

# Campus Courier



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February 2014

## Chinese New Year

On January 30, the Chinese New Year's eve, **Professor Ming Gao** presented a program on the Chinese New Year, including the traditions, customs and cuisine of that day. He explained the significance of cleaning out the old to begin a new year, the paying off of debt, the extensive use of the color red and the Chinese fascination with fireworks. As faculty, students and staff enjoyed the Chinese cuisine provided by SGA, Professor Gao showed several videos depicting the activities of the New Year in China.



Professor Ming Gao presents a program on the Chinese New Year

# Message from the Campus V.P.

Colleagues,

Welcome back to the spring semester! I hope you had a wonderful break and are ready for some excitement at the Lancaster Campus. We will be kicking off our 50th Anniversary celebration with a birthday party held on February 20, 2014 from 1:00 -3:00 p.m. in the Footnotes Café. Please go to [www.hacc.edu/50](http://www.hacc.edu/50) to register for the event.



We will also be celebrating spirit day so be sure to wear your HACC apparel!

I will be forwarding enrollment reports to the campus monthly and I am holding forums with a variety of groups this month. If you have any suggestions for increasing enrollment at our campus or college-wide please call or send me an email. I am looking forward to a great semester. Thank you for your continued support of our campus and our students.

Sincerely,

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## SPRING FITNESS CLASS UNDERWAY!



Faculty and staff try out the fitness exercises



Lancaster campus faculty and staff get fit while having a blast in the cross training class taught by personal trainer, Abby Rankin. This class meets Mondays at 4:45 pm. Space is still available.

Campus fitness classes are offered every semester at a discounted rate for students, faculty and staff. If you would like to see a specific class run, contact [lancasterwellness@hacc.edu](mailto:lancasterwellness@hacc.edu).



# Coming Events

## February

11	Getting Started with FOCUS 2	2:30 - 3:30	Main 307
11	CITE Workshop - Put Power in your PowerPoint	1:00 - 2:00	East 329
18	OCA 101	9 :00 - 10:00	East 208
18	Internships 101 -	12:30 - 1:30	East 203
18	A Witness to Genocide/Carl Wilkins in Rwanda	12:00 - 1:30	East 203
20	Career Event: Speed Interviewing	10:30 - 12:30	East 203
20	Campus 50th Birthday Party celebration	1:00 - 3:00	Footnotes
20	Spirit Day - Show your Hacc Pride		
25	Resume Workshop	4:30 - 5:30	Main 305
25	Transfer Info - On the Go	11:00 - 1:00	East Lobby
27	Let's Talk About It with Laura May	12:00 - 2:00	Main 227

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### Spirit Day February 20, 2014 Show your HACC Pride!

In conjunction with the celebration of the College's 50th Anniversary, a Spirit Day will be held on the 3rd Thursday of each Month from February through December at all five HACC Campuses. Monday through Wednesday prior to Spirit day the bookstore will offer 20% off all regular price HACC imprinted Clothing. Faculty & Staff are invited to "Go Casual" if they wear HACC clothing.

The bookstore will also give-away five 50th anniversary T-shirts each month as prizes through their new Texting service. Students, Faculty & Staff should text the word SPIRIT to 313131 to enter during the 3rd week of the month.

### Happy Birthday to You

02/03	Elisa Weigard
02/03	Jeffrey Ihlenfeldt
02/06	Lori McNair
02/07	Deborah Young
02/14	Will Rivera
02/16	David Petkosh
02/17	Jacqueline Bareuther
02/17	Melissa Dietrich
02/18	Andrea Hartranft
02/19	Jason Stetler
02/22	Alyson Valentine
02/25	Wilma Montalvo
02/26	Ryan Neff

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### FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

HACC-Lancaster Campus will again be hosting a VITA Site this year. VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) provides Free Tax Preparation for taxpayers who made \$50,000 or less last year to file federal, state, and local taxes for FREE. They can also take advantage of tax credits such as the EITC (Earned Income Tax Credit) which could put as much as \$5891.00 back into their pockets and our local economy!

