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COMING IN NEXT ISSUE...

FOCUS ON COMMENCEMENT



A word from our Interim Vice President . . .

Administrative support staff are the unsung heroes of HACC. They are often the first people students and other customers interact with while juggling phones, assisting faculty, and performing a host of jobs that need to be done today. They help the children of our students stay quiet while waiting for a parent to see a counselor. They help adjunct faculty find just about anything from pens to their classrooms. They help with scheduling, staffing, student complaints, advising appointments, ordering supplies, tracking the budget, and a million other duties, all with little recognition for a job that keeps us going day to day. We depend on them for just about everything, so please say “Thank You!” to the support staff—they truly are the pulse of the office.



Thank You!

Administrative Professionals Week April 22-28, 2012

Administrative Professionals Day is Wednesday, April 25, 2012

The theme for the 2012 Administrative Professionals Day is:
“Admins—the pulse of the office”.

Administrative Professionals Day/Week was originally organized in 1952 as "National Secretaries Week" by the National Secretaries Association (now known as the International Association of Administrative Professionals or IAAP) in conjunction with public relations executive Harry Klemfuss and a consortium of office product manufacturers. It was established as an effort to recognize secretaries for their contributions in the workplace, and to attract people to secretarial/administrative careers.

The association successfully campaigned U.S. Secretary of Commerce Charles Sawyer to proclaim the first National Secretaries Week on June 1-7, 1952. He designated Wednesday, June 4, as National Secretaries Day. Sawyer, Barrett and Woodbridge participated in ceremonies held in Washington, D.C

In 1955, the observance date of National Secretaries Week was moved to the last full week of April. The name was changed to Professional Secretaries Week in 1981, and became Administrative Professionals Week in 2000 to encompass the expanding responsibilities and wide-ranging job titles of administrative support staff.

Administrative Professionals Day will mark its 60th anniversary on April 25, 2012. Over those decades, the job of an administrative professional has changed dramatically thanks to new tools, techniques and seismic shifts in the economy and culture itself. But admins have remained the steady center of efficiency through it all, helping ensure that jobs get done right, on time and under budget. Admins are one of the engines of business, particularly in a complex economy. In a world that demands the accurate and speedy movement of digital information, admins are masters of data. And they do this while maintaining their more traditional role as the gatekeepers for many customers, clients and employees. Quite simply, admins are the pulse of the office.

IAAP created National Secretaries Week with two objectives in mind: to recognize "the secretary, upon whose skills, loyalty, and efficiency the functions of business and government offices depend," and to call attention "through favorable publicity, to the tremendous potential of the secretarial career."

Since 1952, IAAP has honored office workers by sponsoring Administrative Professionals Week. Over the years, Administrative Professionals Week has become one of the largest workplace observances. The event is celebrated worldwide, bringing together millions of people for community events, educational seminars and individual corporate activities recognizing support staff.

Today, there are more than 4.1 million secretaries and administrative assistants working in the United States, according to U.S. Department of Labor statistics, and 8.9 million people working in various administrative support roles. More than 475,000 administrative professionals are employed in Canada. Millions more administrative professionals work in offices all over the world.

APW is always the last full week in April. In 2012, Administrative Professionals Week is April 22-28, and Administrative Professionals Day is Wednesday, April 25.

STAFF PROFILES ~ *a few minutes with....*

Esther Carman Administrative Office Specialist to Dean, Communication, Humanities



Originally from South Jersey, I moved to Harrisburg in 1981. I've been with the College since August 1981 and have always been a member of the Communications and Arts Division. Hired as a part-time faculty secretary in the Communications and Arts Division, I am currently an Administrative Office Specialist. Prior to my employment at HACC, I worked for

the Dean of Student Development at Camden County College, Blackwood, New Jersey. I was a part-time student at both Camden County College and HACC.

Judy Beaverson Administrative Office Specialist to Dean, Mathematics & Science



I started at HACC in July of 1999. This was after the major, company-wide layoff at AMP Incorporated and 15 years of service with them. I had been heavily involved in chemistry for disposal of hazardous waste in the Environmental Programs Department at AMP. That led me to take courses at HACC to further my education, pursue advanced job opportunities, and better myself. I chose not to go long enough to attain a degree, due to switching my priorities at the time to my 2 teenage sons and focusing on raising them. However, starting as an adult student at HACC opened up a whole new world of education to me. After I began my new position at HACC, it didn't take me long to realize how much more I liked working at HACC and I loved joining the HACC family!

