## The Harrisburg Promise

HACC, Central Pennsylvania's Community College, is committed to providing academic opportunities for all students, regardless of their background or economic status. Sadly, many young students from at-risk neighborhoods throughout our community face significant social and financial hardships that can make college education seem impossible.



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In partnership with the City of Harrisburg and the Harrisburg Housing Authority, we have developed the Harrisburg Promise, which creates a pathway to postsecondary education for at-risk youth in the Harrisburg and Steelton-Highspire school districts. Academic achievement and graduation rates in these school districts are significantly below the state average. Because of our commitment to the youth in Central Pennsylvania, HACC has created a strategic vision to help these students be successful.

With the Harrisburg Promise, participating students from at-risk areas will be supported from seventh grade through successful graduation from HACC. They will attend regular visits to HACC's Harrisburg Campus and local businesses for a series of planned events that prepare them with skills they will need to be successful both academically and in life. Because we believe that finances should never be a barrier to education, students who have been successful with the Harrisburg Promise will also become eligible to receive the Harrisburg Promise Scholarship to attend HACC.

With the Harrisburg Promise, students can begin to explore career opportunities and their own college readiness, better preparing them to overcome obstacles in their academic journey. Additionally, the support and resources provided in the program offer students expanded opportunities to strive for outstanding postsecondary educational programs that will prepare them for the career of their choice.

Supporting the Harrisburg Promise means more than assisting one student. When you support the Harrisburg Promise, you are uplifting an entire community of economically disadvantaged students that might not otherwise be able to achieve their academic and life goals. YOU can be part of the reason they succeed.

For more information, please contact the HACC Foundation at **foundation@hacc.edu**.

"I like the Harrisburg Promise because they are giving me an opportunity for a better future, and I appreciate that very much. I'm really grateful for the Harrisburg Promise. Thank you!"

- Harrisburg Promise Student



