Hardman was a member of the cast.

SUMMER CAMPS ON CAMPUS

Josh Rumpff, coordinator of instructional design, led a four day summer camp Architecture through Minecraft. The students, ranging in ages 11 to 15, spent time learning about key architectural movements in history and their contributions to architecture as we know it. Each day the students learned about the key elements in each movement then interpreted them in the popular “LEGO-esque” building computer game, Minecraft. Whether it be the Roman’s contribution of arches or the popular flying buttresses of Gothic era architecture, the students did their best to create unique buildings in the game implementing these structures. At the end of the camp, each student had one of their buildings created by a 3D printer at HACC Midtown campus.

Have a great semester!