On a personal note, I would like to mention that I am an identical twin. We have learned to always mention that since many times we are mistaken for the other one. You never know! We both enjoy playing the violin and have been doing that since we were about 9 years old. We have played at many weddings, receptions, parties, etc. I am also a member of the Central Pennsylvania Symphony.

I am enjoying being a grandma. My husband and I have 7 grandchildren between us and we are always busy! Life is good.

Jennifer Jackson Administrative Office Specialist to Dean of Student Affairs

Jennifer Jackson provides admin support to Peter Law, Dean of Student Affairs, and Jeff Fazio, Director of Student Life and Multicultural Programming. She celebrates 10 years of service to students at the Harrisburg Campus where she is known as "Ms. J".



Jennifer is married to her beloved husband of 29 years, Elder Kaylor W. Jackson, Pastor of True Light Grace Ministries. They have three children, Shauntay, Emmanuel and Shaniece as well as four precious jewels, her grandchildren, Ashauni, Arianna, Aniyla and Olivia. Her family is her world. That would include the many students over years that have found a special place in her heart. Most of all, her greatest love is for her Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

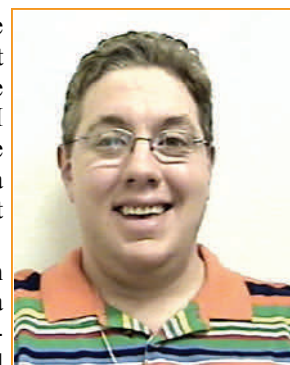
STAFF PROFILES ~ *a few minutes with....*

Kim Bleecher Administrative Office Specialist to Dean, Social Sciences



I came to HACC eleven years ago working in a 9-1/2 month faculty secretary position. The position was a nice transition from raising my two children to working outside the home. I am originally from the Philadelphia area and I attended both Peirce College and West Chester University. In 2004, I moved to an administrative specialist position and have been in that role for the past eight years.

Andrew Dean Administrative Office Specialist to Coordinator of Fire Training



I have been with HACC since 1998. I started out as a student worker in the EMS Unit of the Public Safety Center. In 2002, I began a full-time Administrative Support position. I moved to a position in the Fire Training Unit in 2007.

On a personal note, I was born and raised in the Harrisburg area and currently live in Hummels-town. I am an avid sports fan and enjoy baseball, football (both pro and college level), basketball, hockey, and Nascar.

Judy Rohacek Administrative Office Technician to BHT Faculty & Dept. Chairperson



I am a graduate of Steelton-Highspire High School and hold an Associates Degree in Business from HACC. I have been working in the Business, Hospitality and Tourism Division as the Administrative Office Technician for almost 12 years. I really enjoy my job and the people I work with at HACC. I love the campus environment and enjoy working with the students. I am an active member of the Classified Employee Organization. I served as CEO Vice President for a year, was the Chair of the Poinsettia fundraiser for 4 years and organized the Basket Raffle fundraiser for the United Way Campaign for many years. I continue to volunteer and support other organizations and committees at HACC when they need assistance.

I was born and raised in the town of Highspire, PA. I played tennis and ladies fast pitch baseball competitively when I was in my 20's. I have two younger brothers and two older sisters.

I have been married for 30 years to a terrific guy; we have two athletic and handsome sons and I have a wonderful and caring stepdaughter. I also have a beautiful and charming 6 year old granddaughter named Emma. We love to travel, especially on cruise ships, ride our bikes and walk.

Fawn Grimes Administrative Office Specialist to Campus Director of Technical Support



I came to work for HACC in March 1991 from state government (big change- 'nother Oprah).

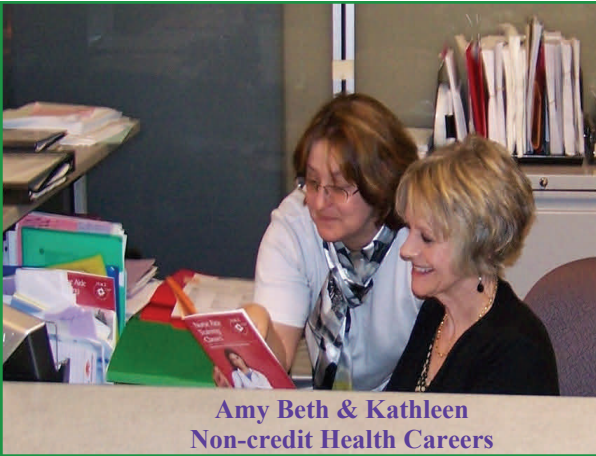
I started in what was then the Media Services Dept and is now Instructional Technology. After 18 years and many changes in our department, in 2010 I migrated to System Services, not a big change but just enough to keep my work life interesting. It hardly seems like 21 years have gone by, but

for me that's a good thing.