HACC's site will be open on Saturday, March 8. Call 2-1-1 (or 717-291-5462) to schedule an appointment at HACC or any of our 14 VITA sites throughout Lancaster County. This year, VITA is also providing a free online program to submit taxes from home. For more information, go to [www.FreeTaxPrepLancaster.org](http://www.FreeTaxPrepLancaster.org).

# Department Updates

## Student Affairs

Effective January 21, **Leanne Frech** will assume the role of Interim Director of Financial Aid (Central) until the end of the spring semester with the resignation of Jim Carideo who is leaving the college.

**Melissa Wisniewski** will assume Leanne's role as the Lancaster Campus Director, Enrollment Services & Financial Aid during Leanne's role as interim director.

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Welcome to **Laura Brito** who started January 2 as our new Admission Recruiter here at the Lancaster Campus. Laura recently graduated from Millersville University in December with a degree in Government and Political Affairs and a minor in Latino Studies. Throughout her undergraduate career, she worked alongside supportive faculty and staff that developed her interest in working in higher education. She looks forward to working with our students at HACC and being able to assist them in reaching their educational goals. In her free time, she enjoys Zumba and Spin classes as well as spending time with family.



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The Spring semester New International Student Orientation was held on January 7 and 8. We have eleven new International students this semester from eight different countries: China (2), Ethiopia, Morocco, Poland, Saudi Arabia, South Korea (2), Thailand (2), and Vietnam. Their Orientation to the College differs from the regular New Student Orientation in that the students take placement tests, register, and learn about HACC's academic policies on the first day, and then spend the second day learning about the special procedures that pertain to their immigration status. They also have the opportunity to be introduced to resources that are available for them at the Lancaster Campus presented by Student Life, the Career and Transfer Center, Security, the Brossman Library, the Office of Academic Success, and a special "Culture Shock" presentation by **Dr. Joy Tien**. This semester, **Ryan Neff**, our Interim Associate Dean of Academic Affairs was able to join the students for lunch to welcome them to campus.



Picture (from 1 to r): Front row – **Jariya Tontan** (Thailand), **Piracha Silpsnikul** (Thailand), and **Lili Chen** (China); Back row – **Ryan Neff**, Interim Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, **Jill Landis Matolyak**, International Admissions Coordinator, **Karolina Borzych** (Poland), **Juho Shin** (South Korea), and **Patricia Bright** (Assistant Professor of Counseling and Lancaster Campus International Student Advisor. Not pictured: **Hassan Al-Jaffar** (Saudi Arabia), **Heli Cao** (China), **Hind Hamdi** (Morocco), **Ahreum Kim** (South Korea), **Dat Nguyen** (Vietnam), **Zerayacob Waleign** (Ethiopia).

# Department Updates

## Student Affairs(cont.)

**The Career & Transfer Center would like to announce...back by popular demand:**

**“Speed Interviewing” – A Career Exploration Event  
Thursday, February 20th from 10:30am to 12:30pm in East 203.**

How many of your students have ever asked you... “how do I get to do that job?” or “what they do in that position”?

Now is their chance to find out! **“Speed Interviewing”** – Career Exploration Event is being coordinated to assist students in learning more about positions available within various industries. We are hosting dozens of professionals from various industries to aid students in exploring a broad range of opportunities available to them within a field.

This event was very popular in the fall with students and was overwhelmingly favorably received. We had 120 students in attendance and of these 46% returned their surveys to us. Of these students, 100% of them stated that the professionals were knowledgeable and informative. Many stated to us (92%) that the event had helped to confirm for them their interest in the field and/or their major.

Therefore, we are offering this event again to continue to assist students with their career exploration. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to network and conduct “informational interviews” moving from table to table meeting with professionals in the career fields that they may be considering.

They’ll be able to “drop-in” during these two event hours and either meet with professionals as a group, or one-on-one to learn how they got started in their fields, what their educational backgrounds are, and what they do on a daily basis in their position, and so much more.

