

What's the Buzz with Student Gov?

Harrisburg Area Community College
Lebanon Campus

Student Government Association



MEMBER'S CORNER

In every issue, we will feature a different SGA member who will share why they joined the association and how it has affected their time at HACC.

This month... meet

Yenis Bestard
~Senator~

The Student Government Association has given me the opportunity to grow as a person, as a leader, and as a team player. I joined the group years ago, but only now do I feel like I play an important role in it. The organization has given me the opportunity to help directly in student activities and school events. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the members who welcomed me when I joined, and I also encourage all students to join, too. The skills and knowledge I've learned, especially from the president of SGA, Laura Summy, will move along with me once I transfer to another institution. There, I hope to become a member in a student organization or club.



{HACC HAPPENINGS}

{SGA President Honored as Graduation Speaker}

This year, graduates for the spring term of 2009 will be commemorated on May 16th. President of the Student Government Association, Laura Summy, has been chosen through audition to speak on behalf of her fellow students. I sat down with Laura and asked her a series of questions relating to her position as President and the content she will be presenting in her speech. She became nostalgic while outlining her future goals, and offered a few "words of wisdom" to the members of SGA and students at HACC.

Q: What has been the most rewarding aspect in being President of the Student Government Association (SGA)?

A: I have really enjoyed seeing all of the friendships that have formed within the group. We are all very different, but have been able to work together to create a united group. Each person has grown so much over the past year; we have become a family. We argue like a family, tease each other, cry on shoulders, and just listen to each other.

Q: What do you hope to further achieve now that you've received your associate's degree?

A: I plan to attend Millersville in the fall, and work towards a Bachelors Degree in Elementary/ Special Education.

Q: If you could give potential Senators and SGA members one word of advice, what would it be?

A: To all future members of SGA: realize that your voice has power,

but your actions speak louder. SGA is what it is today because we made things happen. Getting out of your comfort zone is a big step, but once you take that step, your experiences change. Keep a positive

attitude about everything. Yes, you will face walls, but know at the end of the day that your efforts make a difference.

Q: What would you like your fellow graduates to take from your speech?

A: I would hope that my fellow graduates would hear my experiences and reflect on their own experiences at HACC. I also plan to present a challenge to not only the graduates, but to everyone in attendance.



-Heidi Detweiler, SGA Senator

Looking Back

United Way Day of Caring

Lebanon HACC students participated in the *United Way Day of Caring* on April 18, 2009. 17 students gave up a Saturday morning to give back to their community. The day went fast and students said they had fun. Some students even made the front page of the *Lebanon Daily News* while painting the skate park at the YMCA. One student not only made the paper, but also won a three month membership to the YMCA. The United Way sponsors this event every year, so if you were not able to volunteer your time this year, look for it again next year. Thanks to all who helped make this day great. Live United!
-Angela Miller, SGA Senator

Ice Cream with the Deans

The annual Dean event, where students meet and discuss HACC policies and pose suggestions to Lebanon Campus Deans', was held Monday, April 20th from 12-2 p.m. "Ice Cream with the Deans" was quite the successful event, albeit with the exception of heavy rainfall throughout the day, the Vanilla, Chocolate and Neapolitan ice cream served as a refreshing delight for all students.



-Nolan Sellers, SGA Vice President

Blood Drive

Lebanon HACC held a blood drive on April 13, 2009 from 3-7 p.m., saving 93 lives through donation in just one day. At one point, the bus used for donating was so full that those taking blood asked those waiting to donate to gather in the MPR in the building. A big thank you goes out to the Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank for coming to HACC in order to give us the opportunity to save lives. Without those who gave blood that day, those 93 lives may not have been saved, so thanks to all who attempted to give blood. If you did not make it out to HACC that day, I would encourage you to donate in the near future. It's for a great cause!
-Angela Miller, SGA Senator

Student Government Elections 2009

Elections are this week, April 27th-April 30th. You'll have an opportunity to vote for the 2009-2010 Student Government Association's President and Senators either in the campus library or at the Welcome Center in the lobby. A special edition of the SGA Newsletter will be available for you to read at each voting location. To acquaint students with who is running in the election, we've included a photo and short bio of each candidate in hopes of allowing students to get to know us a little better before voting. A copy of the



newly revised Student Government Association (SGA) Constitution will also be at each voting location. Please take a few minutes to look over this document because it affects you as a student! The SGA Constitution regulates how SGA is to be operated, outlining how new clubs can be formed with specific guidelines for student activity budget spending. Let your voice be heard—we're willing to listen!

-Katrina Moyer, SGA Secretary

A Tip From One Student To Another



The Student Government Association wants to encourage students to take advantage of the "Buy Back" of text books our college's book store offers. We hope that with these tips, you can save some money, earn some extra cash, learn when to sell your books back, and why this is so important to both students and colleges. With the economic crisis, prices rise up, and text books are no exception. To ensure you get the best deal out of your used text books, sell them back to the book store right after taking your final exams. By selling back your books

to the book store, you ensure that other students at your community college will pay less for that used book. At the same time, this will benefit the book store by not having to purchase new books. Remember that you, as a student, will be paying for these books. Even though buying books online might seem like the best deal if you're looking to save money (and let's face it, who's not?!), buying them at the book store guarantees the right books for classes in a matter of minutes for a competitive price. You'll also receive individualized help when searching for them. Make sure you get your books as soon as they become available for purchase

at the book store. Summer '09 books will be available for purchase May 18th, with Fall '09 on August 3rd. Remember that the book store will buy back text books throughout the entire semester. Visit the book store if you wish to know more about the "Buy Back" program or other services and/or information that the book store offers, including its return policy.

-Yenis Bestard, SGA Senator

"It is the goal of SGA to have an ear for every HACC students' voice."

