Greetings Harrisburg Campus Community! As we approach the halfway point of the semester, fall is upon us and winter is just around the corner. I always enjoy watching the leaves turn as I walk across campus. We are privileged to work on a campus that displays the beauty of each season. Thank you to all who help maintain our buildings and grounds. I recently read an article outlining the things we can do to support first-generation college students:

- Teach students about growth mindset, challenges can be used as opportunities
- Provide students with resources to assist with applying for and understanding the financial aid process
- Be a mentor or direct students towards mentoring programs
- Encourage students to get involved with an organization on campus or in the community

As we work together as a team to help all our students, many first generation students need our support to take the steps forward for both themselves and their families.

Please join me in welcoming Noah J. Roufos-Abbey as the next Harrisburg Campus vice president beginning Oct. 30. Since 2009, Noah has served in a variety of leadership positions at Penn State University Harrisburg, including positions in resource development and alumni relations. He is also a Penn State adjunct instructor teaching homeland security policy and administration classes. Noah earned both his master’s degree in public administration and a bachelor’s degree in speech communications from Penn State.

In this edition of the Vibe, we have highlighted programs and activities around the campus including:

- Fall Free 4 All
- Awards and recognitions
- Fall sports
- Harrisburg Promise
- Jeanne Cleary disclosure report
- Financial Reality Fair
- Bike Fixit Station
- And much more

As always, thank you for all your help as we work together making our communities stronger and changing the lives of our students!

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Workforce Development

Robert Stakem, Director, Public Safety Center, attended the Pennsylvania Emergency Health Services Council annual EMS conference at the Double Tree Resort in Lancaster.

The annual EMS awards were presented in front of approximately 200 attendees. HACC sponsored the EMS Educator of the Year Award this year. HACC was the only educational institution that sponsored an award. The other awards were sponsored by healthcare organizations or for-profit entities.

Opportunities and partnerships such as this set us apart from the other educational institutions within the public safety field. Thank you for this opportunity!

Fire Science

In July, HACC’s Fire Science Degree program obtained National Recognition by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as a National Fire and Emergency Services Higher Education Program. According to the US Fire Administration, the mission of the Fire and Emergency Services Higher Education (FESHE) network is to “Establish an organization of post-secondary institutions to promote higher education and to enhance the recognition of the fire and emergency services as a profession to reduce loss of life and property from fire and other hazards.”

Perry Pierich, Fire Training Coordinator, worked diligently to meet the criteria for this remarkable accomplishment. HACC’s Fire Science degree is one of three associate degrees in Pennsylvania with this designation.
Academic Affairs

Full-time faculty positions for the 2018-19 academic year has been completed. Harrisburg Campus will have the following positions:

- Automotive
- Biology
- Exercise science/Biology
- Math/Computer Science
- Welding
- Business (20% Harrisburg, 80% Virtual)
- Communications (20% Harrisburg, 80% Virtual)

Associate Dean in Academic Affairs

We are very excited to announce that Leslie Boon will be joining the Harrisburg Campus as an Associate Dean in Academic Affairs starting Monday, October 23!

Leslie has served as the Director of Tutoring and Testing at the Gettysburg Campus since 2010. She has served in several leadership roles at HACC including serving as interim campus dean at Gettysburg in 2014, and coordinator for Gettysburg’s college in the high school program from 2011-2013. Leslie is serving in her second term as Secretary for the Administrative and Professional Organization (APO). Leslie will be working from offices in Whitaker 111 and Arts 121 and will be serving as the associate dean working with Social Sciences and Communication, Humanities, & Arts departments.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank John Mummert and Rick Albright for their work for the last two months to support additional departments following the departure of Sheila Ciotti.

When Leslie comes on board, the dean assignments in Harrisburg will be:

- **Rick Albright**: English, Math, and Nursing
- **John Mummert**: Engineering & Technology, Health & Public Service
- **Leslie Boon**: Social Science and CHA
- **Jennie Baar**: Science and Business

Harrisburg Final Exam Schedule

The Harrisburg Campus Final exam schedule is now posted online at [Harrisburg Final Exam Schedule](#)
The start of the 4th annual HACC Invitational men’s 8K race on September 23, 2017. The race had 28 male participants on a hot day and HACC’s Kevin Cole came in 5th place overall.

The HACC Men’s Golf team after their second place finish at the Lackawanna golf tournament. The team finished the fall season in second place and is looking forward to the spring season and the push to Regionals.

HACC Women’s Volleyball playing against Valley Forge, getting the conference win. The team is poised to make the playoffs again for the sixth consecutive year since joining the NJCAA in 2012.

HACC soccer player Eric Zart and the team playing against Montgomery County CC on August 31, 2017.
Greetings from Cooper

In collaboration with the Student Development and Multicultural Programs department Fall ‘17 Lunch and Learn series, PSECU hosted a Financial Reality Fair on September 20th under the tents in the library courtyard on HACC’s Harrisburg Campus.

The Financial Reality Fair is an interactive event that gives students a real-life, hands-on personal budgeting experience. Students are given a personalized budgeting worksheet based on the career area and level of education they’re planning to pursue. During the event they visit a series of booth that covers large and small expenses, from housing and transportation to meals out and pets, and once they’ve visited all booths they meet with a financial counselor to see if their choices fit into their budget. They’re encouraged to revisit booths as many times as possible to end with a balanced budget and gain an understanding of the range of the financial choices they’ll have to make every day.
Community Picnic Celebrates Harrisburg Promise for Area Youth

A photo booth, colorful T-shirts, bubbles, Hula-Hoops, campus tours and food were among the activities at the second annual Harrisburg Promise picnic on Sept. 16, 2017.

