

Gettysburg Campus Update

Message from the Campus Vice President

As we celebrate the end of another semester and I reflect on the many individual and collective successes of our students and our staff and faculty, I congratulate all of you for “raising the bar a little higher” this semester.

A few examples include:

- **Gettysburg Campus Student Success Committee.** See page 2 to learn more about the HACC Cares Box and our newest Fund for Excellence, The Student Success Fund for Excellence at the Gettysburg Campus.
- **Cristal Renzo’s ENGL 101 documentary assignment** on “What is Happiness.” Cristal challenged her students to create a documentary using 1 of 3 media types (Visual Storytelling, Video Documentary or Podcast). The presentations were creative, fun and most of all HAPPY! You can check them out <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1hABSQbbQp6bD7NqJG2kcOYxxgjZQqp-0> See if you spot Gettysburg Campus “Queen Math Mum”! Or, if you don’t want to log-in to Google Docs, here’s a direct link to one group’s video project https://youtu.be/KPm_fGMe5Ro
- **Gettysburg Campus Phi Beta Lambda, under the leadership of Kathleen Pratt,** brought home impressive awards from this year’s Pennsylvania Phi Beta Lambda State Leadership Conference (see page 3).
- **Tara Whitehead, Adjunct Faculty Excellence in Teaching award winner** for the Gettysburg Campus as nominated by English department chair Christine Nowik, writing discipline lead Alfred Sihah, Gettysburg Campus academic dean Dory Uhlman and Gettysburg Campus English faculty Donneva Crowell and Cristal Renzo.
- **Gettysburg Campus Leadership Team** for embarking on an assessment of the 2014-2017 Campus Master Plan and a draft of the 2018-2021 Campus Master Plan.
- **Sara Maines,** admissions counselor, for her efforts resulting in three Gettysburg High School students earning degrees from HACC prior to their high school graduation on June 1.
- **Gettysburg Campus 15 year Nursing Anniversary committee** for planning a series of fun Campus and community activities and events to celebrate the 535 nursing graduates since the program’s inception in 2003. See page 4 for photos of some of the events & activities.
- **Jason Rosenberry,** math professor, for hosting 5 high schools for the High School math contest at the Campus. Special thanks also to Matt Gerhart, Patarin Hoffman and Scott Decker for their assistance with the event. See page 5 for photos.
- **Gettysburg Campus Day of Giving committee** (Judy Alder, Diane Bittle, Kathy Brickner, Shannon Harvey, Chad Koontz, Gary Laabs, Jeff Shaffer, & Tracey Smith) for planning activities that raised over \$5,000! See page 6.
- **Kathy Pasewark,** academic support specialist, for receiving the Campus Service Award from the Gettysburg Campus Student Government Association. See page 8

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Gettysburg Campus Student Success Committee



The Gettysburg Campus Student Success Committee (**Wendy Bru-baker, Amanda Hartzel, Shannon Harvey, Cinnamon Hoster-man, Wendy Kaehler, Chad Koontz, Matthew Nowik, Kathy Pasewark, Tracey Smith, Dory Uhlman and Bonnie Walker**) recently presented a session at the President's Collegewide Symposium entitled **"The Importance of Connections in Fostering Community."** For the past 3 years, the Gettysburg Campus has kicked off the academic year by highlighting activities and events to reinforce a campus culture focused on "Connections" for students, staff and faculty. The inspiration for these activities and

events is based on Nancy Schlossberg's theory of Mattering and Marginality. Her research indicates that the most powerful predictor of success is mattering; the belief that you matter to the college and those you engage with at the College. The Gettysburg Campus' **commitment and focus on mattering and connections has proven to be successful**, resulting in an increase in our fall-to-fall student retention rate and our employee engagement feedback. Our student and staff success has resulted from the connections we make with each other as a campus community. **A few new things we've launched this semester** to foster connections in support of our students is the **HACC Cares Box** and the **Gettysburg Campus Student Success Fund for Excellence**.

- **Gettysburg Campus Student Success Fund for Excellence** was created within the HACC Foundation to provide **a resource for Faculty and Staff to apply for funding to assist with initiatives to support student success**. Food and housing insecurity is often a barrier to students completing their education. In the past, the Student Success committee has supported initiatives like Give Back HACC, Subway meal coupons, and feminine hygiene products. This fund will provide a resource to support innovative initiatives like these to support Gettysburg Campus students.
- The **HACC Cares Box** provides food and other necessary items to students in need. The pantry box is located in the hallway that leads to the Green with a sign that says **"Take what you need, give what you can. Above all else, HACC care."** It is currently stocked with items like canned foods, dry packaged foods, pantry foods, snacks, pet or cleaning supplies, toiletries,, etc. for people who can't afford to buy these items. The **Gettysburg Student Nursing Student Organization (SNO) provided the initial donations to stock the pantry**. We're looking for additional clubs, organizations, departments, individuals, etc. who might be interested in donating items or stocking the box for the month. To sign up to donate or manage the pantry box for the month click the [link](#).



