Greetings!

There is something about spring that brings about energy and excitement for many. Maybe it is all the flowers blossoming, spring sports, warmer weather or just the thought that summer vacations aren’t far away! Whatever it may be that has given you a boost of energy this spring, embrace it! I know there are many great things happening in the upcoming weeks on campus that will be exciting, and I look forward to attending as many as possible.

Below is a glimpse of some of our upcoming events:

**March 23** - The campus will host the Lebanon Valley Chamber’s Business After Hours event. The focus of the event will be on how to network and interact with professionals.

**March 28** - The campus will host the Central PA Blood Drive. Donors are needed, and this is truly a selfless act for those who are able to donate.

**March 30** - Campus culture day! Last year highlighted information, food and art from a variety of cultures. This year sounds like it will not disappoint.

**March 31** - Christin Millett will focus on women’s history through art.

**April 4** - The campus will host therapy dogs! Cute, fluffy dogs you can pet. Enough said.

**April 5** - The campus will host donors and 2015-2016 scholarship recipients. If you haven’t RSVP’d, please contact us soon!

**April 21** - The campus will be a part of HACC’s Day of Giving! If you love food and HACC, this is the day to be on campus! More information will be posted in the lobby soon!

Stay tuned for so many more interesting and fun events! You are encouraged to attend when possible and engage with our HACC Lebanon Family!

*Laurie Bowersox*
Block-Booking at HACC

In an effort to save funds, HACC campuses have started to block-book. What is block-booking? Block-booking occurs when multiple campuses book the same performer or speaker in the same week in an effort to get a discount on the performance and performer travel. HACC students attended the Association for the Promotion of Campus Activities (APCA) conference on Feb. 4 and Feb. 5 in Hershey, PA. Our SGA President, Ondrea Padillas, and our Director of Student Development, Brandy Skaf, attended the conference on behalf of HACC Lebanon. Many acts and speakers were showcased. HACC has already block-booked two performers for Fall 2016!

Bus Trip to Washington, D.C.

The SGA sponsored bus trip to Washington D.C. will be held on Saturday, April 16. The cost for students is $13, and the cost for guests, including faculty, staff, and alumni, is $20. Stop by the Welcome Center to register and reserve your seat!

Campus Clean-Up

Celebrate Earth Day on April 22, by participating in HACC Lebanon’s annual Campus Clean-Up. We are looking for student and faculty/staff volunteers to mulch and plant flowers around campus in the morning. Please e-mail Brandy Skaf (blskaf@hacc.edu) or Dave Edwards (dledward@hacc.edu) if you are interested in participating. Lunch will be provided to all volunteers!
Looking for Student Leaders!

Beginning fall 2016, there will be two separate student organizations representing what the Student Government Association (SGA) currently embodies today. SGA will be tasked with advocating for the student body, addressing student concerns, and serving on collegewide committees. SPB (Student Programming Board) will be responsible for hosting entertaining, educational, co-curricular, and multicultural programming for HACC Lebanon.

Brandy Skaf, Director of Student Development, is currently seeking student leaders for both organizations. Please send nominations for these organizations to blskaf@hacc.edu. Brandy will reach out to these students directly and invite nominees to apply for paid and volunteer positions within the groups.

Stuff-A-Plush

On February 10, students had the opportunity to build a stuffed animal for their significant other or a family member. The Student Government Association funded this event in an effort for students to save money on a Valentine’s Day gift. During the Stuff-A-Plush event, PTK and LGBT Club also hosted a flower and candy sale.
Guidelines for Developing HACC-Related Videos for HACC’s YouTube Channel

Would you like to see YOUR HACC-related videos on HACC’s YouTube channel? Please visit myHACC to review the newly added document, Guidelines for Developing a HACC Video for YouTube. It can be found on the Office of College Advancement channel under the Photography and Videography section. The document includes tips for recording and everything you need to get YOUR video posted onto HACC’s YouTube channel!

Congratulations!

Many congratulations to Dr. Dwayne Hunt for successfully defending his dissertation titled: Adjustment and resilience: How black male students who grew up in urban settings and attended rural colleges make meaning of their undergraduate experiences. He will graduate in May, with his Doctorate in Education: Higher Education Administration from Northeastern University.

Well done, Dwayne!

Meet the new Lebanon Campus Ombudsperson

Greetings!

My name is David (Dave) Edwards, Facilities Supervisor, and I am the new Ombudsperson for the Lebanon Campus. Here is a description of an Ombudsperson:

“An ombudsperson is an impartial, neutral and confidential dispute resolver who strives to see that faculty, staff and students at the college are treated fairly and equitably. The ombudsperson does not take sides, but considers the rights and interests of all parties, with the goal of achieving fair outcomes. For more information, please see AP 121, Ombudspersons.”

If you need my services, my phone number is 717-270-6366 (on campus extension is 416366); my email is dledward@hacc.edu, or you may stop by my office in room 217.

