Transforming lives, creating opportunities, to shape the future, TOGETHER! I saw our mission statement “in action” this past week as we welcomed back 1,945 students to campus. My goal for our campus this year is to have our mission statement be evident in all we do. Today, more than ever, that word TOGETHER holds great importance for us. Over the past 18 months we’ve gone through many organizational changes – new reporting lines, new policies, and in some cases new people. Last spring the campus held a retreat to define what that word TOGETHER meant for us as a campus. Our goal was to identify the common values that we feel are important …..the things that make our campus an environment that inspires our work each day. We are inherently social beings, we like to work with others that we like, we trust and we agree with. If we are going to be successful in meeting our mission statement, it is important for each of us to see our own personal role in our campuses success and the value of our contributions to that success.

At our retreat we had planned to create a slogan that would succinctly convey our collective campus values. As we attempted to summarize everyone’s input from the day, we realized that a slogan wouldn’t fully capture it for us, so we created the slogo below….it’s a visual mind map summarizing everyone’s input. It is a statement of actions and values that are important to us. It is a visual representation to our students, to each other and to anyone who walks through our doors, the values that will be reflected in the work we do TOGETHER to create opportunities and transform the lives of our students. Few things in life are as fulfilling as the knowledge that the work we do contributes to something greater than ourselves. Thank you to Amanda Hartzell, Marilyn Teeter, Kathy Brickner, Dory Uhlman, and Beth Evitts for the work that they did to plan our retreat and the work they continue to do to keep the positive energy from that day present. Throughout the semester, we’ll be distributing visual reminders of our slogo. Take a minute to think about how the work you do impacts our students and your colleagues in meeting our mission to create opportunities, transform lives and shape the future TOGETHER. My personal goal for the semester is to be more visible to each of you in support of our work TOGETHER. Thank you and have a great semester!
**FUTURE HACC STUDENT**

Brittany Wagner, nursing faculty, had a baby boy, Jaxson on July 18th. Mom, Jaxson and Dad (Chris) are doing well and enjoying their new family. Well wishes can be sent to:

Brittany and Chris Wagner  
252 Sandoeshire Lane  
Chambersburg, PA  17201

**ORIENTATION EVENTS**

During the week of August 19th, the campus was extremely busy with new student orientation (NSO) and faculty in-service. Both events were a great success due to the planning and coordination by the student affairs staff, under the leadership of Scott Simonds, and the academic affairs staff, under the leadership of Dory Uhlman. **Over 200 new students and family members attended NSO.** During NSO new students had the opportunity to get to know Gettysburg campus students, faculty, staff, student services and all of the resources of the campus.

The Faculty in-service provided an opportunity for fellowship with colleagues after the summer break and an opportunity to meet new department chairs.

The evening also included six professional development sessions focused on pedagogy and strategies for strengthening student engagement in the classroom. If you were unable to attend and are interested in the information presented during the sessions, please contact Dory Uhlman.

**MIDDLE STATES UPDATE & FORUM WITH DR. SKI**

The Middle States Monitoring Report was submitted to the Middle State Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) on Friday, August 30th. While the report itself was 31 pages, the whole document with appendices is 168 pages. It truly is a complete and thorough summary of all the good work that has been done across the College, by departments and by each and every one of us to show that our institution has strong evidence to demonstrate compliance with Standard 4 (Leadership and Governance), Standard 7 (Institutional Effectiveness), Standard 12 (General Education), and Standard 14 (Student Learning). **Thank you to everyone who took the time to read the first draft of the monitoring report and provide comments.** If you have questions about Middle States and, most importantly, the monitoring report, please visit our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page: [http://www.hacc.edu/AboutUs/InstitutionalEffectiveness/MiddleStates/Middle-States-FAQs.cfm](http://www.hacc.edu/AboutUs/InstitutionalEffectiveness/MiddleStates/Middle-States-FAQs.cfm)

Dr. Ski will be holding a campus forum on Friday, September 13th from 10:00-11:00 a.m. in the Hoffman Room to meet with students, faculty and staff to discuss the Middle States report and the upcoming Middle States site visit. Please plan to attend.
HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE FIRST WEEK OF CLASSES

