

Gettysburg Campus Update

Message from the Campus Vice President

Welcome to the start of another semester and a new year!

The theme for the Spring 2019 Faculty event was **“Teaching in Today’s Changing World”**. During the in-service I shared some information and statistics related to housing insecurity in our community. Affordable housing has a profound impact on the success of our students...the students who are in our classrooms will be our community’s future nurses, teachers, manufacturing skilled labor, hospitality and tourism management, medical lab techs, human service workers, building construction and skilled trades workers, cybersecurity staff, etc. **The reality for our students is that 68% of them are eligible for federal financial aid despite the fact that 85% of them are working at least one job** and many more than one job. **Financial insecurity is a daily reality** for many of our students, when you combine that with housing insecurity, a student’s chance of completing their diploma, certificate or degree is significantly diminished.

Poverty expert Dr. Donna Beegle writes:

“It’s a world of who you know. In my research with students in poverty, many reported that once they started having friends with titles, they could get doors opened that were previously closed. Food alone won’t do it they need social capital.”

We have the opportunity to be our student’s social capital. In November, the Gettysburg Campus joined the Adams County Community Foundation, the Adams County Housing Authority, South Central Community Action Programs, Gettysburg College, Healthy Adams County and the United Way of Adams County in hosting “At Home in Adams County – A Community Conversation.” The program provided a venue to **better understand the housing issues in our community and the impact lack of affordable housing has** on the success of our community. A few statistics from that program that may surprise you:

- 8,365 Adams County families live below the poverty level
- 6,498 Adams County families are income eligible for housing vouchers, yet there are only 818 vouchers
- 43% of children enrolled in Adams County public schools are eligible for free and reduced lunch
- 44% of those who rent in Adams County pay more than 30% of their income in rent

Last semester we engaged in a **Campus and Community wide read of Matthew Desmond’s book Evicted**. Through both personal stories and data, Desmond describes how lack of housing undermines self, family and community. On **March 29 at 11 a.m. in the Robert C. Hoffman Community Room**, we’ll **welcome Matthew Desmond to campus** to engage in a community-wide lecture and discussion to aid in developing community solutions to our housing challenges. I hope you’ll attend and encourage our students to attend. Register online at www.hacc.edu/calendar

“Without stable housing, everything else falls apart.”

...Matthew Desmond

**AND NOW WE
WELCOME THE
NEW YEAR.
FULL OF THINGS
THAT HAVE
NEVER BEEN.**

Rainer Maria Rilke

AACC Visits Gettysburg!

On December 13, **Tabitha Whissemore** and **Matthew Dembicki**, editors of the **Community College Daily** visited the **Gettysburg Campus** to tour our **Mechatronics lab** and do a story for the [Community College Daily](#). The Community College Daily is the online newspaper of the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC). It provides comprehensive coverage of community college news and issues.

During the visit Tabitha and Matthew had the opportunity to:

- Meet faculty members and students in the mechatronics program
- Speak with faculty and industry representatives about keeping curriculum current
- Speak with students about what drew them to the program
- See the technology/equipment used in classes

After the visit Matt Dembecki sent the following note:

“To the HACC Gettysburg Team, thank you again for taking time in your busy schedule to arrange and host our visit to your Campus. It was an excellent, energizing experience. You and your team do AMAZING work!”

To those pictured below (left to right), **Danijel Lolic**, Rice Fruit Company; **Vic Rodgers**, **Lauren Holubec**, **Dory Uhlman**, **Cindy Doherty**, **Marc Heffernan**, **Shannon Harvey**, **Fredy Orellana**, **Kaeton Miracle**, **Robert Neekins**, **Matthew Dembecki**, AACC; **Rich Hebel**, **Tabitha Whissemore**, AACC; **Alesia Reese**, Knouse Foods; and **Dr. Ski**, **THANK YOU** for your assistance in showcasing our students, our program and our institution!



Book Donation



< **Britany Noble and Dewaine Finkenbinder**, Treatment Specialists at **Adams County Correctional Complex** recently picked up over **50 textbooks** to be cataloged in the **Adams County Prison library** for use by prison inmates. The textbooks were prior editions or are no longer being used in classes. Thank you to **Tonya Heckman-Hann, Patarin Hoffman, and Dory Uhlman** for working with the prison staff to arrange for the donation and to the **faculty who donated textbooks**.

