Message from the Campus Vice President

This quote by Eleanor Roosevelt has hung in my office since my first day at HACC. It serves as a constant reminder to step outside my comfort zone and it’s what motivated me to apply for the Fulbright Scholar Program.

I’m thrilled to share that on October 3, I will be leaving for France as part of a delegation of 12 higher education administrators selected for the 2019 Fulbright France International Education Seminar Program. The 3 week seminar program will consist of briefings, campus visits, appointments with selected government officials, networking and cultural activities and meetings with French education professionals in Bordeaux and Paris.

The Fulbright Scholar Program is the U.S. government’s flagship international educational exchange program and is designed to build lasting connections between the people of the United States and the people of other countries. The Fulbright Program is funded through an annual appropriation made by the U.S. Congress to the U.S. Department of State.

During my visit to France, I will serve as an ambassador for community colleges and HACC when I speak with French colleagues about how the American community college system works, how HACC serves students, and how programs and course offerings are determined with the goal of expanding international and global opportunities. With the knowledge and connections I make, I’m hoping to increase my own diversity and cultural proficiency and assist HACC in identifying additional ways to ensure that students who leave our institution have the skills to succeed in increasingly diverse communities. I look forward to sharing my experiences with the College upon my return.

I recognize and understand how challenging and stressful our current reorganization is for all of us. I hope that Eleanor Roosevelt’s quote will in some small way help you navigate the current uncertainty, it’s been a tremendous motivator to me for the last 21 years!

“We must dare to think ‘unthinkable’ thoughts. We must learn to explore all the options and possibilities that confront us in a complex and rapidly changing world.”

-- J. William Fulbright
In Memory

HACC Gettysburg Campus alumnus, Emily DeNoma died on September 2, 2019. Emily graduated from HACC in May of 2014 and went on to Wilson College where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology and Sociology. While a student at the Gettysburg Campus Emily was very involved in Student Government and the Student Programming Board. Emily’s obituary can be found here. Condolences can be sent to Emily’s parents at:

John and Carmella DeNoma
510 Rittenhouse Blvd.
Norristown, PA 19403-3380

HACC has a new Purpose Statement!

Our Purpose: Learning for all; Learning for life.

This purpose statement replaces the former mission and vision statement and reflects HACC’s renewed commitment to helping all learners succeed.

If you have not already done so, please update your HACC email signature following the guidelines below. This helps to ensure we align our internal and external communications with our marketing and branding efforts. Copying and pasting is strongly encouraged to ensure consistency across the College.

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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 should not be discarded. Instead, they should be updated when you are ready to re-print. Please visit hacc.edu/HACCstrategy for more information about our purpose statement and 2019-22 strategic plan.
The Adams County Heritage Festival was held on Sunday, September 15 at the Gettysburg Area Rec Park.

The Festival is a long-standing Adams County community tradition. It is an afternoon to celebrate the many ethnic and cultural traditions of our county through sharing foods, arts and crafts, music, and drama. It’s also an opportunity for community non-profit organizations like HACC to highlight what we do. This year Gettysburg Campus nursing students volunteered to staff the First Aid Tent. Thank you to Gettysburg Campus nursing director Caren LaRue for coordinating their participation!

At our Campus booth, we provided information on the Gettysburg Campus Art Exhibits, Diversity Committee programs, Community Education Day and faculty led Study Abroad opportunities.

^ Former HACC sociology faculty member Dr. Beverly Stanton visited HACC’s booth.

This event is jointly sponsored by the Interfaith Center for Peace and Justice and the YWCA Gettysburg & Adams County.

The Athletic Leadership Conference

On Saturday, August 24 the Gettysburg Campus hosted the 5th Annual York & Adams County Student Athlete Youth Leadership Conference. Over 125 high school student athletes from York and Adams County high schools attended.

The keynote speaker for the event was Certified Mental Game Coach Ann Zabrazny. Ann was a former Division I basketball player and track athlete at the University of Delaware.

All students in attendance received HACC admissions and athletic information. Thank you to Sara Maines, Lisa Cleveland and Judy Redding for assisting with the event.
Meghan Riordan “Cynefin”

Cynefin (n.): *The Welsh word meaning a place where a person or animal feels it ought to belong; it is where nature around you feels welcoming.*

HACC alumnus, Meghan’s Riordan’s bright and colorful illustrations kicked off our Fall Artist Exhibits. Meghan graduated from Gettysburg Area High School in 1997. She tells how, at that time, the idea of college was not only intimidating, but to her, a staggering feat. No one in her immediate family had graduated from college. The path was unclear, and she was scared to go to a new school.

During that time, her mom was taking classes at HACC and she recommended Meghan “get her feet wet” while working part time. Which is exactly what she did! She graduated from HACC and went on to Mount St. Mary’s University to get her Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration and Accounting.