Over the years, I've crossed paths with a lot of nice people, some I consider friends. Honestly, I have to say the students I've been acquainted with here have made the greatest impression. Whether they came from the other side of town or the other side of the world; working together, discussing our daily lives, how they came to be here, meeting their families, learning their customs and language and our differences and similarities has educated me. Because I am a people person; it's made me and my job a great match.

Much of that time has been both beneficial and enjoyable so it never really felt like work, another good thing.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE SUPPORT STAFF



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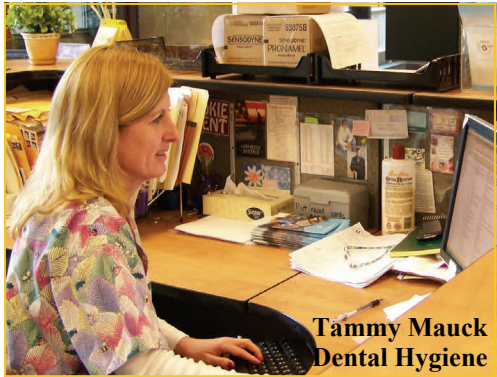
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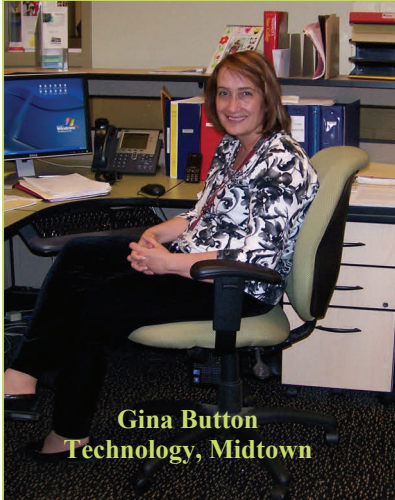


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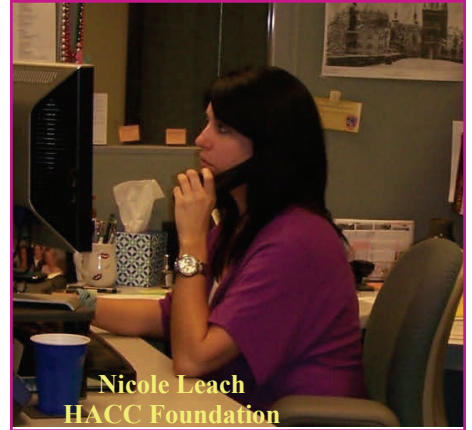
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GARDEN BUZZ

Deb Eichenberger
Coordinator, Grounds & Arboretum



The season is finally starting to cool a bit – we’ve never experienced such a “don’t-blink-or-you’ll-miss-it” March, where the forsythia was still blooming when the dogwoods unfurled their flowers.

We’re fortunate that so many people in our college community enjoy planting and gardening at home. Here are some of the most common questions we’re asked during our work day:

What can I do with my leftover bulb foliage?

There are a few solutions to this dilemma. Bulb foliage needs at least 8 weeks to replenish their flowers for next spring. In order to leave the foliage in place until it withers, plant bulbs in beds with perennials – the emerging perennial plants will hide the floppy bulb leaves. Or, plant early spring bloomers like scilla, anemone blanda (*see picture, above*) and crocus – these bulbs have much less foliage and it dies off quickly. If you’re feeling extravagant, treat bulbs (tulips especially) like annuals, and remove the bulbs after the spring show. Braiding, banding, or cutting off bulb foliage prematurely will shorten the life of your spring bulbs. Patience is a virtue, even in the garden!

When can I plant my tomatoes?

Tomatoes, peppers, zucchini, and other summer vegetables need warm soil in order to thrive. If you plant them before the middle of May they will sit, sulk, or even die in the cold wet soil of early spring.

Can I seed grass now?