You may also find more information (to include other Ombudspersons) at: myHACC > Human Resources Information > Complaints/Concerns.
Welcome!

Kathryn A. Sanders joined Lebanon’s Pushnik Library in August 2015 as a library specialist. Kathryn earned her Master’s degree in European History from Millersville University and her Bachelor’s in History from Mansfield University. Previously, she worked with LancasterHistory.org to create their current exhibit, *County, Commonwealth, & Country*; the Moravian Historical Society where she inventoried and organized their entire collection; and at the Mansfield University Library during her attendance there. In her spare time, Kathryn enjoys discovering new local spots as well as frequenting her favorites, visiting various museums and locations of historical significance, photography, and planning her upcoming April wedding. She has enjoyed her time so far at HACC and looks forward every day to interacting with, and aiding students, faculty, and staff when they come into the Library.

Welcome back to Bryan Hess, who was selected as the new lead officer at HACC’s Lebanon Campus. Bryan began his career at HACC in September 2014 as a part-time officer at Lebanon, and began working in a full-time position at the Lancaster Campus in March 2015. Since leaving the US Air Force, Bryan has been involved with public safety as a para-medic, firefighter, and Act 235 certified officer for Dorney Park. He has also served as an ambulance captain, supervisor, and even rose to the rank of deputy chief of EMS. Additionally, Bryan and his wife became the proud parents of twins last January. Bryan is excited to come back to Lebanon and is very excited to start working with everyone in his new role as lead officer.

 Suicide Prevention and Awareness

Please join the LGBT Club on Wednesday, April 13, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., in Room 105, for an open and honest discussion on suicide awareness and prevention presented by suicide prevention advocate, Magaret Jugon. Margaret has been running QPR seminars, including multiple events at different HACC campuses over the past year, and we are very lucky to have her at the Lebanon Campus to deliver this presentation. She is here to provide a safe environment in which we can all join the conversation about mental health, learning the warning signs, and how to seek help.
YOUR Scholarship Guide

A new scholarship tool has been created! Scholarship cheat sheets (general and specific) have been developed and can be found by going to The Office of College Advancement channel and clicking on the “Scholarships” tab in myHACC.

The purpose of these cheat sheets are to:

- Inform faculty and staff of the various Foundation scholarships
- Educate colleagues on ways to search for scholarships by asking student qualifying questions
- Learn about scholarships relevant to your role to help in marketing to students
- Encourage more students to apply for scholarships in which they are eligible to ensure HACC’s vision - HACC will be the first choice for a quality and accessible higher education opportunity - is a reality
- Allow faculty and staff to work together with one main effort in mind - Creating opportunities and transforming lives to shape the future - together

How can I use it as a faculty member?

A faculty member who teaches, for example, engineering and technology classes can go through the steps below to become familiarized with all scholarships that pertain to that specific program.

- Go to https://hacc.academicworks.com/
- Click on “Show Filters” on the right
- Click on the “Engineering and Technology” scope (under “By Keyword”)
- Click “Filter Opportunities” to view all scholarships related to that program

How can I use it as an admissions counselor?

When admissions counselors are speaking with students they can ask the qualifying questions on the cheat sheets while building rapport with the student. A role play example is provided below.

- Admissions counselor – “Are you a student worker?”
- Student – “Yes, I work at the library.”
- Admissions counselor – “Excellent, did you know we have various scholarships that may be applicable to you since you are a student worker?”
- Student – “I did not know that, but it sounds like a great opportunity. I think I will apply.”

What is the difference between the specific and general scholarship cheat sheet?

The general scholarship cheat sheet includes opportunities that contain less eligibility requirements for students, but the specific scholarship cheat sheet includes opportunities that have more stringent eligibility requirements. Therefore, the specific scholarship cheat sheet includes opportunities that are more difficult to award since there are usually fewer applicants, so it is best to focus on marketing those first.

Please learn more about HACC Foundation scholarships by clicking here, and email HACCScholarships@hacc.edu with any questions.
Poverty Simulation

“It’s just asking for handouts.”
“If they work, and work hard enough, they can make it.”
“It’s being lazy.”

Imagine hearing these comments when you know you are working a 40 hour week and still needing a part-time job to make ends meet. Imagine hearing this when you are struggling to provide food for young children.

Many hard-working people live in poverty right here in Lebanon County. Poverty affects everything from health to the ability to learn. Anyone who works in a service profession, education, health careers, or criminal justice work with those who struggle financially. By experiencing their world, we can better understand the hurdles they encounter and the systems they must navigate in order to survive.

On March 2, presentations and a simulated experience of poverty brought focus on these very struggles to the Lebanon Campus. Starting off the day, faculty and our campus director shared knowledge of how disadvantages impact our education, ability to read, create roadblocks for employment, and can greatly affect one’s health. We learned that among low economic populations, a single book may be shared by 300 children, 23.5 million people have no access to a supermarket within a one-mile walking distance, 36% of Lebanon County children under the age of 5 fall under the poverty line, and wages for many workers flat-lined in 1972, creating the need to work longer hours and increase personal debt just to make ends meet. 65 students attended the various morning presentations.