This process of discovering, contacting, and interviewing professionals in their field(s) of interest to obtain advice on how to prepare for and pursue careers of their dreams is one of the best career exploration tools out there. Our students will NOT want to miss this great opportunity!!!

**Now we need your help...what can you do?** Please share this event with your students/advisees. Help us spread the word about this great event which will aid our students in exploring career fields by connecting them with the professionals who work in these areas.

For further information, please contact the Career & Transfer Center at 358-2290 or 358-2985.

We hope to see your students there on February 20th!

# Department Updates

## Student Affairs(cont.)



### **Renovations coming to the Lancaster Student Affairs Offices in the Main Building**

In 2010, JMZ Architects prepared an updated master plan for the college; Lancaster Campus' recommendations included the renovation of the student affairs area in the Main Building. The project was put on hold awaiting the purchase of the property which is now completed; we are ready to move forward with the project.

The project will include the welcome center along with financial aid, counseling/advising, career services, college pathways, recruitment, the large conference room RM227 and a PSECU student financial center. It will enhance the lobby to create a welcoming and inviting area for students. We'll be expanding into the culinary kitchen area while the existing community room (RM222) off the lobby will remain as is.

At the Feb. 4, 2014 Board of Trustees meeting, Beers and Hoffman were approved as the architects for the project. A committee will work with the architects during the design phase of the project. If you'd like to be considered to be a member of the committee, please contact Jackie Bareuther.

#### **Project Timeline**

We're on a very tight timeline to coincide with the non-peak times of the student affairs department. Plans are for the design to be completed by the end of April, contractor bids awarded at the August BOT meeting, construction begins in September with the project completed by the end of March, 2015.

All services will be available to students throughout the renovation. The Community Room RM222 will be used for interim office locations if needed. We ask everyone's cooperation in scheduling rooms for events during this period since RM222 and RM227 will not be available from September, 2014 through March, 2015.

#### **Costs, Financing**

The project is budgeted at a total of \$3 million. There is \$470,000 in the foundation for campus construction; we intend to use all of that money for this project. We've anticipated this project for several years and have strategically retained money in Lancaster Campus' Capital /FMD Fund to cover the balance of the project. No borrowing will be necessary to complete the renovations.

# Department Updates

## Academic Affairs

### Brossman Learning Center

TUTORS ARE HERE AND READY TO HELP! Remind your students to visit the Brossman Learning Center (Main 232 at the back of the Library) to work with a trained tutor in a variety of courses (including math, English & ESL, chemistry, biology, accounting, psychology, and more) this semester. Free, walk-in tutoring is available throughout the week. Students can check out the weekly tutoring schedule by stopping by the Learning Center or online at [www.hacc.edu](http://www.hacc.edu) – click on Lancaster, Tutoring, and Lancaster Tutoring Schedule. It's FREE, it's easy, and it works!

Exciting news from Lancaster Tutors! Two former HACC Lancaster students and current Brossman Learning Center English tutors have reasons to celebrate!

**Abby Henson** recently published her first book, *Nebalia*. This is the first novel in a five-novel series. Abby has worked as an English tutor for the Learning Center for four semesters. She is currently a senior at Millersville University completing her bachelor's degree in English. *Nebalia* will soon be available in the Lancaster Library and is currently available on Amazon.



**Abby Henson** reading from her book, *Nebalia*, during tutoring training in January 2014. (Left)

**Jessica Schwankl** has been named to HACC's 2013-14 All-PA Academic Team and has been selected as one of HACC's two PASSHE Passport Scholarship Winners. She graduated from HACC with highest honors in December and is currently a student at Millersville University. Jess has worked in the Brossman Learning Center for three semesters.



Brossman Learning Center tutors were awarded the PASSHE Passport Scholarship two years in a row. Pictured are **Christine Mahrer** (2012-13 winner) and **Jessica Schwankl** (2013-14 winner). (Above)

**MORE FREE STUFF!** Encourage your students to take advantage of the FREEBIES on campus. Over 40 Learning Skills Workshops covering a variety of topics (such as powerpoint, note-taking, time management, resume writing, and interviewing skills) are available for free this semester. Students can just show up; no registration is required. Workshop schedules are available on campus (learning center, counseling/career offices, and library).

