Greetings, Gettysburg Campus!

This week marks the halfway point for the spring semester! Spring break is just around the corner, March 11-15th. College offices will be open for full services during Spring mid-term break. Employees will have the opportunity to work 4 nine hour days (similar to our summer schedule) or any other combination of 36 hours during that week. Please check with your supervisor to establish your work schedule for the week.

Early College Academy

Last week, over 60 area high school juniors and their parents attended an information session on HACC’s Early College Academy (ECA) program. The ECA program gives college-ready high school seniors the opportunity to take two courses (six credits) during the fall and spring semesters at HACC and receive both college and high school credit plus gain important college readiness skills.

National data (Jobs for the Future www.jff.org) indicates that Early College programs increase student success rates.

- 93 PERCENT of early college students graduate high school vs. the national rate of 75 percent.
- 76 PERCENT of high school graduates who participated in an Early College program enroll in college vs. the national rate of 68 percent.

If you know a high school junior, please encourage them to contact Matt Point to find out how to participate in this program next year. Great job - Scott Simonds, Dory Uhlman, Leslie Boon and Matt Point for your leadership in putting this program together!

Early College Academy Scholarship Established

High school students in the ECA program are not eligible for financial aid and limited scholarships are available to support them. We’ve established a new scholarship fund to provide scholarship assistance to financially needy students. Please thank P.K. Hoover, Kennie’s Market and Adams Electric Cooperative for supporting this scholarship fund! If you know of individuals or organizations who may be interested in supporting this fund, please let me know and I will reach out to them with information.

Tell Us What You Think

- The cabinet continues to work on balancing the campus and college 2013/14 budget. Last month, Dr. Ski invited you to share your ideas on improving efficiency and increasing revenue. If you haven’t done so, please take a few minutes to offer your suggestions at: http://www.hacc.edu/operationefficiency/feedback.cfm.
- On Thursday, March 7 from 3:00-4:30 p.m., Jeb Baxter, Interim Provost, will be holding a campus forum in Room 120 A/B on the new Academic Affairs model. According to Jeb, “The changes will create a more curriculum-focused model that will better serve the needs of our students. Also, we are opening an internal search to fill the substantively empowered and expanded roles of the department chair positions.” You can find the details of the new model at http://www.hacc.edu/AboutUs/AcademicAffairs/Reorganization.cfm.

CSHSE Reaccredits HACC’s Human Services Program

Congratulations to the Human Services program and Gettysburg Campus human service faculty members Aimee Bollinger-Smith and Jeff Glass! The Council for Standards in Human Services Education (CSHSE) voted at their February meeting to reaccredits HACC’s program for another 5 years.
EXECUTIVE IN RESIDENCE – GARY LOWENTHAL
Gary Lowenthal, Co-founder and former CEO of The Boyds Collection Ltd., will present, “The Ten Secrets of the Secret Society of Entrepreneurs,” on Thursday, March 7th from 11:30-1:00 p.m. in the Robert C. Hoffman Community Room. A light lunch will be served. The event is sponsored by the campus Phi Beta Lambda chapter and is free and open to the entire campus and members of the community. Please register by March 5th at http://www.hacc.edu/Gettysburg under the link Gettysburg Campus News. Thank you to Kathleen Pratt for working with the students of PBL to plan this event!

UPCOMING CAMPUS/COMMUNITY EVENTS
• On Tuesday, March 12th, the campus will host a “Living & Learning” seminar from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. Participants can choose from two dozen seminars ranging from history and art to personal enrichment topics. The cost is $49 and includes continental breakfast, buffet luncheon and three 90-minute seminar topics. This is a very popular event in our community.
• Adams County Connected and HACC will be hosting “Internet 101 Expo for Digital Newcomers” on Friday, March 15th from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. in the Learning Commons. This free event will offer participants the opportunity to directly experience internet resources like shopping, news, education, government, communications, health care, and entertainment, such as social media. Thank you to Vanessa Larson, Leslie Boon, Amanda Hartzel, Beth Evitts, Sandy Negro, Kathleen Heidecker, Kris Niemi-Blain and Scott Decker for helping to put this event together.

Please welcome our guests while they are on campus for these two events!

CELEBRATING HACC GETTYSBURG STUDENTS
On Friday, February 22nd, The United Way of Adams County held the 6th Annual A Woman’s Purse Live & Silent Auction featuring two HACC students! Kaila Gaines, HACC Gettysburg Business Management grad served as the auctioneer and Octavia Lacks, current HACC Gettysburg student, was the keynote speaker! The Woman's Purse event raised over $20,000 and benefit's youth in foster care. Both young women represented HACC well.
“Spring into the Semester”
Congratulations to Jessica Knouse, Coordinator of Student Life & Multicultural Programs, and the SGA for a great event! Over 18 student clubs and organizations, academic departments and academic services were represented at this event. It was a great way to highlight to students all of the academic and co-curricular opportunities available at the Campus. Thank you to all faculty and staff who volunteered time to participate!

EMERGENCY CALL BOXES
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. There are plans to install several call boxes next year in the parking lot as well. As you explore the campus, make a point of noting where the call boxes are located.

Call boxes can be used for assistance, or to report an incident:
- Crimes, Suspicious persons, Lost, found or stolen property, Medical problems
- Fire, Asking for directions, Requesting a personal escort

When activating a call box:
- Press and hold the button to talk, release to listen
- Speak clearly and state your name, your location & 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

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

High achievement always takes place in the framework of high expectation.
Jack Kinder