Greetings!

The end of the Fall Semester and the quickly approaching close of another calendar year is an appropriate time to wish all of you a very happy holiday, to celebrate some of our many successes, and to look ahead to 2018!

There is certainly much to celebrate on our campus, but the two things I’ll highlight are positive indicators of our importance to our community:

- **Registration for the Spring 2018 term is underway.** Please continue to encourage current students to register early to get the courses they want. We are seeing positive indicators regarding Spring 2018 enrollment. At this time last year, we had 396 applications for admissions. Currently, we have 440, an increase of 44 applications! Our recruitment and enrollment staff will be working very hard to convert these applications to enrollments.

- **A Manufacturing Panel was held at the Gettysburg Campus in partnership with Advantage Adams on October 31.** Nearly 20 percent of Adams County’s workforce is employed in manufacturing, and the average manufacturing Adams county wage is $47,325, about $8,500 higher than the county’s median wage from all other industries. The event provided an opportunity to highlight the Campus’ Mechatronics certificate program and HACC’s Industrial Manufacturing Technician (IMT) apprenticeship program.

This spring, the campus will focus on updating our Campus Master Plan. You can anticipate opportunities to provide input to the goals and priorities for the 2018 - 2021 Gettysburg Campus Master Plan. One of the most exciting areas of the Plan will be the reconfiguration of many areas of the Learning Commons in order to accommodate the increasing technology and academic support needs of our students.

^ Lauren Holubec, manager of career and technical education for HACC; Tom Palisin, executive director of the Manufacturers’ Association; Leigh Ann Wilson, marketing manager of Mantec Inc; Robin Fitzpatrick, president of ACEDC & Mike Granby, president of Red Lion Controls Inc

~ Shannon Harvey

Happy Holidays!
DUAL ENROLLMENT (DE) & COLLEGE in the HIGH SCHOOL (CHS)

DE and CHS students continue to be an ever increasing population at the Gettysburg Campus. This population of students currently represents about 25% of our total campus enrollment. We currently have over 450 high school students enrolled in one or more DE or CHS classes. These students bolster class enrollments and create a pipeline of students who may remain at the college after high school graduation to complete their degree. Our matriculation rates (two semesters after high school graduation) for DE and CHS students have gone from about 12% to almost 20%

Research increasingly bears out the benefits of participating in dual enrollment. Compared with their peers with similar high school academic performance and demographics, students who have participated in dual enrollment coursework share the following characteristics...More likely to meet college readiness benchmarks...More likely to enter college, and enter shortly after high school graduation. Less likely to place into remedial English or math. Higher first-year GPA. Higher second-year retention rates. Beyond these quantitative outcomes, dual enrolled students cite additional benefits, including seeing themselves as college material by experiencing and succeeding in college-level coursework.

The annual National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (NACEP) national conference was recently held in Washington, D.C. The conference seeks to develop strong concurrent enrollment programs throughout the nation by sharing research, discussion ideas for the future, staying up-to-date on national trends and legislation, and networking with secondary and post secondary professionals in the field. Former Gettysburg High School (GHS) principal Mark Blanchard, GHS counselor Leigh Walton, Sara Maines and Shannon Harvey presented a conference session entitled “Show Me the Money: Local Level Strategies for Funding Dual Enrollment”.

GHS National Honor Society President and HACC DE student, Caton Raffensperger invited Shannon Harvey to present the Keynote address at the GHS National Honor Society Induction Ceremony.
Communications professor Holly Cieri recently challenged her Comm. 110 (Introduction to Communication) students to create a display to promote the communication program at HACC. The students had to create a poster display or a tri-fold, stand-up display that met the following requirements:

- Provided adequate information about the communication program so that those who are unfamiliar with the program would become better informed and could understand the content. The message had to be clear and easy to understand.
- Targeted the display to a specific “audience” (prospective or current students not familiar with the program). The students studied public relations and learned about creating messages that are targeted to a specific audience.
- Utilized Rhetorical Strategies.

A panel of esteemed faculty (David Bailey, Lisa Hill, Kathleen Pratt, Ken Shur & Tara Whitehead) judged the displays to determine the winner. The students pretended they were competing for $10,000 instead of the reality of 10 extra credit points!

The displays were on exhibit in the Learning Commons for a few days, so expect to see a jump in Communication program numbers next semester!

The Gettysburg Campus Environmental Club with the support of Advisors Ruth Negley and Bill Hartzell were recently recognized by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for their long standing participation in the Adopt-A-Highway Program. The recognition highlighted “through the commitment of civic-minded people like you there is a considerable difference in the reduction of litter in Adams County and across the Commonwealth. Your time and effort to help keep Pennsylvania beautiful shows your pride in your community and it is very much appreciated.” If you’re interested in participating in the next highway cleanup effort, contact Bill Hartzell or Ruth Negley.
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**STAFF & FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS**

- **WELCOME Cathy Witt!** Cathy is the **coordinator of disability services**. She holds a Bachelor’s of Health Science in Allied Health Management from Clarion University and an Associate’s of Science in Occupational Therapy from Penn State University. Cathy brings with her a diverse set of skills which will be beneficial to our ODS office. In her spare time she enjoys volunteering in her community, attending her children’s events, photography, crafting and outdoor recreational activities. **Cathy’s hours are Mondays 8:00 am - 3:30 pm, Wednesdays 8:00 am - 5:00 pm and Thursdays 9:00 am - 1:30 pm.**

- **CONGRATULATIONS Cynthia Garcia!** Cynthia, academic advisor, recently **completed her Master’s degree in Higher Education Enrollment Services and Institutional Marketing** through Walden University.