Spring is a good time to patch lawns and renovate small areas. Because of the vagaries of summer in PA, early fall is the best time to do large scale reseeding and renovations. The warm soil, cool air, and normally plentiful rains of fall are ideal for grass.

What’s the best potting soil for containers?

A soilless mix is needed for optimal plant performance in containers. Garden soil and heavy potting mixes compact in containers, squeezing out vital air and creating boggy conditions. Ingredients should include peat moss, composted bark, perlite or vermiculite. Invest in good potting soils and in slow release fertilizers like Osmocote for robust blooms all summer.

How do you get everything to look so nice?

The secrets to our success are 1) pick the right plant for the right place; 2) stagger blooming times so that something interesting is always coming into bloom, and 3) select plants with interesting and colorful foliage that provide texture and color even if nothing is blooming. And, don’t forget to inter-plant evergreens for winter interest.

When can I prune my azaleas/rhododendrons/forsythias etc?

The typical rule is “prune after the bloom” for most plants, so that there is plenty of time for next spring’s flower buds to develop. If robust plants like forsythia and lilacs have outgrown their space, they can be cut to almost ground level after blooming. Or, consider removing them and replanting with new cultivars that are more compact and manageable.

Can I have your job?

Only if you still want it in sultry mid-August and during blinding snowstorms in February!



Cod Au Gratin
From Isabel Croke, Pearl City, Newfoundland

- 2 lbs. of cooked codfish fillets (Bring to a boil and cook on medium heat for about 10 minutes. Watch your pot, don't let it boil over or you'll have some mess)
 - 3 Tbsp butter
 - 3 Tbsp flour
 - ½ tsp each salt and pepper
 - 2 cups fresh milk
 - 1 ½ cups grated cheddar cheese
- Drain the cooked fish and flake with a fork. Place in a square baking pan.
- Melt the butter in a saucepan. Take off the burner and add the flour, salt and pepper and stir. Add milk and blend in. Put back on the burner on medium high heat, and stir constantly with a whisk until the sauce thickens. Remove from the burner.
- Pour the sauce over the fish and mix thoroughly. Add cheese so the entire top of the fish mixture is covered--whatever it takes to cover the top of the dish). Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Let cool about 15 minutes before serving as it has to set a bit.

Spotlight on Sports

Lisa Cleveland

Director of Athletics & Recreation

The Hawk tennis season is underway, with just 3 matches and the EPCC Conference Tournament left to finish out the season. At this point the team is in third place in league play, looking to put a few more wins under their belts before the EPCC Conference Tournament in Reading on April 28th.



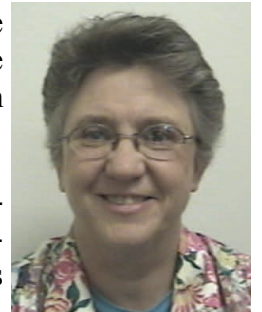
Have you heard...

that Professor Brenda C. Eppley has been chosen as a Fulbright Scholar. Professor Eppley's proposal, entitled "Building Opportunities for Educational Theatre" led to an invitation from the University of the Free State of South Africa in Bloemfontein to serve on the Theatre faculty. In addition to her academic responsibilities, she will devise an educational theatre outreach program between UFS and the surrounding communities. Her work will also utilize her experience as an Ombudsperson at HACC to collaborate with UFS' Office of Student Affairs and the University's International Institute for Studies in Race, Reconciliation and Social Justice in the hope of strengthening the appeal and judiciary process of student's appeals. Professor Eppley will depart for South Africa in early July for a year-long appointment.



Please join us in congratulating Professor Eppley and wishing her well.

about a possible articulation agreement between HACC's Theatre program and the School of Theatre & Dance at West Virginia University College of Creative Arts? Marnie Brennan, HACC Theatre Professor, recently received the following communication from West Virginia University Senior Professor Joshua Williamson:



"Over the past several years, we have had many HACC theatre students enter our program as transfers to complete a BFA in Theatre at WVU. Our faculty have been so impressed with the high level of skill and training these students possess that our dean has approved our request to seek an articulation agreement with your program. Ultimately, we would like to develop a 2+2 plan that would allow HACC theatre students to complete the AA degree in Performing Arts at HACC and then enter WVU as a junior and complete either a BA in Theatre or a BFA in Theatre with a concentration in Acting as part of our Acting Studio Program. This agreement would facilitate a smooth transition to WVU for the student without any worries about what courses may or may not transfer.