Gettysburg Campus Phi Beta Lambda

Gettysburg Campus business students brought home impressive awards from this year's **Pennsylvania Phi Beta Lambda State Leadership Conference** held in Harrisburg from April 6 - 8. What makes this all the more exciting is that the Gettysburg chapter, under the leadership of advisor Kathleen Pratt, is small in number compared to other college and university chapters around the state.

The team of **Myranda Taylor and Tina Reyes** took **1st place in Hospitality Management**. Also, each year, one student in the state is selected from among nominations to be the "**Who's Who in Pennsylvania Phi Beta Lambda**." This year, Gettysburg Campus student **Tina Reyes** earned that coveted recognition for her exemplary leadership, dedication and accomplishments on behalf of the chapter.

In addition, the chapter was focused on winning the **Gold Seal of Merit, Outstanding Chapter Challenge** in which they placed second, behind first place winner, the University of Pittsburgh.



Myranda Taylor and Tina Reyes hold all four awards earned >

Scholarship News

ACNB Bank established a scholarship award in 2016 through the HACC Foundation to support the college's efforts to provide financial assistance to low- or moderate-income youth and adults who attend the Gettysburg Campus and meet the eligibility criteria. Each year since 2016, **ACNB has provided an annual contribution of \$3,000 to support the scholarship**. ACNB Bank's 2018 contribution of \$3,000 was acknowledged with a check presentation at the Campus with one of this year's ACNB scholarship recipients, Gettysburg Campus nursing student Elizabeth Klinger.



< From left to right: ACNB Bank EVP/Secretary and Chief Risk & Governance Officer Lynda Glass, ACNB Bank VP/Corporate Relations Officer Lauren Muzzy, Klinger, and Shannon Harvey

Nursing Program 15 Year Anniversary

This year, HACC's Gettysburg Campus is celebrating **15 years** of excellence in nursing education:

- Did you know that **631 students** have graduated from Gettysburg Campus Nursing Programs (RN & LPN)?
- Did you know that **93 percent** of these graduates passed their licensure exam on their first try? This is well above the national average of 86 percent. They are now registered nurses.
- Did you know that nearly **85 percent** of these nurses practice within a 50-mile radius of the Gettysburg Campus?

The 15 year anniversary committee (**Ashley Bear, Dianne Brooks, Amanda Hartzel, Shannon Harvey, Brooke Kaiser, Jill Lott, & Marilyn Teeter**) planned both Campus and Community activities to celebrate the milestone:

- Student celebration sponsored by the Nursing Student Organization featuring cake, a food truck and a chance to “dunk the faculty” for answering an NCLEX question correctly.
- Nursing student essay contest
- A program and tour of the nursing suite for the Gettysburg Hospital Foundation Board of Directors in recognition of the hospital's initial \$250,000 gift to initiate the program.
- A feature story and full page congratulatory ad in the Gettysburg Times recognizing all of the program graduates.
- Community fundraising appeal to support the Gettysburg Campus Community Endowed Nursing Program.
- Alumni survey



High School Math Contest

Friday, April 20th, HACC's Math department held its annual high-school math contest. Twenty-six schools (teams of three students) attended the contest (via compressed video) from the Harrisburg, Lancaster, and Gettysburg campuses. Schools that attended the Gettysburg Campus were:

- Dover Area High School
- New Oxford High School
- Northern High School
- Shippensburg Area High School
- Spring Grove High School

The following awards were earned by the schools who attended the Gettysburg Campus to participate; David Taglieri from Spring Grove High School tied for first place for the individual



score and Spring Grove High School finished in 3rd place for team/school score.

In addition to **Jason Rosenberry's** leadership for this event, thank you to **Matt Gerhart, Patarin Hoffman, and Scott Decker** for their assistance in setting up and monitoring the room.



HELLO!

On April 17 [Healthy Adams County](#) sponsored “**Hello**”, a conversation game that is an easy, non-threatening way to start a discussion with your family and friends about living, dying, and what matters most to you.



Gettysburg Campus nursing students, staff, faculty and members of the community participated in this activity.

To learn more about the game, click the link <https://commonpractice.com/>.



DAY OF GIVING



Day of Giving was a success!

To those who gave and those who participated in one or more of our fun activities, thank you for supporting our students! Our **Campus activities alone raised over \$5,000!**

To view Day of Giving photos, videos and complete fundraising totals, please visit www.hacc.edu/HeartHACC.