A book is a gift you can open again and again.
—Garrison Keillor

Give Back HACC

Give Back HACC is a **program to assist students experiencing financial stress during the holiday season**. Here are few statistics from this year's effort:

- 40 students applied and each student received a \$25 gift card to Weis Markets and a reusable grocery bag full of items of their choosing.
- Weis Markets donated 39 reusable grocery bags.
- 20 gift bags were sponsored by faculty and staff.
- \$110 was raised by SGA and SPB during the Halloween Cupcake sale to help purchase supplies for the gift bags.
- \$350 was donated by faculty and staff to purchase supplies for gift bags.
- A grant through the HACC Foundation assisted with purchasing the \$25 gift cards.



Thank you to all who contributed!

Nursing Alumni Reception



To celebrate 15 years of Associate Degree Nursing Education at the HACC Gettysburg Campus

You are cordially invited to an Alumni Reunion/ Reception honoring our 5 and 10 year Alumni

December 13, 2018, AT 5 P.M.
Nursing Clinical Learning Laboratory
Optional attendance at Nursing Pinning Ceremony
following the reception at 6:00 pm.

Hor d'oeuvres and desserts will be served

^ Front row Alisha Diehl, Amanda Bond, Erin Hill. Back row Courtney Spangler, Lisa Docimo, Shannon Harvey, Marilyn Teeter, Gena Richardson, Jordan (Scott) Landis, Conni Miller

Prior to the December Nursing Pinning Ceremony a group of nursing alumni, nursing faculty and campus staff gathered to celebrate 15 years of Associate Degree Nursing Education at the Gettysburg Campus. This event culminated a semester of celebration activities in honor of this important milestone.

Did you know that **over 650 students have graduated from the Gettysburg Campus Associate Degree Nursing Program** since opening in 2003?

Welcome Ema Hegberg & Rob Fergesen!



< Ema joins the Gettysburg Campus staff as a **Public Services Technician** in the Library. She'll be working on Monday and Thursday evenings, as well as Wednesday mornings in the Spring semester. Ema is a graduate of Millersville University, with a BA in anthropology. She lives in Hanover with her husband and twin kitties, and has worked at the Guthrie Library in Hanover. According to Ema, she's a big fan of hiking, gardening, and earl grey tea, and she says "I'm very much looking forward to working with the students, faculty and staff of HACC!"

> Rob joins the Gettysburg Campus staff as a **Tenure-Track Mechatronics faculty member**. Rob brings with him a combination of industry and teaching experience. Most recently he was an industrial engineer and controller for TE Connectivity, and prior to that he was a full-time faculty member at Hagerstown Community College, where he developed a two-year mechatronics-related program. He earned his Bachelor degree in Mechanical Engineering, with a concentration in computer-controlled systems, at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York.



Celebrating our Student Ambassadors



The Gettysburg Campus Admissions team led by **Andrea Lazarus** and **Sara Maines** launched the **Gettysburg Campus Student Ambassadors** program to assist with the growing number of middle and high school students interested in participating in HACC Experience Days.

During a HACC Experience Day, prospective students learn about HACC program options, hear about dual enrollment, tour the campus and sit in on mini-lesson with some of our faculty.

^Andrea Lazarus, Shrysthaley Velasquez, Michael Southerly and Sara Maines.

HACC Experience Days are designed to generate excitement about the College and our programs. The Student Ambassadors serve as the “face of the Campus.”

Student Ambassadors from the Fall semester were **Kaeton Miracle, Quintina Smith, Paul Stokely, Michael Southerly** and **Shrysthaley Velasquez**. These students were celebrated at the end of the semester with a luncheon and presentation of certificates.



Free Friday Yoga



Start the spring semester off right! Take a midday break to connect body, mind and spirit. Join **Lori Henry**, registered yoga instructor, as she leads staff, faculty and students through a series of eight free yoga sessions.

About the class: Classes will be appropriate for all levels of students, and variations will be offered to accommodate individual participants. Yoga equipment is available.