If such an agreement is of interest, we would like to plan a visit to HACC to meet your faculty and tour your facilities and perhaps observe a class or a rehearsal as a way of introducing ourselves. Our dean would contact your dean to facilitate getting the necessary approvals from both institutions.

I am hopeful such an agreement would improve enrollment for both programs. Please feel free to email or call me anytime. I'm looking forward to developing a relationship with HACC."

On April 24, program dean, Dr. Paul Kreider, Professor Williamson, and a WVU transfer counselor will be visiting HACC's theatre program. A full day of activities have been planned, including a round table Q&A session with some of the theatre students who will either be graduating or transferring from the program and are looking at 4-year colleges.

In the last three years, four HACC Theatre students have received full scholarships to complete their studies at WVU. Those students are Eric Brown, Benjamin Koons, Benjamin Roberts, and Megan Schreiber.

KUDOS to Marnie Brennan and our Theatre Department.

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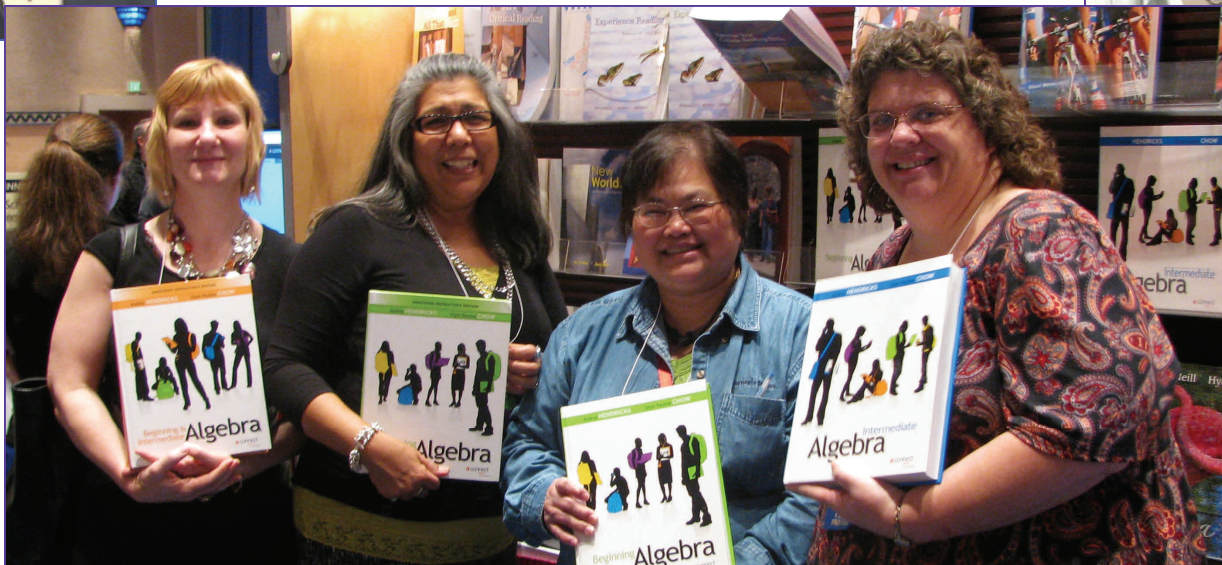
that The NADE (National Association of Developmental Educators) Conference was held February 22-25th in Orlando, Florida. HACC faculty and colleagues from OAS were in attendance. Linda Mininger, who is currently President of the local chapter (PADE), was able to attend many leadership workshops to keep HACC at the forefront of developmental education. Geri Gutwein and Marie Ulmen presented at this national conference using a new reading strategy developed by Geri. At the present time other colleges from across the nation are implementing the strategy and will report their outcomes back to Geri and Marie. In addition, Carloyn Veit from the York campus, was able to attend, listen and participate through the numerous workshops and keynote speaker events.



Marguerite MacDonald, Director of OAS at Harrisburg, has been elected Vice President of NADE, representing HACC at the national level. Elisa Cohen, Assistant Director of OAS at Harrisburg, who is currently Immediate Past President of PADE, attended many leadership workshops to observe the national trends in helping students succeed through the use of tutoring and support. She also serves as the Elections Committee chairperson for NADE.



Marie, Geri, Pauline, & Linda



Lastly, Pauline Chow was proudly represented through a new series of math books that she has recently co-authored.