It was truly a campus-wide effort to welcome our students back! The Office of Academic Affairs would like to thank everyone who assisted in greeting and directing students during the first week of the 14-week term. Having faculty and staff in the hallways to provide a warm welcome and offer of assistance to students established a caring atmosphere as we begin our fall term—a great example of TOGETHER! Thank you to the following staff and faculty for giving of your time:

- Monica Bajaj
- Diane Bittle
- Leslie Boon
- Wendy Brubaker
- Donnae Crowell
- Shannon Davis
- Andree Drake
- Dale Elkiss
- Chris Esgar
- Beth Evitts
- Virgil Gibson
- Amanda Hartzell
- Shannon Harvey
- Terry Havel
- Lisa Hill
- Cinnamon Hosterman
- Wendy Kaehler
- Carol Williams
- Caren Larue
- Jill Lott
- Mike McPhelin
- Andrea Metz
- Brian Miller
- George Muschamp
- Ruth Negley
- Eleanor Pella
- Susie Pena Garza
- Sara Ridley
- Sharon Roberts
- Scott Simonds
- Beverly Stanton
- Carter Stephen
- SKI
- Marilyn Teeter
- Mike Wallace
- Gina Xenos

Plus everyone else who stepped out of their office or stopped in the hallways to help our students find their way. Your assistance was greatly appreciated!

Dr. Ski was also on campus for the first day of classes. He spent the day visiting with students, faculty and staff. He was very pleased by the many comments he received from students about the positive atmosphere created on our campus by faculty and staff. The following staff and faculty were highlighted by students he spoke with:

Peggy Violet
Amanda Hartzell
Kathy Reid
Lisa Graham
Mike McPhelin
Kris Neimi-Blain
Erin Rose
Tracey Smith
Ashley Baer
Mary Arnold
Kathleen Pratt
Adam Walter
Leslie Boon
Security Officers
George Muschamp
Beverley Stanton
SAFETY & SECURITY UPDATE

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 please 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 talk to any of the officers 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.

WELCOME SARA RIDLEY & JENN BOYD

Sara Ridley joined the Student Affairs staff as our campus recruiter on Monday, August 19th. Sara is a HACC alum, having worked as a tutor in the Learning Center while getting her degree, and brings a lot of enthusiasm for HACC to the Recruitment Office. Welcome, Sara!

Jenn Boyd, integrated marketing communications (IMC) coordinator, has moved from Campus Square to the Gettysburg Campus. Her office is located in the student affairs suite, room 127C. Each campus now has an integrated marketing communications coordinator located on the campus who will focus on campus-specific and college-wide initiatives. Welcome, Jenn!
STANDING OVATION AWARD GOES TO ED BALTZELL

Gettysburg's 150th Anniversary Commemoration -- from June 28 through July 7, 2013 -- attracted over 235,000 visitors to the Gettysburg community. The Gettysburg Campus played a key role in the event as an information site and as a satellite parking location for visitors. Ed Baltzell recently received a Standing Ovation Award for his many additional hours on-site to make sure that the parking lot was staffed and that everything ran smoothly.

^Ori Rivera, Interim Asst. Director of Security presents Ed Baltzell with a standing ovation award.

UPCOMING CAMPUS EVENTS

Domestic Violence Awareness - Tuesday Sept. 3, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM, The HUB
Artist Reception - “Shale Perception” by Robb Bomboy, Tuesday, Sept. 3, 5-6:00 p.m., Main Hallway
Trip to State Capitol, Museum, & Governor's Mansion - Sunday Sept. 8, 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM
Fall Free 4 All - Wednesday Sept. 11, 10:30 AM - 2:30 PM, The HUB
Theater Production - “Pretty Fire” on Sept. 12 at 7:00 p.m., The Robert C. Hoffman Community Room
The Emily Pinkerton Trio - Tuesday, Sept. 17, 11-12:30 and 1-2:30 p.m., The Robert C. Hoffman Community Room

For more information on any of these events, go to http://www.hacc.edu/calendar/

"To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe."

---Anatole France