YORK CAMPUS HOSTS 2013 CONVOCATION

The York Campus was proud to host the 2013 Convocation, titled, “Creating opportunities and transforming lives to shape the future – TOGETHER.” York and Virtual student, Stephen Beegle spoke on the impact HACC has had on his life following his military service.

In attendance were State Representative, Kevin Schreiber, Foundation board member, James Grandon, York Campus Advisory Committee member and Director of Employment and Training at Crispus Attucks, Michael Jefferson.

Congratulations to all Presidents’ Award winners. They are:
- Jeb Baxter
- Monica Filburn
- Daniel Hill
- Susan Savidge
- Janice Waltz
- Virtual Learning Team
  - Lise-Pauline Barnett
  - Caroline Mellinger
  - Suzanne O’Hop
  - Amy Withrow

Thanks to everyone who put in hours of hard work and effort to ensure a wonderful ceremony to open the new academic year.

MIDDLE STATES TEAM VISIT

On September 24-25, HACC will be visited by a review team from the Middles States Commission on Higher Education who will be evaluating and reviewing our monitoring report which was submitted on August 30th. Please take some time to review this report and join Dr. Ski at our next town hall meeting on Wednesday, September 11, at 11:00 a.m. to discuss this important visit and what it means for HACC’s accreditation.
Greetings! Convocation is the time to celebrate where we are and where we’re going and we were very proud to host this year’s event from the York Campus. I was pleased to share the podium with Stephen Beegle (pictured to the left), a York County resident with a goal of becoming an astrophysicist.

As Dr. Ski mentioned in his convocation address, the Commonwealth created the community college system 50 years ago last month; HACC was the first community college, established in 1964. We look forward to planning a celebratory birthday party on our campus and across the College early next year. One of the important take-aways from the address was the emphasis of our mission statement:

Creating opportunities and transforming lives to shape the future—TOGETHER!

The President pointed out that “More than words on paper, the mission underscores the fact that our goals can only be accomplished when we all work together, in common purpose, with mutual respect and understanding.”

Dr. Ski also outlined the HACC 2015 strategic plan and the goals and objectives we will be working on, collectively, over the next three years.

Number one of the strategic planning goals: Teaching and Learning Excellence
HACC will be the first choice for a quality higher education experience. We will implement a strategic enrollment plan that recruits and retains a student body larger in size and more diverse than the year before. We will provide academic and workforce programs that meet the needs of our students and our regional economy. We will deliver these programs in new and innovative ways, and we will make certain that assessment is integrated throughout the College.

Number two of the strategic plan goals: Organizational Excellence
HACC will be the employer of choice in Central Pennsylvania with a workforce that reflects the communities we serve. We will attract and retain highly qualified individuals, promote an atmosphere of civility, trust and mutual respect, and provide opportunities for the personal and professional development of our faculty and staff.

Number three of the strategic plan goals: Operational Excellence
HACC will be a responsible steward of our financial and natural resources, operate in an open and transparent manner, and promote and encourage innovation throughout the College.

I thank each of your for the role you play in HACC’s success and that of our students. Welcome to the new academic year and I look forward to working with you, in common purpose, this year.

Jean Treuthart
CAREER SERVICES HAS MOVED!

Career Services has moved to the Leader Building, Room 105 (the former SGA office).

Students benefit from working with Career Services to help them connect their in-class learning to the world of work. Students can seek help with resumes and cover letters, references development, experiential learning opportunities, and interview skills. Likewise, the Career Services office can help students create job search plans and career development plans to move them toward professional success. Questions can be directed to Tim Barshinger (pictured above), Career Services Coordinator, Leader 105, tpbarshi@hacc.edu, 717-801-3219.

ADVISING SERVICES

The schedule of Spring 2014 classes is set to go live September 16th. This will be the official start to the next advising season. Advising Services asks for your assistance in making students aware when the schedule is available on-line, as well as encouraging students to meet with the academic advisor early. Many will be required to see their advisor, as mandated by the College’s assigning of an advising code (numerical pin). Once the student meets with their assigned advisor, they are then given their advising code so that they may be among the first to register opening day, November 4th. Students who are required to meet with their advisor (have an advising code) will be notified via email in the Hawkmail account in mid-September. Students are often unfamiliar with how early this process begins and would benefit from any nudge you might give them.