Approximately 100 middle-school students and their families from the Harrisburg and Steelton-Highspire school districts participated in the two-hour event held in the Rose Garden at the Harrisburg Campus of HACC, Central Pennsylvania’s Community College.

Woven into the fun activities was a life-changing message: “YOUR future is truly our focus.”

Harrisburg Promise is an initiative launched in 2016 to provide pathways to postsecondary education with mentoring and career guidance beginning in seventh grade and throughout high school.

Sygielski said his future was influenced by one teacher who saw something in him beyond the traditional steel-mill jobs in his native Cleveland, Ohio. “If it were not for that teacher, I wouldn’t be here with you today,” Sygielski said. “A zip code does not define who we are. ... Education will make that difference,” Sygielski said.

Students who successfully complete the program may be eligible for a Harrisburg Promise Scholarship through the HACC Foundation. The HACC Foundation has a goal of raising $150,000 by 2020 to establish the Harrisburg Promise Scholarship for students who successfully complete the program and enter HACC as a first-year student.
Student Programming

HACC students, staff, and faculty were treated to a petting zoo on Tuesday, September 26th. Over 20 animals including goats, a camel, a llama and various others were on exhibit throughout the day.

Fall Free 4 All

The annual welcome event for our students – the Fall Free 4 All – was held Wednesday, September 6th. The purpose of this event is to let our students know what services, clubs, sports, and other opportunities are available to them. There was free food, games, raffles and more! The theme this year was Tailgating.
Safety and Security News

HACC, Central Pennsylvania’s Community College, is required by the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (20 USC § 1092(f)) to publish an annual security report by Oct. 1 of each calendar year. This report contains three years of campus crime statistics for incidents that occurred on a HACC campus, in unobstructed public areas immediately adjacent to or running through a campus and at certain non-campus facilities owned or controlled by the College.

Also included in the report are policy and procedure disclosures for emergency response, the reporting of crime, investigative and disciplinary procedures for rape, sexual assault/misconduct and drug and alcohol control, among others.

This report is now available on HACC’s website at http://www.hacc.edu/AboutHACC/PublicSafetyandSecurity/upload/HACC_ASR.pdf

Free paper copies are available upon request at any campus public safety and security office or Welcome Center.

Dero Fixit

Bicycle South Central PA is making our Capital City Area more inviting to biking and walking by donating a Dero Fixit to HACC, Central Pennsylvania’s Community College.

The new station complete with a variety of tools for repairs and adjustments has been installed along the Capital Area Greenbelt as it runs through HACC’s Harrisburg Campus.

This is the first of many planned improvements coming in 2018 to the 20 miles Greenbelt.

Bicycle riders on the beautiful Capital Area Greenbelt are occasional riders, commuters, or recreational riders of all ages. Things do happen to bicycles which need to be repaired or adjusted. This Fixit, which has tools attached and a pump to air up tires is strategically located for use by all. The unit; manufactured in the USA by Dero has hanger arms to enable raising the bicycle (regardless of size) off the ground while making adjustments to gears, wheels, brakes, with pedals and wheels turning freely. The Fixit allows for the use of both hands while making repairs and adjustments.

In addition the Capital Area Greenbelt will install an informational kiosk including updated maps, brochures and emergency contact info, helpful to local residents and visitors out enjoying our beautiful city.

The Fixit Station is located West of the Ted Lick Bridge (on the parking lot side)
Looking for a Social Media Presence for YOUR HACC Club?

Social media is a great way to engage others in YOUR program or club. HACC already has more than 75 Facebook pages and/or groups. Therefore, before you begin promoting your program or club on social media, you may want to check to see if a current Facebook page or group may meet your needs. If not, please follow these guidelines for the creation of all new accounts.

If you are an adviser of a HACC club and would like a Facebook page or group, please follow the College Administrative Procedure (AP 901) and submit a communications hub request. The Office of College Advancement (OCA) will work with you to create the page or group.

Please be prepared to answer the following questions when submitting your request:
- What is the purpose in creating the page?
- What is your goal in using the page?
- What is your plan on maintaining it?
- How frequently do you foresee posting to the page?
- Have you managed a Facebook page before?
- Do you have background knowledge of the tool and how to effectively use it for communication and engagement?

If you are looking to engage on Twitter for your club or group, please:
- Create a Twitter account as yourself; do not use HACC logos or the College’s “YOURS.” branding
- Have a photo of yourself as your Twitter profile picture
- Put your HACC title with your name
- Include @HACC_info in your tweet to have your information retweeted or favorited by the College (This will include your tweet on the College’s Twitter feed)
  - HACC’s Twitter account has 5,147 followers (as of Oct. 5, 2017). Therefore, YOUR tweet will gain great exposure if shared on the @HACC_info account.
- Include a program-specific or student organization-specific hashtag in your tweet
  - Examples: #HACCcomm110 or #HACCLiveWire
- Engage Dr. Ski on Twitter by including @HACCski in your tweet
- Engage your colleagues and students on Twitter

The College is not currently on Instagram or Snapchat. However, we are developing a pilot program to research and assess the possibilities of using the platforms in 2018. Please stay tuned for updates. Thank you!
About HACC, Central Pennsylvania’s Community College

HACC, Central Pennsylvania's Community College, offers more than 120 career and transfer associate degree, certificate and diploma programs to approximately 19,000 students. Also, the College serves students at its Gettysburg, Harrisburg, Lancaster, Lebanon and York campuses; through virtual learning; and via workforce development and continuing education training. For more information on how HACC is uniquely YOURS, visit hacc.edu. Also, follow us on Twitter (@HACC_info), like us on Facebook (Facebook.com/HACC64) and use #HACCNews.

HACC was founded in 1964 as one of the first community colleges in Pennsylvania. Over the past 50 years, the College has expanded to include five beautiful campus locations and a robust Virtual Learning program.