Season’s Greetings, Harrisburg Campus!

I hope that you will take time to peruse this special holiday season edition of the Harrisburg Vibe newsletter, highlighting some of the many events, achievements, and milestones from throughout our campus community in November and December. As the fall 2019 term concludes and the remaining days in the calendar year dwindle, I offer my sincere gratitude to each of you and celebrate our collective contributions that are of the utmost importance and value to our students!

Amidst an institutional reorganization and times of uncertainty, I continue to witness many colleagues who are passionate about their work, recognize the opportunity that they have in molding minds, hearts and futures, and seek opportunities to celebrate the many positives in our personal and professional lives. I ask each of you to always remain open to a spirit of collegiality, with a shared focus and optimism about the futures of those lives that we collectively impact each day.

As you may be aware, this will be the final issue of the VIBE, as the College’s communications become enhanced and streamlined as part of the One College model. I have enjoyed the opportunity to address the campus community through this newsletter and hope that you will continue to stay informed of, and involved in, the latest and greatest happenings at the Harrisburg Campus by reading future editions of the Ski Gram, which will include specific Harrisburg Campus content beginning in the new year!

As we carry forth toward a successful finish to the year and with colder, snowier months ahead, please join me in being mindful of how profoundly our actions and words can impact others, our organization and the world around us. As a Japanese proverb succinctly reminds us:

"One kind word can warm three winter months."

- Unknown

I look forward to making a positive difference together in 2020, and wish you and yours a joyous, restful holiday season.

With gratitude and kindness,

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Thank you to all of the faculty, staff and retirees who took the time to gather together for a celebration of the holidays and each other. We had fun playing a few games and eating too many cookies!

**NAMING OPPORTUNITIES**

**Naming Opportunities on campus!**

Imagine your family enjoying the recognition and honor of seeing their name displayed in a public place at HACC. All five campuses of HACC, Central Pennsylvania’s Community College, offer naming opportunities. The opportunities vary per campus and include bricks, trees, benches and spaces. These naming opportunities are a great way to honor or memorialize someone (or something) special in your life. In addition, your generous support benefits current and future HACC learners. Contributions for naming opportunities range from $100 to $1 million. Please click on the images for more information about these opportunities.
Thank you to all the faculty and staff who volunteered at the Harrisburg Campus Open House on Oct. 30. Prospective students had an opportunity to learn about our academic programs, tour the campus, explore all of our student services and even apply! Your contributions made this event a success and we could not have done this event without you, so thank you!

**Save the date for the Harrisburg Campus Spring Open House, April 28, 2020**

On Veterans Day, HACC students, staff, and faculty took part in our campuswide community service project in the Bruce E. Cooper Student Center. 700 hygiene kits were assembled for the YWCA of Greater Harrisburg Veterans Programs.

The project was sponsored by the Student Government Association and in collaboration with PSECU and the Student Development and Multicultural Programs Department.

HACC’s Theatre for Young People recently completed their very successful production of Lois Lowry’s *The Giver*. Part of the mission of HACC Theatre is to reach out to young people and provide inspiring stories that entertain, educate, and edify. Another, is to introduce HACC to a plethora of potential future students. This year over 500 audience members received the message of *The Giver* in Nov. Our daytime Outreach performances were presented to students from 5th to 9th grade and included the following schools: St Theresa School, Camp Hill Middle School, New Cumberland Middle School, Harrisburg Catholic Elementary School, Big Spring High School, Harrisburg Area Home School, St. Margaret Mary School, and over 200 from West Perry Middle School, who brought their entire 6th grade!

**Chef Tom Long** demonstrated his ice carving skills at a lunch and learn in November. He took us through his techniques from ice block to masterpiece! Thank you, Tom for sharing your gift with us!
Thank you to ABC 27 news anchor Valerie Pritchett for sharing “A Day in the Life of a Reporter” a Lunch and Learn program in the Bruce E. Cooper Student Center.

Our Harrisburg Campus leadership team honored our Veterans on Nov. 11 in the Bruce E. Cooper Student Center.

Angela Campbell and Sherrill Goodlive held a short series of workshops titled “Adulting 101” during the fall semester. One of the sessions was about cooking/how to follow a recipe, and Chef Tom Long demonstrated how to make three meals out of one rotisserie chicken. Another was about basic car maintenance, and John Todd (pictured above), instructor, Automotive brought a new Camaro to Cooper, and showed students how to check the oil, tire pressure and also how to jump-start a car.