September is National Suicide Prevention month and our campus’ Counseling Services has collaborated with the Library to display books and brochures, as well as distribute handouts on the topic. York County ranks 6th in the state for the number of suicides, with 57 recorded deaths in 2012, according to the York County Suicide Prevention Coalition. Additionally, contrary to what most think, 91% of the completed suicides in York County were in adults older than 24 years of age.

If you know someone who could be having suicidal thoughts, be direct in your questioning and be ready for to make a referral. The National LifeLine website (www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org) provides information on how to approach this conversation, as well as explains the services they provide. Locally, Crisis Intervention may be reached 24/7 at (717) 851-5320.
HACC York’s Office for Academic Success presents the....

Fall ’13 Academic Workshop List

Below is the start of a growing list of fall workshops. These **FREE**, drop-in workshops are available to all students!

New workshops are added weekly! Visit [http://www.hacc.edu/York/York-Tutoring-Services.cfm](http://www.hacc.edu/York/York-Tutoring-Services.cfm) for updates and additions!

*Spread the word to your students!*

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OFFICE OF DISABILITY SERVICES – HERE TO HELP!

The Office of Disability Services is busy handing out accommodation letters to those students eligible for services. They will be bringing these letters to you. I have encouraged my students to bring these to you during office hours whenever possible so that you have privacy in which to discuss the accommodations. Here are a few hints to help you:

**Note Taker:** If you receive an accommodation letter that says the student is eligible for a note taker, in private please ask them if they need/want this accommodation. If they say yes, it is the instructor’s responsibility to ask the class if someone would volunteer. Do not state who the note taker is for. Hook them up after class. The student is responsible for getting the carbon-copy note taker paper for his note taker. If you cannot find a volunteer, I would suggest offering your lecture notes. If this is not possible, please call me.

**Testing Accommodations:** The student is responsible for making the appointment with the testing center and bringing you the form to complete and return to the testing center. Will new students forget? Yep! Please gently remind them. If you continue to have problems, send them to me and I will help. Please note: *If a student does not have an accommodation letter*, we CANNOT provide testing accommodations. Only students that have been registered thru ODS are eligible. If a student requests this, explain that they need to contact me.

**Closed Captioning:** We currently have deaf students and hearing-impaired students on campus. If you are showing DVD’s, YouTube clips, etc., please be aware that **they must be** closed captioned if you have someone with that accommodation in your classroom. This benefits everyone in the classroom, but is essential for the student with hearing loss. If this is not possible, you must provide a written transcript of the film or allow the student to view it in advance with an interpreter. It is just easier to choose a film with captioning.

**Training Opportunity:** Why do we provide services to students with disabilities? What does the law say about confidentiality? Come and find out! ODS will sponsor a training for faculty entitled, “Intro to Disability Services and Q & A” on Wednesday, September 11th at 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. in Leader 110. An email invitation will go out shortly with more information. Please RSVP to me and let me know if can come!!

I am here if you need me! Please feel free to email or call me with your questions. *Thank you for helping to give our students with disabilities an equal opportunity to succeed!*

Lori Shoemaker, MSS, LSW
ODS Coordinator-York Campus
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FROM THE LEARNING CENTER

The NEW tutor uniform VEST......tutoring and looking their BEST!

In order to make tutors “stand out” and be more easily identified by our student visitors, all tutors in the Learning Center and Writing Center will wear yellow vests when on duty. No, they’re not directing traffic….they’re TUTORING!!

YORK CITE OPPORTUNITIES

Intro to Disability Services and Q & A Wed. September 11, 12:00-1:00 pm – Leader 110
Presenter: Lori Shoemaker, Coordinator, Disability Services

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Calligraphy Workshop Wed. September 11, 3:30-4:30 pm – Leader 135
Instructor: Liz Dunn, Assistant Professor of Mathematics

Come celebrate the beginning of the Fall term by learning a new, fun skill: calligraphy. Whether you’ve wanted to jazz up a poster, create your own invitations or thank-you cards, or just wondered how it’s done, this workshop is for you! While geared toward beginners, everyone is welcome. Please RSVP by Sept. 9 so that the appropriate amount of materials can be acquired.
FROM THE OFFICE OF SAFETY AND SECURITY

Emergency call boxes have been strategically placed in various locations on campus. **When you press the button you will be connected directly to an officer on duty.** As you explore the campus, make a point of noting where the call boxes are located.