Have you heard...

that Professor Gina M. Bowers-Miller, M.Ed., LPC recently attended the Course Technology Annual National Conference in San Antonio Texas.

As an invited presenter, Professor Bowers-Miller discussed the class that she created called, Emerging Web Technologies, CIS 282 AF. She discussed the class goals and outcomes, as well as highlighted the student Wiki that was developed as a project for this course entitled:

Tablet Use in Education:

Incorporating Mobile Apps & Devices in Your Classroom

The powerpoint presentation is available on Slideshare at <http://www.slideshare.net/GinaBowersMiller/conference-2012-ppt-mobile-technology-bowersmiller-11920947> and Sliderocket at http://portal.sliderocket.com/AIJ/Conference-2012-PPT-Mobile-Technology_Bowers_Miller.



that **Gregory Dolise**, professor, physics, gave a short talk on "Methods of Writing Exam Questions" at the Pennsylvania regional meeting of the American Association of Physics Teachers. Greg was re-elected to the Executive Board of the Pennsylvania section during the general membership meeting.

that our own Linda Lefevre and Brenda Eppley participated in the 2nd Annual Capital 10-Miler—a run for the arts. The HACC Foundation Meghan B. Freas Scholarship was one of the benefactors of the race.

The Capital 10-miler benefits many arts organizations of the capital region. The event starts and finishes on City Island, with the course including the riverfront and the Capital Area Greenbelt, as well as scenic bridges over the Susquehanna River. You are invited to participate in the 3rd Annual Capital 10-Miler in Spring 2013.



Nerd Nite!

The Art of Currency

When:

Friday, April 20 at 5:00pm

Where:

HACC Midtown, 2nd Floor
1500 N. 3rd Street
Harrisburg, PA 17102

The Schedule:

5:00pm-7:00pm

- The Art of Currency Gallery
- Poker Lessons
- Documentaries and Movies:
 - The Ascent of Money
 - Wall Street

7:00pm-8:00pm – Guest Speaker

- Michelle Myers (HACC Business Department Chair) – **“Greed is good, or is it?”**

“Money has a certain kind of amnesty.”

- Andy Warhol

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<http://nerdsintheburg.org>

The convergence of all things Nerdy in the Burg and
an outlet for the technical passions that drive us.

ROSE LEHRMAN ARTS CENTER NEWS



Jeffrey Scott, Ruth Bernard, Marjaneh Talebi, Shawn Williams, Kim Banister, Jim Lard, Young Woil, Pat Frese, Doris Slade, Rafael Henin, Ron Talbott, Angie Jeselnick, and Garrick Dorsett had their artwork on display at the Art Faculty reception at Rose Lehrman Arts Center in January 2012.

The Rose Lehrman Art Gallery is now a member of the PA Artisans Trails, the Rt 15 ByWay of the Arts.

As the website says: This PA Artisan Trail is approximately 180 miles running north to south through the state along Route 15, captivating its visitor with rural hideaways and quaint shops to hip urban galleries and distinctive lodging choices. These art-full destinations offer the experience of seeing and collecting striking paintings, drawings, photographs, metal sculptures, pottery, jewelry and so much more. The ByWay of the Arts also includes the chance to visit artists' studios, where skilled artisans can be seen creating their masterpieces. "Hip, urban galleries"...that is the Rose Lehrman!

The inclusion of college art galleries is a recent addition to the Trail. Visit the website <http://www.paartisantrails.com/route15.htm> to see all the artists and art venues near the Rt. 15 corridor.

The **Live at Rose Lehrman Artist Series** and the Rose Lehrman Arts Center are being honored this spring as the recipient of the **2012 Award for Distinguished Service to the Arts in the Capital Region**, otherwise known as the "Arts Award." The award will be presented in a gala ceremony and celebration on Sunday evening, April 29 2012 at the Whitaker Center for Science and the Arts in downtown Harrisburg.

For more information on Rose Lehrman Live performances visit their website: <http://www.hacc.edu/RLAC/index.cfm>

MIDTOWN MOMENTS



LET'S GO GREEN!

Do you know a student who is interested in a career in green technology? If so HACC's Mid-Town center can help them launch their career! Jobs focusing on today's emerging green technology are among the fastest growing segments in the employment sector. According to the Pennsylvania Green Jobs Survey Report, green jobs are jobs that employ workers in producing or offering products or services that promote energy efficiency, contribute to the sustainable use of resources or renewable energy, prevent pollution, help clean up the environment, and promote the reduction of harmful emissions.