To bring home the experience of the low-income family, Support Connections of Lebanon County set up a full simulation of what it takes to navigate the systems needed to get by. Participants were assigned family roles, with guidelines of what is needed to be accomplished over a simulated month. Finding employment, transportation, food, daycare, and other basic needs proved a challenge for each group as they attempted to meet their goals. Most did, but at the cost of time with family, time to relax, and time to easily plan ahead. When all was done, and the groups were asked about the experience, most agreed that they gained not only knowledge but a better understanding and compassion for those who struggle. Several stated that they now had more motivation to help and make changes for the better.
Rising Stars!

Twenty-four HACC students were honored in February as part of the Rising Star program here on campus. The program recognizes those students who have outstanding grades in English 001 and 002, stepping stone developmental courses for many.

Campus Executive Director, Laurie Bowersox, greeted the students and their guests and spoke about the perseverance students need to have to achieve good grades. Certificates of recognition were presented by reading instructors Kathy Felty and Marge Sweeney, who had many of the students in their previous classes.

The awards ceremony recognized students who successfully completed Eng 001 or 002 with a GPA of 3.0 or greater during the fall 2015 semester. Students who achieved the goal for one semester were recognized as Rising Stars; students who met the goal for two semesters received the Shooting Star designation.

Some of you may have noticed a new piece of equipment in the cyber café at the Lebanon campus. It’s an impressive sight, proudly sporting the Virtual Learning Student Advisory Council (VLSAC) logo and standing 5’ high. The VLSAC is proud to present the first secure charging station on any of HACC’s campuses! No longer will you need to remember to bring your phone or tablet charger to campus. No more sitting strategically so you’re near an outlet to plug in. Now, all you need is your device and a 4-digit pin, and the charging station makes your low battery full again, so you can stay connected to the world! Just find an empty compartment, connect your device using the appropriate cable (several cables compatible with most phones and tablets are available in each compartment), create a PIN to lock the cabinet and walk away. Later, when you come to retrieve your device, just enter your unique 4-digit PIN and !Voila! You’re good to go!
HACC’s First-Ever Day of Giving - April 21, 2016

On April 21, 2016, members of the HACC community will join together for HACC’s first-ever Day of Giving! It’s a chance for HACC alumni, current and former board members, employees, retirees and students to make a BIG impact in a short period of time and build a brighter future for HACC and its students.

Together, we can show how much we #HeartHACC. Please click here to learn more about how you can show YOUR support on campus or through an online donation on April 21.

Join together on April 21 to make a BIG impact for HACC!

Come enjoy some great local food and fun at Lebanon Campus events during HACC’s Day of Giving!

7:45 a.m. – 9 a.m. Lebanon’s Best Breakfast Lobby
Stop by the lobby to purchase one of the best breakfast foods available from local eateries
Minimum $1 donation

Noon – 2 p.m. “Celebrity” cook-off MPR
Join us in the MPR to sample and vote on the best food of Lebanon
Minimum $3 donation for sampling and voting

5 p.m. – 7 p.m. Best baked goods on campus Lobby
Stop by the lobby to purchase one of our homemade baked goods
Minimum $1 donation

HACC Give Back
T-shirts for sale all day in the lobby for $10

All proceeds collected at the Lebanon Campus will benefit the Lebanon Campus Emergency Assistance Fund.
New Programs coming to HACC’s Lebanon Campus

Three new healthcare programs will be available at the Lebanon Campus beginning in May. HACC’s Workforce Development and Continuing Education Division (WFD) is offering the following programs:

- **Physician Office Assistant** – train to work in the front office of a medical practice or call center in a very rewarding occupation assisting patients with scheduling appointments and answering insurance questions. This 332-hour, full-time, day program starts in late-May and includes a 160-hour unpaid internship in a medical practice of a local healthcare system. To date, ninety-nine percent of program completers found great-paying jobs with benefits!

- **Medical Billing and Coding Specialist** – as a medical billing and coding specialist you will review medical records, file insurance claims and work with claims payments and denials. This program starts in early-August, is 240 hours in length, and ends in early-June going two evenings a week. Jobs in this sector of healthcare are increasing in Central Pennsylvania.

- **Pharmacy Technician** – learn how to assist a Registered Pharmacist with a variety of activities of a pharmacy department not requiring the professional training of a pharmacist. This certification preparation program is 114 hours in length and is offered attending class two evenings per week beginning July 6.

Any questions about any of these high priority occupations can be directed to our Healthcare Education Department at 717-221-1352 (internal HACC extension 21-1351). We look forward to these programs being offered at the Lebanon Campus. Be on the lookout for additional programs to be offered in the near future.