Meghan is a self-taught artist who uses a variety of ink, watercolors and art marker on watercolor paper to create her artwork. She is a true nature lover, spending any time she can walking the trails and immersing herself in the natural world. Her artwork, whether landscape or mandala always incorporates nature. Meghan’s exhibit will hang through October 16, 2019. The next exhibit will be Ed Wargo’s “Town & Country” which will feature paintings done with a mix of oil, pastel and gouache mediums. Mark your calendar for Ed Wargo’s Artist Reception on November 14, 2019 from 10:30—11:00 a.m.

PSNA Conference

< Gettysburg Campus nursing faculty and students attended the Pennsylvania State Nursing Association (PSNA) Annual Summit at Camelback Mountain Resort.

Nurse Blake – the largest nurse influencer on social media – was the keynote speaker at the Summit. Blake promotes healthy work environments, sharing presentations focused on the idea that nurses have the power to create positive change in the healthcare industry.
Visitors from Taller Artístico Xuchiallt in Leon, Nicaragua, taught traditional Nicaraguan folk dance and basic salsa lessons to Gloria Alvarez’s Spanish 101 class and members of the community. While Gettysburg Borough and Gettysburg College have been in a relationship with Leon, Nicaragua through Project Gettysburg Leon for over three decades, this visit by representatives of the Central American sister city was the first to HACC and was coordinated by the Gettysburg Campus Diversity Committee.

In addition to providing instruction, the group also performed a traditional Nicaraguan dance in costume. Nicaraguan dance is lively, spirited, and filled with local traditions. All who participated in the lessons will have an opportunity to “strut their stuff” at the annual Salsa on the Square event in downtown Gettysburg on Friday, Sept. 27. The event celebrates the contributions of Hispanic people to Adams County and features live salsa music, dancing, food by many local restaurants and caterers and children’s games and activities.

September 11 Remembrance

On Wednesday, Sept. 11 at 9:20 a.m., members of the campus community gathered outside by the flagpole for a brief remembrance ceremony which included poems about Patriots Day and remembrance, a moment of silence, followed by interim security supervisor Tom Long singing America the Beautiful. During the song, students, staff and faculty placed small American flags in mulch surrounding the flagpole.

Thank you to Wendy Brubaker, Tom Long and the Student Programming Board for planning this remembrance.
Student Meet and Greet

Thank you to the 33 staff and faculty who gave a few minutes (or more) to greet students during the first week of classes. Repeatedly students expressed how everyone they met was so friendly and welcoming. Special thanks to David Bailey, Diane Bittle, Kegan Brauning, Val Bugosh, Holly Cieri, Holly Cookerly, Donneva Crowell, Dale Elkiss, Charlie Fennell, Mary Ann Filler, Catherine Frost, Amanda Hartzel, Bill Hartzell, Shannon Harvey, Tonya Heckman-Hann,, Patarin Hoffman, Geri Lohuis, Tom Long, Jill Lott, Sara Maines, Carol Miller, Arletta Molnar, Ruth Negley, Kathy Pasewark, Kathleen Pratt, Judy Redding, Cristal Renzo, Jillian Roof, Jason Rosenberry, Tracey Smith, Dory Uhlman, Stephanie Wells, and Martin Yespy.

Representative Torren Ecker Visit

Rep. Torren Ecker who represents the 193rd District in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, which comprises parts of Adams and Cumberland Counties recently visited the Gettysburg Campus for a tour and overview of HACC’s programs and services. After his visit, Representative Ecker posted on his Facebook page “Great visit with HACC - Gettysburg Campus and Dr. Ski this week at their Gettysburg Campus. They are leaders in workforce development.”
Better Angels Workshop

The Gettysburg Campus Diversity Committee and Government and Politics instructor Stephanie Wells collaborated to offer

**Better Angels Skills Workshop**

**Communicating Across the Political Divide**

30 students and community members participated in this free workshop specifically designed to address the tensions of those on the political left (BLUE) and right (RED). The workshop focused on developing skills which promote the ability to clarify differences while having respectful conversations that affirm the value of relationships to seek common ground. Click [here](#) for more information on Better Angels or contact Stephanie Wells at sfwells@hacc.edu for future events and activities.

^Better Angels facilitators Darcy Maier, Kerr Thompson and Leslie Moffett with Campus vice president Shannon Harvey

Communications Hub Training

HACC employees are invited to attend a refresher training on the communications hub on Oct. 17 from 3-4 p.m. The training will be conducted via Zoom.

The one-hour session will include a demonstration of how to submit a communications hub request and will cover enhancements that have been made to the site since its launch in April 2018.