**Fridays, Jan. 18 – March 8, 2019 12:15-1 p.m.
Room 410 (PE Room)**

Spring 2019 Tutoring Staff



^First row (seated) **Corinne Crushong, Spring Olivares, Brittany Reaver, Sarah Zavatsky, Bethany Mortorff.** Second row (standing) **Kristen Roop, David Lenig, Myra Bautista, Philip Jones, Blasia Drumm, Lily Bramucci**

Welcome Spring 2019 Peer Tutors!

Peer Tutor Training was held in the Tutoring Center on Friday, Jan. 11, 2019. Two new tutors and 9 returning tutors were trained by **Amanda Hartzel, Kathy Pasewark** and professional tutors **Becky Abell, Patti Miller** and **Carolyn Reeve**. Topics covered were Tutoring and Testing Foundations, Academic Coaching, Ethics, Policies and Procedures and the Tutoring Process. Breakout sessions were held for the subject areas of math, writing and biology. Tutors discussed and posted the Tutoring Center mission statement to support students and the college community by offering academic services and resources that promote educational, professional, and personal excellence. If you have an opportunity, **please thank these students for their service in support of their peers!**

Tell me and I forget.
Teach me and I remember.
Involve me and I learn.

~Benjamin Franklin

Gettysburg Campus Diversity Committee



Embrace Theme:

Educate
Model
Belong/Broaden
Respect
Accept
Connect
Empathize

MISSION: Diversity is anything that makes us unique, including all of our varied backgrounds, ideas and perspectives. Inclusion involves understanding diversity and creating an environment of involvement and respect.

39th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration

January 21, 7–8:30 p.m., Gettysburg College Chapel

The evening includes guest speaker, **Dr. Scott Hancock**, associate professor of history and Africana studies at **Gettysburg College** and performances by the **Morgan State University Choir**, the Gettysburg High School Chorus, the Chamber Chorale of the Gettysburg Children's Choir, and a prelude by the Biglerville High School Jazz Band at 6:30. The celebration **also features a presentation of the *Living the Dream Award***, sponsored by the YWCA and United Way of Adams County.

Martin Luther King Day On

January 21

Join Circle K, collegiate version of Kiwanis, for Day On activities, including: prepare bagged meals for patrons of the Soup Kitchen, assist with a supply collection at a United Way event and usher during the Martin Luther King Celebration at Gettysburg College. Members of the community are welcome to join HACC staff and students. Contact Wendy Brubaker to pre-register at wabrubak@hacc.edu.



Brown Bag Session: Intersectionality and Privilege

January 29, Noon-1 p.m., Robert C. Hoffman Community Room

Facilitated by **Sahana Mukherjee**, Assistant Professor of Psychology, **Gettysburg College**, this session will explore the intersectional approach to social change: When subordinate-group identity in one domain enhances privilege recognition on another.

Sahana is a social and cultural psychologist whose research interests lie in topics of social justice with a specific focus on the role of cultural tools (e.g., museums, educational curricula) in the reproduction of privilege and disadvantage. She has been recognized as an 'Exemplary Diversity Scholar' by the [National Center for Institutional Diversity at University of Michigan](#). Read their write up about her [here](#).

Please Join Us in Celebrating our Diversity



Spring Faculty Event



HACC's Gettysburg Campus Spring Faculty Kick-off Event

"Teaching in Today's Changing World"

The world we teach in today is rapidly changing. We are experiencing societal and demographic changes which are being reflected in our classrooms. Many of our students' lives have become much more complicated and their personal needs are more complex.

Highlights from the evening included:

- Statistics on the challenges of affordable housing in Adams County.
- The changing needs of students with disabilities and what steps faculty can take to support these students.
- Students sharing how they're affected by these challenges and how faculty can help them be successful.

Student panelist, **Melissa Addis** wrote:

"Gettysburg Campus Faculty, I would like to thank all of you for allowing me to join you at the Spring Faculty Kick-off. Allowing me as well as other students to share our current struggles while attending Gettysburg HACC, shows us your true concern and interest in our success. I would like to personally thank every single one of you for all that you do on a daily basis. I have undergone numerous barriers while being a student here at HACC. The true care and concern from all of you has allowed me to continue my path here at HACC. If I was to point out any individual faculty member I would be robbing the Gettysburg Campus as a whole. I am forever grateful for all of you."

Thank you to **Carole Kerper, Dory Uhlman, Cathy Wilt & the Academic Affairs team** for a great evening!