- **CONGRATULATIONS Divine Dugah!** Divine, chemistry professor, and his wife Geraldine, recently welcomed **Bisona Dugah** to their family. Bisona weighed 7 pounds 6 ounces and was 20.5 inches long! With 3 girls and his wife, Divine is definitely outnumbered in the Dugah household!

- **CONGRATULATIONS Cinnamon Hosterman & Howard Alexander.** Cinnamon, welcome center director, and Howard, director of counseling & advising, recently graduated from **HACC’s Excellence in Management Program**. The program was designed by HACC’s Faculty and Staff Development Institute to provide supervisors with the required skills and knowledge to lead a unit effectively. Participants are required to attend five five-hour sessions over five consecutive weeks.
• **CONGRATULATIONS CHRIS ESGAR!** Chris Esgar, instructor of business and management, was awarded the **Educator of the Year** award by the Hanover Area Chamber of Commerce for his many years of service to the Hanover Chamber Workforce Development initiatives, specifically the Introduction to Manufacturing program. Chris wrote the course description and worked toward approval of the Intro. to Manufacturing course, which eventually earned him the PA Department of Workforce Development Award in 2005.

> Dr. Ski, Shannon Harvey, Chris Esgar and Chamber president **Gary Laird** at the Annual Awards ceremony held at Bay City Restaurant.

• **CONGRATULATIONS TO KATHLEEN PRATT!** Kathleen, assistant professor of management and marketing, was elected to the **Gettysburg Area School District board of directors**.

• **CONGRATULATIONS TO BILL HARTZELL!** Bill, instructor of biology, was among a select group of educators from over 30 countries who had the opportunity to participate in a **three day climate science conference in Pittsburgh organized by Al Gore and his Climate Reality Project**. The Climate Reality Project is a non-profit organization focused on climate change education and countering climate change denial campaigns worldwide.

• **THANK YOU TO CRISTAL RENZO!** Cristal, associate professor of English, presented “Contemplative Pedagogy and its Benefits to Students” at the **Fall 2017 Virtual Learning Retreat**. In addition, she also did a breakout session on “Mindfulness as an Instructor and Self-Care with Meditation.”

• **WELCOME TO KEGAN BRAUNING!** Kegan, part-time user support technician, is a military veteran, with a very strong computer support background and great customer service skills. Please take a minute to introduce yourself to Kegan when you see him.
Of the 322 graduates of the associate degree program who took the NCLEX-RN licensure examination between October 1, 2016 and September 30, 2017, 91.93% were successful at gaining licensure on their first attempt.

Of the 62 graduates of the practical nursing program who took the NCLEX-PN licensure examination within the same time period, 96.77% were successful at gaining licensure on their first attempt.

This percentage of successful licensure candidates, on their first attempt at the NCLEX examination, exceeds both the National and Pennsylvania state average, and speaks to the quality of the HACC program.

Congratulations to the Gettysburg Campus nursing faculty and students for their hard work and dedication to the profession. Since the inception of the nursing program in 2003, the Gettysburg Campus has graduated over 500 nurses!

The HACC Foundation, the Gettysburg Campus Student Government Association and Phi Theta Kappa participated in the Adams County Community Foundation (ACCF) annual Giving Spree on Thursday, November 9 from 4 – 6:30 p.m. at the Gettysburg Area Middle School. The mission of the Giving Spree is to inspire a passion for charitable giving among the citizens of Adams County for causes that are close to their hearts. HACC received the most “Spree Coins” raising $680.00 for the PTK & SGA Scholarships at the Giving Spree!

Thank you to PTK advisors Donneva Crowell and Kathleen Heidecker for their support of this event.

Dr. Jason Perrin, Gettysburg Area School District superintendent, Mark Blanchard, principal and Rebecca Krishan, Gettysburg Area Education Foundation director, recently presented a check for $2,000 to Shannon Harvey and Cinnamon Hosterman to support tuition for GHS students enrolled in College in the High School or Dual Enrollment courses.
Read YOUR Stories in the 2016-17 Annual Report

The 2016-17 HACC and HACC Foundation annual report is now available online. This year’s report features compelling stories from HACC students, successful alumni, community partners, faculty and staff. Each story demonstrates our commitment to the goals that make up our 2015-19 Strategic Plan – academic excellence, student success, institutional sustainability and diversity and inclusivity.

The annual report also includes updates on the Invest. Impact. Inspire. Campaign for HACC and special initiatives and events that were made possible through HACC Foundation funds.

Read more about our “Journey to Excellence” in our interactive annual report.

Thank you for your continued support!

Campus Art Reception

Artist Pam Wenger, whose exhibit entitled “Muses” is currently on display in the main hallway through December 19, 2017, participated in a reception and artist talk with students from Ilene Rosenberg’s Humanities class and Tara Whitehead’s English composition class.

Pam’s work has been exhibited and won awards in National and Local shows, including Pennsylvania’s “Art of the State”, Pennsylvania Watercolor Society’s Juried Shows, and the Baltimore Watercolor Society’s Mid Atlantic Shows. Her art can be viewed at www.pamwenger.com and on her blog at www.exploringwatercolor.blogspot.com
HACC-O-WEEN Gettysburg Campus Style

CLOTHES MAKE A STATEMENT. COSTUMES TELL A STORY.

MASON COOLEY
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HACC-O-WEEN (cont.)

Thank you to Dory Uhlman for organizing the “Boo Buddy” tricks and treats exchange!