HACC currently offers two academic programs in alternative energy systems for green career-minded students: A two-year program leading to an associate in applied science degree in alternative energy and a shorter, one year certificate in PV solar. All green courses are offered in the evening at our Mid-Town center, 1500 North Third Street. Graduates of the program are general practitioners skilled in design, installation, maintenance, and operation of energy systems; site identification and assessment; structural audits for energy efficiency and conservation; project management; regulatory compliance; and basic economic, environmental, and social impact assessments. These specialized skills are built upon a strong education in math, science, communications, computing, and business. To learn more about HACC's program options, please contact Virgil Ganescu, Ph.D., Dean of Academic Affairs, Technology Division, at (717) 221-1300, x1473 or email vcganes@hacc.edu.

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Gallery Announcements

New Gallery Opened in March - HACC Midtown

Fenêtre Gallery is a professional gallery located at the HACC Midtown II campus on the corner of Riley and 3rd St. The gallery's mission is to offer exhibits of contemporary art work of emerging and established artists. Fenêtre will encourage young artists to submit proposals.

Fenêtre Gallery is in a historic landmark in Midtown Harrisburg. The gallery name means window in French. One wall of the gallery is an interior window that is part of the original architecture. The window creates an opening between the exhibit space and the reception area where light enters the building through a skylight. Metaphorically, the name is a reference to a window as an opening into the imagination.



Fenêtre Gallery will be open on Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m. and Fridays from 6 to 8 p.m. Receptions will be held on the 3rd Friday of each month.

The first exhibit was the Harrisburg Region Scholastic Art Awards which opened on March 16 and ran through April 12. A reception was held on March 16, during 3rd in the Burg. It is hoped that Fenêtre will contribute to the cultural, social, and educational life of Midtown Harrisburg and serve as another interface between HACC and the community.

Special thanks to Joe W. and Chuck Via for their help with the facility.

April 11– May 4, 2010—Student Honors Shows

For more information on the gallery, visit their website at <http://www.hacc.edu/RoseLehrmanArtsCenter/ArtGallery/index.cfm>

Message from our Interim Vice President

During my recent Harrisburg Campus Forums, there have been questions about what the different areas in Student Affairs do for our students. After spending some time with those who work in each area of Student Affairs, I wanted to share the information below to give all of us a better understanding of those functions.

Student Affairs Operations

Recruitment/Admissions

Recruiters help bring new students to our campus. They provide comprehensive, accurate information and support for prospective students, families, secondary education professionals, employers, and community groups concerning the College, placement testing requirements, credit and non-credit program offerings, financial aid, and tuition payment options. They implement effective communication strategies for reaching new students, working with PR to develop media campaigns. They build relationships with prospective students from an expression of interest until they are admitted, they cover walk-ins in the Welcome Center, they present during campus visit days, they visit high schools in the three-county region, and represent HACC at various events on and off campus.

Financial Aid

Financial aid counselors at HACC help students navigate the maze of financial aid possibilities, from student loans to state and federal grants and potential scholarships. They assist with forms and answer questions about the process.

Welcome Center

Welcome Center staff assist students with a wide range of activities: course registration, drop/add, change of major, paying bills, basics of financial aid, processing admissions at peak periods. They staff the windows on the second floor of Cooper, monitor and assist with the self-service stations, and answer phone calls about registration questions and student accounts. They assist with collections, the no-pay drop process (students who are dropped for not paying their bill), and the payment plan.

Here are some fast facts about activity in the Welcome Center during a typical busy month:

- 3175 student walk-ins at the window
- 5154 students using self-service kiosks
- 5916 phone calls answered; 86% of incoming calls answered
- 3497 cash/credit transactions at the window
- 3401 registration transactions



As a result of the questions about the Welcome Center during the Harrisburg Campus Forums, there will be an information session planned during May for any one who is interested.