In the Fall of 2019 the Student Nurses Organization became aware of students experiencing difficulty on the HACC Harrisburg Campus. As part of their commitment to serve in the community, nursing students began collecting hygiene items. In November, these items were assembled into kits. In all, 44 male toiletry kits, 44 female toiletry kits, and 75 feminine hygiene bags were able to be distributed by the Counseling and Advising Department.

Thank you to Dr. Gina Crance, dean of Student Affairs, Harrisburg for facilitating a Student Development TED TALK Programming series program on The three A’s of Awesomeness (Attitude, awareness, and authenticity).
The Culinary Gala held in the Bruce E. Cooper Student Center on Nov. 22 was phenomenal! The Culinary Arts III students did an AWESOME job creating 16 different dishes, served by the students in the Dining Room Management and Catering classes. Thank you to all that helped throughout the week. Amazing job to all!! Congratulations to Chef Autumn Patti on leading her 40th Gala!

The Massage Therapy Career Exploration and Job Fair was held on Dec. 5 in the Bruce E. Cooper Student Center. The event showcased employment opportunities and motivated future success for our students.

Our students were treated to some fun during finals week! Free Auntie Anne’s pretzels and Caring Hearts Pet Therapy along with a free breakfast were sponsored by the SGA and the Student Development and Multicultural Programs Department.
The Office of Inclusion and Diversity invites you to mark your calendars for a powerful performance titled “We Shall Overcome: A Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.” An event flier can be found here (pdf).

Inspired by the words and actions of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., “We Shall Overcome” showcases repertoire from across African-American music traditions that electrified generations of civil rights activists with interwoven spoken word from Dr. King’s recorded speeches. Musical direction by Damien Sneed. This is a free event, open to the public and seating is first come, first served. Reservations are strongly encouraged.

**Date:** Saturday, Jan. 25, 2020  
**Time:** 7:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Majestic Theatre, 25 Carlisle Street, Gettysburg, PA 17325  
**Reservations:** Majestic Theatre Box Office: (717) 337-8200 or www.gettysburgmajestic.org

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**Intersectionality and LGBTQ Microaggressions**

"Intersectionality" has become quite a buzzword in social sciences and activist spaces, but what does it really mean? In this session participants will learn about the historical and legal significance of the term. The second part of the session will help participants uncover the intersectional nature of microaggressions and the impact they can have on folks with marginalized identities.

**Date:** Wednesday, March 25, 2020  
**Time:** 3 - 4:00 p.m.  
**Zoom (only):** [https://hacc.zoom.us/j/849344592](https://hacc.zoom.us/j/849344592)  
**Presenter:** Dre Ceja, Director of Training and Education, LGBT Center

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**Wednesday, February 19**  
**12:30pm, Rose Lehrman Arts Theater**

**Ms. Bettie Mae Fikes is an angel warrior on earth known as “The Voice of Selma.” She walked with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and is an original member of the Freedom Singers. Her powerful voice, deep grace and loving presence will echo on long after she leaves the stage**

*A zoom link will be provided at a later date*
On Wednesday, Nov. 20, Harrisburg Campus students and staff gathered for a Lunch & Learn titled “Beyond Bathrooms: Trans Inclusive College Campuses.” The presentation was given by Dre Ceja, director of Training and Education at the LGBT Center. Participants learned about terminology, the why’s and how’s of pronouns, barriers transgender and non-binary students may face at college, and advice on how students can help create an inclusive campus community. The presentation concluded with an interactive brainstorming session on ways students could advance some of their ideas they’d like to see implemented on campus. Students were highly engaged and the presentation produced lively discussion.

Harrisburg Campus Diversity Committee and the Capital Region Civitan Club hosted a screening of Intelligent Lives on Nov. 19. Many faculty, staff, students and community members enjoyed it along with a panel of speakers at the conclusion.

The mission of the HACC Harrisburg Campus Diversity Committee is to actively promote a campus culture that embraces diversity and inclusivity as core values intrinsic to our organizational success while respecting individuals’ unique backgrounds and experiences.