**TEST CENTER NEWS:** Academic make-up testing is offered on a walk-in basis for students needing to make up a test missed in class with your permission. Students do not need appointments; they can simply stop in during our open hours with a photo ID. Submit a Test Center Request Form (in your faculty handbook) and hard copies of the test and all test materials to the Test Center.

Spring 2014 Hours (Schedule changes are posted online and in the learning center):  
Mondays: 9am – 5pm  
Tuesdays – Thursdays: 9am – 8pm  
Fridays: 9am – 4pm

# Department Updates

## Academic Affairs (Cont.)

### NISOD Award Winners

It is our GREAT pleasure to announce that **Chris Bachman** (Nursing) , **Jenn St. Pierre** (Sociology), **Kelly Matthews** (Chemistry/Physics), and **Jason Beaudin** (English) will be representing HACC at the Annual International Conference on Teaching and Leadership Excellence sponsored by the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development at the University of Texas.

Nominations for the NISOD Excellence Award were accepted from the entire college community. **Chris, Jenn, Kelly and Jason** were selected by a committee of faculty and administrators, approved by the President and forwarded to NISOD.

These individuals will be traveling to Austin, Texas to accept their award at the NISOD conference held May 25-28, 2014.

Please join us in congratulating Chris, Jenn, Kelly and Jason on this outstanding honor.

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### HACC Lancaster ESL Teacher Travels to Somaliland

In early January, **Judy Sides**, adjunct instructor in English as a Second Language, had the unique opportunity to travel to Somaliland for a week with a team of ESL teachers. After an orientation stop in Nairobi, Kenya to learn about Somali culture and to buy appropriate clothes and head scarves, she traveled to Hargeisa where her group was hosted by Hargeisa University. In the mornings, she taught writing and conversational English to the university students, noting that the students were very receptive to the instruction and were eager to take advantage of the opportunity to practice their English with native English speakers. In the afternoons, she taught teachers from a local community center, allowing those individuals to practice conversational English as well as gain an understanding of pedagogy as it is taught in the U.S.

Overall, Judy found both the university students and the adult students to be very hopeful and optimistic about the future of Somaliland. They wanted her and her group to see their country as a peaceful, stable and safe country and to bring this view back to the U.S. Judy was struck by the need for Americans to establish relationships with ordinary people in troubled areas of the world in order to gain a fuller understanding than the one that is usually portrayed in the news. Additionally, it was very instructive for her to be in a situation where she had to adjust to the norms of a very different culture. At HACC, she is constantly instructing students in how to function in our culture. She found it very interesting, and sometimes uncomfortable, to see cultural adaption from the learner's perspective.

She knows that the insights gained from this trip will be with her for a very long time. Anyone interested in learning more about her trip and her experiences is welcome to contact Judy at [jasides@hacc.edu](mailto:jasides@hacc.edu).

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# Department Updates

## Academic Affairs

### Chair and Provost Visits to Lancaster Campus

Department Chairs and the Provost, Dr. Cynthia Doherty, have upcoming trips to Lancaster Campus scheduled.

#### Provost Visit

Monday, February 10 Dr. Doherty has afternoon availability.  
Please contact Jen Stutzman (jlstutzm@hacc.edu) to schedule a specific time.

#### Chair Visits

(Please contact chairs directly to schedule meeting times.)