Counseling

1. Counselors and advisors lead our advising efforts, offering training and tools to faculty advisors. They work regularly with faculty to update them on new developments and have recruited faculty to balance advising loads.
2. They have developed and implemented Advising and Registration Sessions (ARS) for all new students to the college.
 - They provide information about financial aid and registration, and time for a brief advising appt with a counselor.
 - They reach groups of students with generic information and 1/1 time is reserved for advising.
 - There's a more concrete result: a larger percentage of students have now logged into HACC web, printed schedule and bill, and have gained experience using our system.
 - More efficient use of time with new students creates more time they can spend with continuing students in 1/1 appointments.
 - Health Careers-specific ARS sessions prepare students for the rigors of these selective admissions programs and the competitive nature of the clinical application.
3. **Division Counselors:** Several Harrisburg Campus counselors also serve in the role of division counselors, acting as a liaison between their assigned academic department(s) and the counselors. They provide the students' perspective in curriculum discussions, communicate to campus counselors about program changes and their advising implications, and communicate program changes quickly to students.
4. **Training materials:** They provide and update advising check sheets for students and faculty advisors; they update program information (Fact Sheets) and circulate among all the counselors to make sure all are aware of recent changes in case they get student from another program. Cross training occurs all the time, and especially during ARS.



Student Life

Student life helps attract students to the campus and they help retain students once they are here by engaging them beyond the classroom. This results not only in greater retention but higher grades and greater graduation rates. The number of activities and student participation have increased dramatically in the last year, from two activities per month in Fall 2011 to two activities per week in Spring 2012.

Student Life is divided into several categories

- SGA: Governmental Affairs: the voice of student concerns, legislation, allocation of student activity fee, and club recognition and service.
- Student Programming Board: Campus activities (IMPACTS): Intellectual, Multicultural, Personal Awareness, Community Services, Transition/Leadership, and Social.
- VIP: Campus ambassadors: Campus Tours, open houses, High school visits.
- Professional Staff: Community Service, Leadership programs, Campus collaborations.



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Linda Barr
James Baxter
Diane Benner
Jenny Berringer
Arthur Doakes
Robert Finley
Lori Friedlander
Christopher Gable
LuAnn Gallup
Jeffrey Gieniec
Debra Grieneisen
Theresa Guerrisi
Arthur Johnson
Marie Johnston
James Koons
Nina Kottcamp
Brenda Krebs
Wendy Kung
Katherine Leonard
Marsha Leonard
Charles Levy Jr
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Sara Meng
Peter Miller
Mark Nelson
Debra Nickey
David Pappas
Ruby Porr
Emanda Reiner
Patricia Saia
Evelin Schwartz
James Selgas
Natalie Smith
Jeffrey Snead
James Staub
Pamela Stein
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HARRISBURG CAMPUS FUTURE EVENTS



Wii Bowling Night

Dust off your remotes and come join your co-workers for a fun filled evening hosted by the campus fitness committee!

Wednesday, April 25, 2012

6:30 p.m.

Cooper Student Center Community Room



Phi Theta Kappa Banquet April 28, 2012



HEALTH & FITNESS CHALLENGE—SPRING 2012



The Spring 2012 challenge began on Sunday, March 11 and will end on Saturday, May 5. As you know, beginning this Fall, we will incorporate the Capital Blue Cross Program—Better Health Works. Since this is the “final” challenge, we’ve gone “retro,” and the prize will carry the apple tree logo - you remember - an apple a day...

Challenge participants are invited to attend a reception on Thursday, May 10, in W125F. Healthy foods will be served, team bragging is encouraged, and retro prizes will be awarded. To ensure that we have plenty of food, please reserve your space by calling Holly at ext. 1769 no later than Friday, May 4.

Good luck! Hope to see all of you on May 10!

Cultural Awareness Workshops Return to campus!

Sponsored in partnership with the United Way of the Capital Region, the Office of Student Life present the following cultural awareness workshops:

Thai culture—**May 2nd**

Caribbean culture—**June 6th**

For more information or to register visit:

<http://pr.athacc.com/02132012UWCulturalWorkshops.pdf>



For student activities click below to check out the HACCtivity calendar
<http://www.hacc.edu/Harrisburg/upload/2012SpringHacactivity.pdf>



HARRISBURG CAMPUS EMPLOYEE BUZZ

We invite you to be a part of this process by submitting your thoughts, ideas, items of interest, awards, faculty and staff profiles, etc., utilizing this page.

Received an award recently?

New family member?

Buy a new home?

Interesting vacation?

Employee profiles?

If you would like to be profiled, to nominate someone to be profiled, or to share some personal information with your co-workers at the Harrisburg Campus, please complete the form below, read & sign the release, and send it to Pat Thompson, W126.

PICTURES ARE WELCOMED!

Name _____

Job Title _____

Location _____

Profile? _____

What's new? _____

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