MIDTOWN STUDENT SYMPOSIUM

On Nov. 19, the Fall Student Symposium was held at the Midtown 2 building and was a great success. There were over 40 students, teachers, administrators, and counselors in attendance.

Kudos to the HACC Engineering Club, Janelle Heiserman, Forrest Lysinger and Kelly Lee for sponsoring the event. It could not have come together without all of your input.

The spring event is scheduled for April 14, 2020. Please consider adding this to your syllabi and having your students present their achievements.
Women’s Volleyball traveled to Rochester, MN to compete in the NJCAA National Championship Volleyball. The team finished in 12th place. WAY YTO GO! #HACC Proud

Men and women’s basketball games are in full swing. The next home game for the teams are Jan. 7. Women play Sussex County Community College at 5 p.m., followed by the men taking on Bucks County Community College at 7 p.m.

Coach Tom Frye received the North Atlantic Coach of the Year Award.
RECAP: STUDENT HONORS PHOTOGRAPHY

The annual HACC honors photography exhibit that ran from Nov. 15 - Dec. 4 showcased more than 40 photographs at the Rose Lehrman Art Gallery. The collection covered a variety of subject matter, including landscapes, portraits, still lives and architecture.

For more information, please contact Shawn Williams at swilliam@hacc.edu or 717-780-2478.

THANK YOU UPMC Pinnacle!

Thank you to UPMC Pinnacle for being an Imagine Sponsor for the Harrisburg Campus RN Pinning Ceremony on Dec. 12!
KUDOS

* Kudos to Jennie Baar and the Harrisburg Campus deans, Rick Albright, Megan Brightbill, and Leslie Boon for the good work you do in support of the Lebanon Campus academic affairs department.
* Kudos to Jeff Gerstein for a wonderfully attended Reminder Resource Fair that encouraged students to register and provided resources to students for tutoring, financial aid, KEYS, safety and security and other areas. Additionally, kudos for planning and executing valuable Lunch and Learn Programs this semester.
* Kudos to Christine Cappuzzo, for coordinating Advisor Push. Advisors used Navigate to reach out to students early to encourage advising and registration and in partnership with the Welcome Center students were entered into a raffle for prizes for early registration.
* Military and Veterans Affairs Office was awarded the Pennsylvania National Guard Enlisted Association Friendly School Designation- Congratulations to our team for their service to students.
* Kudos to Vito Damone and the Safety and Security team at Harrisburg for keeping our campus community safe. Recently, the annual security report was posted and highlights the good work they do. Thank you!
* Kudos to Jay Lohman and Alexis Baker and the facilities team and Vito Damone and the safety and security team for supporting Gretchen McDonel with the Girls on The Run planning. This event runs very smoothly with a great team behind it.
* Kudos to Kim Ketelsleger on coordinating the Fall Student Symposium at Midtown 2 on Nov. 19. There were over 40 students, faculty, staff and advisors in attendance.
* Kudos to Angela Campbell for presenting “The Shift” to our faculty and staff during Reflection and Gratitude Week.
* Kudos to the HACC Engineering Club for sponsoring the Fall Student Symposium held at Midtown 2 on Nov. 19. Thank you to Janelle Heiseman, Forrest Lysinger and Kelly Lee, it would not have come together without all of your input.
* Kudos to Chef Autumn Patti on the execution of her 40th Culinary Gala!
* Kudos to Rob Malick, associate professor of history, presented on “Best Practices for Presenting the Holocaust”, based on his participation in a summer workshop at the Smithsonian Holocaust Museum.
* Kudos to Shawn Williams and Garrick Dorsett for a successful joint exhibition, “Passages: a Journey of Opportunity, Conviction, Objects and Luck” at the Pollok Center in Camp Hill!
Update on “Learner” and HACC Email Signatures

After additional consideration, discussions and focus groups with students and employees, we will not move forward with adopting “learner” in place of “student.” Thank you to everyone who provided thoughtful feedback, as well as everyone’s patience as we considered this change in terminology and mindset.

This decision does not alter the College’s purpose statement: Learning for all; learning for life.