Monday, February 17	Assessment Chair, Matt Harris	8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Monday, February 17	Communication, Humanities and the Arts Chair Will Guntrum	1:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Monday, February 17	Social Science Chair, Kathy Doherty	9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, February 18	Science Chair, Amy Kusmiesz	12:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Monday, March 3	Communication, Humanities and the Arts Chair Will Guntrum	1:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Monday, March 17	Communication, Humanities and the Arts Chair Will Guntrum	1:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Monday, March 24	Social Science Chair, Kathy Doherty	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Monday, March 31	Business Chair, Michelle Myers	8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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### **F.Y.I.**

**Jeff Ihlenfeldt's** short story "The Chant of Four Rain Horse" appears in the fall 2013 issue of *Ascent*. "The Chant of Four Rain Horse" is the seventh story published from Jeff's collection-in-manuscript, *Sonora*, which is the product of his travel through the Southwest as part of his sabbatical. The link to the publication is <http://www.readthebestwriting.com/>

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**Patty Hanahoe-Dosch** has had poems recently accepted by the publications *The Red River Review*, *Broad*, and *Fledgling Rag*.

# Department Updates

## Public Safety

### What You Can Do?

Your involvement is essential to the prevention of crime on campus. Disinterest and complacency are the prime contributors to the success of crime. The burden of crime prevention rests not only with the security Department but also with each member of HACC.

Campus Safety and Security cannot be everywhere at once and are, therefore, dependent upon you to recognize and report incidents of suspicious and criminal activity. The extent of your cooperation will greatly influence the security's effectiveness in combating crime. Doing your part means:

- Being aware of your vulnerability to protect yourself and your property.
- Being alert for suspicious or criminal activity and conditions that may represent a hazard to the community.
- Getting involved by becoming more security conscious and by reporting all incidents of suspicious or criminal activity, no matter how insignificant, to security immediately. Remember that unreported crimes cannot be solved and that, by not reporting crimes, you allow the perpetrators to commit additional and perhaps more serious crimes. Many times crime solving depends upon how accurately and promptly the incident is reported.

It is important that you be able to provide as much of the following information as possible:

- The nature of the incident.
- When and where the incident occurred.
- Number of persons involved (names, sex, race, age, height, hair style/color complexion, distinctive characteristics, i.e. facial features, scars, physical defects, glasses, clothing, etc.).
- Direction and method of travel.
- Vehicles involved (color, type, make, model, license plate number and state, distinctive characteristics, i.e., decals, bumper stickers, damage, number of occupants, etc.).
- Description of stolen property (item, manufacturer, model number, serial number, value, color, dimensions, etc.).
- Any other applicable information.

Remember, safety is everyone's responsibility!

As we begin a new year and a new semester, our department remains committed to the safety of everyone on campus. We encourage everyone to watch the video found in the link below. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a security assessment of your work area, please contact your campus lead officer or supervisor. We will work with you to provide guidance and develop a plan of action in the event of an emergency or an active threat situation. In order to view our video, please go to <http://www.hacc.edu/AboutUs/Security/index.cfm>

# HACC 50th Anniversary

## HACC 50th Anniversary - Lancaster Birthday Party

Location: Footnotes Café

Date: Thursday, Feb. 20, 2014

Time: 1-3 p.m.



Please join us as we kick off HACC's 50th anniversary year with a birthday party at each campus!

Each birthday party will include light refreshments, celebratory cupcakes provided by HACC's culinary students and other festivities.

RSVP by Feb. 6, 2014 if you plan to attend.

<http://www.hacc.edu/50>



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Hello, Lancaster colleagues,

Again, I'm looking for volunteers, but a different kind this time. I happen to know many of the good bakers here at Lancaster Campus, so I may personally come after you if you don't volunteer for this opportunity. The HACC 50th Birthday Party to be held February 20th in the Footnotes Café needs your contribution to make it especially memorable. Hors de' oeuvres, drinks, and cupcakes will be provided, but what the party really needs is your cheesecake, chocolate bread pudding, specialty banana cake, chocolate shoofly pie, platter of specialty cookies – or anything that you are famous for. We will put your name on a donor card right next to it for all the world to see. City Councilman, James Reichenbach (HACC grad) will be here along with Dr. Ski and other dignitaries who will have opportunity to taste your creation.

Please let me know if you can participate and the item you plan to create. Marian E. Yoder

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