Please [click here](#) to access the training on Oct. 17. If you have any questions, please email IMCprojects@hacc.edu.
Where to Go for Information about HACC’s One-College Initiative

Since colleagues often ask for updates about HACC’s reorganization, please refer regularly to the Reorganization Q&A document, which addresses questions, concerns, suggestions and rumors about HACC’s One-College Initiative. If you would like to submit a question, please complete the anonymous online form: hacc.edu/Feedback

Mark Your Calendar - November 7, 2019

Over 80 nonprofit organizations, including HACC, are participating in this year’s Adams County Giving Spree. The Giving Spree is the only annual event in Adams County where you have the unique opportunity to meet staff, board and volunteers from nonprofits that provide important services throughout the year to make our community a great place to live, work, play, learn and volunteer.

Every person who attends the event will receive a FREE $10 Giving Spree coin to deposit in the nonprofit piggy bank of their choice. This is an excellent way to engage HACC students in the spirit of giving to help fellow HACC students or other organizations in our community. Every Giving Spree coin that is deposited in HACC’s piggy bank will support the Gettysburg Campus PTK and SGA scholarships. Last year $510 was raised in Spree Coins and over $5,000 for the Emergency Assistance Fund! Please consider attending and offering your students extra credit to attend this event to support fellow students AND learn more about the resources of our community.
New Rooftop Unit in Place

As the sun was rising on the morning of Friday, Sept. 27, a large crane could be seen on the horizon positioning a new HVAC unit on the roof of the Head Start Building.

In total, there are over 20 HVAC units on our rooftop that keep our building cool in the summer and warm in the winter!

Thank you to Brian Miller for coordinating the installation for a day and time when the Campus is quiet.

HACC Cares Box

On behalf of the Gettysburg Campus Student Success Committee, a HUGE thank you to ALL of you who have donated to the HACC Cares Box!

Students who have recently submitted confidential HACC Cares Box surveys stated, “Thank you so much for this, you have no clue how bad I need it,” “I haven’t eaten today and my class ends at 8:40 PM,” and “Currently my only access to food/supplies.”

If you are able to donate, following is a list of requested items needed to sustain the HACC Cares Box:

- Ready to eat foods (microwavable meals and soups) – a specific request from students using the box!
- Household supplies (sponges, paper towels, toilet paper, facial tissues, cleaning products)
- Hygienic products (deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo)
- Pasta (all shapes)
- Pasta sauce (traditional, mushroom, and meat varieties)

Donations may be dropped off in the donation box located in the Faculty Office bay, Room 140.
OCTOBER 2019 ACTIVITIES
Registration not required for programs unless otherwise stated.
For more information, contact 717.339.3509 or jareddin@hacc.edu.

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In Our Own Voice
Oct. 8, 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., Robert C. Hoffman Community Room, HACC’s Gettysburg Campus
Mental Health Awareness Week is Oct. 6-12, 2019. Facilitators from NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) present In Our Own Voice, a program designed to help change attitudes, assumptions and ideas about mental illness. Presenters are accompanied with video testimonials and will be available before and after the presentation for questions and provide resources.

Matt Venuti, Rare Musical Experience – An Adults Only Event
Oct. 10, 11:30 a.m. (educational performance) or 6:30 p.m. (performance), Robert C. Hoffman Community Room, HACC’s Gettysburg Campus
Join San Francisco-based singer/songwriter and storyteller/poet Matt Venuti in a soul-filled musical journey. Matt, a gifted multi-instrumentalist, is among the first in the world to play several rare contemporary instruments that are captivating and amazingly diverse. These include melodic-percussive hand-played steel instruments from Switzerland and the equally rare and enchanting EVI (Electronic Valve Instrument) that he plays with a looper. For an introduction into what is to come, visit www.mattvenuti.com. The program is intended for adults only.

National Coming Out Day
Oct. 10-11, HUB Bookstore Lobby, HACC’s Gettysburg Campus
In recognition of the annual LBGT awareness day, the campus S.A.F.E. group will have an Interactive display and information to include not only the voluntary self-disclosure of a lesbian, gay, or bisexual sexual orientation, but also that of transgender, non-binary, genderqueer, or other non-mainstream gender identity.

Ted Talk – The danger of a single story
Oct. 22, 1-2 p.m., Room 126, HACC’s Gettysburg Campus
Our lives, our cultures, are composed of many overlapping stories. Novelist Chimamanda Adichie tells the story of how she found her authentic cultural voice -- and warns that if we hear only a single story about another person or country, we risk a critical misunderstanding. The program includes a viewing of the TED Talk, followed by a thoughtful discussion.

About the HACC Gettysburg Campus Diversity Committee

MISSION: Diversity is anything that makes us unique, including all of our varied backgrounds, ideas and perspectives. Inclusion involves under-standing diversity and creating an environment of involvement and respect. The HACC Gettysburg Campus Diversity Committee, comprised of campus and community members, plans and supports activities toward the goal of enhancing diversity and inclusion across the campus and in the community.