Information regarding HACC email signatures was included in the previous issue of the Ski Gram. Please follow the email signature formatting guidelines below, which have been modified from the previous article based on accessibility considerations:

**Email signature formatting:**
- Font: Arial
- Font Size: 11
- Color: Black

**Email signature template:**

Employee Name
Employee Position Title
Division
HACC, Central Pennsylvania’s Community College

Mailing Address: ____________________________
Email: _________@hacc.edu
Telephone: 717-___-____
Internal Extension: ______
Fax: 717-___-____

Website: [www.hacc.edu](http://www.hacc.edu)

Our Purpose: Learning for all; learning for life.

If you have not already done so, please update your HACC email signature following the guidelines above.

In addition to email signatures, please ensure that electronic materials with the outdated mission and vision statements – including webpages – are revised to reflect the new purpose statement. Printed publications and other materials

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**MENTAL HEALTH AGREEMENT**

**HACC Signs Agreement with Trusted Provider of Mental Health Counseling Services**

HACC announced earlier this month that we have entered into a one-year agreement with Mazzitti & Sullivan EAP Services to provide comprehensive clinical mental health counseling services to HACC students. Please read this statement in our online newsroom for more information.
Harrisburg Campus Day is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 15 from 11:30 a.m. - 3 pm. The program will begin with a catered lunch, include opportunities to engage together to focus on student success, and conclude with the campus faculty assembly meeting. We are also looking into offering an optional blended training crash course and are gathering interest for participants in the training and from seasoned blended instructors who would be willing to serve as faculty mentors. Please RSVP here: https://forms.gle/6SYMYBk3a88MrpM9A for campus day and interest in the blended training.

- Grades are due by noon on Monday, Dec. 16.
- Faculty who will unplug after grades are due are asked to set up an out of office voicemail and email directing advisees to the campus Counseling and Advising Office for assistance.

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR RETIREMENT

Best wishes to the faculty and staff at the Harrisburg Campus who are retiring at the end of the month! It has truly been a pleasure to have known and worked with each and every one of these outstanding members of the HACC community.

William Forney, Instructor, Electronics  
Ron Givler, Coordinator, Fire Science  
Philip Hoeflich, Professor, Communications  
Paulette Kozlosky, Specialist, Enrollment Services  
Brenda Krebs, Sr. Fiscal Analyst  
Edward McCarthy, Sr. Professor, English  
Michael McEnany, Specialist, Purchasing  
Rosa Seyfried, Sr. Professor, Mathematics  
Pat Saia, Administrative Office Assistant, Academic Affairs  
Janice Waltz, Associate Professor, Foundational Studies  
Anne Kelliher, Assistant Professor, ESL  
Ed Burns, Instructor, HVAC
Three Professional Performances – One Exceptional Theatre

*Live at Rose Lehrman’s 2020 Season*

**Nimbus Dance Works – Jan. 29, 2020, at 7:30 p.m.**
Jersey City-based Nimbus Dance Works focuses on the intersection between high-level dance and innovative ways of involving communities and audiences.

**L.A. Theatre Works presents “Seven” – March 1, 2020, at 3 p.m.**
“Seven” is a riveting documentary play by seven female writers. The play is based on personal interviews with seven remarkable women who faced life-threatening obstacles before bringing heroic changes to their home countries of Pakistan, Nigeria, Ireland, Afghanistan, Guatemala, Russia and Cambodia.

**Danú – “St. Patrick’s Day Celebration” – March 16, 2020, at 7:30 p.m.**
Hailing from counties Waterford, Dublin, Donegal and Cork, Danú is one of the leading traditional Irish ensembles of today. For over two decades, Danú’s master players of flute, tin whistle, fiddle, button accordion and bouzouki as well as vocalists (Irish and English) have performed around the globe and recorded seven critically acclaimed albums.

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**About HACC, Central Pennsylvania’s Community College**

HACC, Central Pennsylvania’s Community College, is the first and largest of Pennsylvania’s 14 community colleges. HACC offers over 100 career and transfer associate degree, certificate and diploma programs to approximately 19,000 learners. Also, the College serves learners at its Gettysburg, Harrisburg, Lancaster, Lebanon and York campuses; through virtual learning; and via workforce development and continuing education training. For more information on how HACC is uniquely YOURS, visit hacc.edu. Also, follow us on Twitter (@HACC_info), like us on Facebook (Facebook.com/HACC64) and use #HACCNews.

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HACC was founded in 1964 as one of the first community colleges in Pennsylvania. Over the past 50 years, the College has expanded to include five beautiful campus locations and a robust Virtual Learning program.