Call boxes can be used for assistance, as well as to report any incident, including:

- Crimes
- Suspicious persons
- Lost, found or stolen property
- Medical problems
- Fire
- Asking for directions
- Request a personal escort

**When activating a call box:**

- Press and hold the button to talk, release to listen
- Speak clearly and state your name
- The officer will receive a notification of the caller’s location however, state your location
- State your emergency
- Follow the officer’s instructions
- Do not leave the area unless your physical safety is in danger
- If you feel unsafe or threatened, activate the call box and keep moving to a safe location
- All call box activations are investigated regardless of a response.

Feel free to stop by your campus public safety department to learn more about the locations and use of the call boxes. If you ever find any problems regarding the condition and/or use of the emergency call boxes contact the public safety department as well.

**NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS**

Remember to send news items and photos throughout the month to Jill Mitzel for October’s newsletter.
BOOKSTORE NEWS

The York Campus Bookstore survived another book rush and the beginning of the fall semester! Backpacks, school supplies, snacks, HACC clothing, etc. are still available for purchase so stop by and check out all of the goodies.

To help welcome the fall season, all campus Bookstores are holding a “Scarfapalooza” for the month of September. **We are selling scarves priced at $12 each or 2 for $20, scarf charms priced @ $6.99 each & scarf holders priced at $9.99 each.** Check out the York Campus Bookstore’s supply and buy some scarves for yourself or someone on your Holiday list since the Holidays are right around the corner.

*Have a great September!*

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NEWS FROM THE WELCOME CENTER

A **special thank you goes out to Robin Sanders** for going outside of her typical job responsibilities, to pull together resources and develop a presentation for the financial literacy learning objective for the Foundational Studies 100 class.

In addition to presenting on this topic to FS 100 classes at the York Campus in the past years, she took the additional step of making her resources and presentation materials available to instructors college-wide by posting the information in the FS 100 Resource Shell within D2L. **We thank Robin for sharing her resources and her hard work to help our students.**
FACILITIES TIDBITS

- The Goodling building is receiving a make-over in the old vending area in preparation for the enlarged site of Macklin’s Cupcakes and Coffee. Stay tuned for more news on this exciting expansion.

- Leader 150 suite
  - There are moves taking place into the Leader 150 suite of offices. This is space is on the otherwise unoccupied half of Leader. Amy Kusmiesz, Carole Dorsch (pictured to the right), Rob Swatski (pictured to the right), Christine Mummert, Devine Dugah and Rob Dixon will be located in this space.

- College Net
  - Work continues to be completed on College Net by multiple departments on campus and college wide. This will be an exciting and simplified way of requesting rooms and scheduling classes. It is slated to rollout in Summer 2014.

- William Penn High School
  - Facilities worked to orchestrate the completion of HACC York’s suite for the start of classes in late August; from painting, to furniture, banners, signs and book delivery. What an exciting opportunity for us to change lives at the high school level.

One of two classrooms in the HACC Hallway at William Penn High School. The wing is devoted to HACC Classes that will run in the school throughout the academic year.

The HACC Hallway at York City School District’s William Penn High School
FACULTY SERVICES

- View our website and take a look at available resources here: 
  [http://libguides.hacc.edu/york](http://libguides.hacc.edu/york)

- Request library instruction or let us build a guide for your class!

- To set up Electronic Reserves and to Reserve audio-visual materials, please contact Kathleen Frederick, 
  kofreder@hacc.edu or call 717-801-3220 (ext. 513220.)

- To suggest items for the collection, or for any other inquiries, please see Laura Wukovitz, 
  ldwukovi@hacc.edu, 717-780-2468 (ext. 212468.)

SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

- **National Suicide Prevention Week, Sept 8-14**
  Stop by and browse our featured display of library materials and Suicide Prevention resources provided by our York Campus Counseling & Advising office.

- **Constitution Day, Tuesday, September 17**
  Come explore resources about our Nation’s history and government!