A HUGE THANK YOU to the Day of Giving committee:

- Judy Alder
- Diane Bittle
- Kathy Brickner
- Chad Koontz
- Gary Laabs
- Jeff Shaffer
- Tracey Smith

All PA Academic Team

On April 9, the PA Commission for Community Colleges joined Phi Theta Kappa to honor students who were nominated by their colleges to the All-PA Academic Team .



The All-PA Academic Team Awards, building from the National All-USA Academic Team for two-year colleges, recognizes an exceptional group of community college students who have achieved academic excellence and demonstrated a commitment to their colleges and communities. HACC was proud to recognize six students including **Alexa Groft** and **Kelsey Weaver** from the Gettysburg Campus. Alexa and Kelsey were also the recipients of the **Academic Passport** which includes a **full tuition scholarship** to any of the 14 PASSHE institutions to complete a Baccalaureate degree. **Alexa will be going to Millersville University and Kelsey to Bloomsburg University.**

Google Translate is now on www.hacc.edu!

HACC's website – www.hacc.edu – is now multilingual!

Google's Translate button can instantly translate text on our website into more than 60 languages to anyone visiting our website from anywhere in the world!

It's easy to use! Per the screen shot, simply select the language you want to use from the Google drop-down field located next to the printer-friendly version text.

STAFF SPOTLIGHTS



Kathy Pasewark recently accepted the full-time position of **Academic Support Specialist in the Office of Academic Success** ! Kathy holds a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Dickinson College and a Master degree in Counseling/Student Personnel Services from Shippensburg University. Kathy has worked at HACC for over 15 years. She's held positions in counseling and advising and as a faculty member. She most recently served in the interim role of Academic Support Specialist where she provided academic coaching, delivered in-class workshops, and helped support our tutoring and testing staff. Her various positions at the College demonstrate how committed she is to student success and her love of working with students to help them achieve their full potential. This is one of the reasons the **Student Government Association recognized her with the Campus Service Award.**

Kathy lives in Mechanicsburg with her husband, Greg, and three amazing kids - Sam, Jill and Beth. She has practiced yoga for over 15 years (before it was cool), she is helping her team crush the Fitbit challenge, and is a voracious reader and gardener.

Lori Hockley, assistant professor of management and secretary of the Adams County Community Theater(ACCT) board of directors was recently **highlighted for her service to ACCT and her dedication to HACC virtual learning student success.**

HACC's virtual learning student body nominated Lori for a **Star Faculty Award** in recognition of her **outstanding contributions to the academic achievement and personal growth of virtual students.** On May 5, HACC's Virtual Learning Advisory Council (VLSAC), which is a group of virtual learning students who work to improve the online education experience for all virtual learners, will host a festive dinner and awards program to honor exemplary virtual students and "Star Faculty" members like Lori!

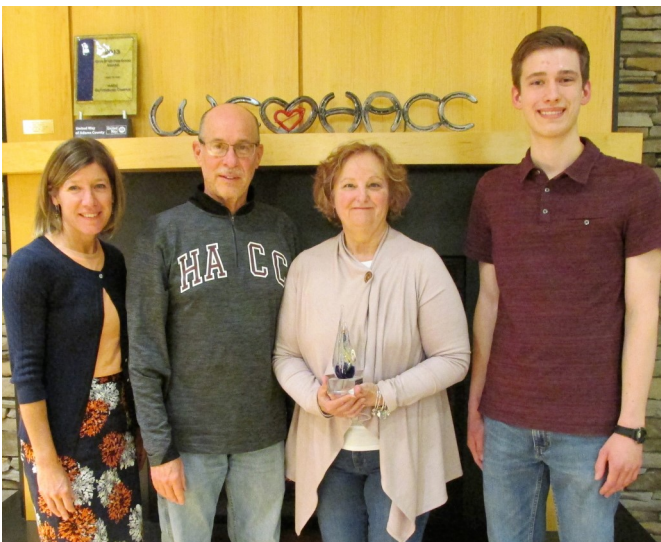
To learn more about Lori's recognition and service to ACCT click [here](#).



Celebrate YOU!

On April 13, the HACC Foundation celebrated and recognized a group of generous individuals and organizations who were nominated and received HACC's "Spirit of Philanthropy Award". The Gettysburg Campus recognized the following individuals for their long history of giving of their time, talents and treasure to support the Campus and our students. **Gettysburg Campus Spirit of Philanthropy Award recipients include:**

- Diane and John Bittle
- Ron and Carolyn Hankey
- P. K. Hoover
- Gary and Eileen Laabs
- Athar Rafiq and Rukhsana Rahman
- Jeff and Pam Shaffer
- Ken and Donna Shur



< Ken Shur was in Boston preparing to run the Boston Marathon on the day the Celebrate YOU event occurred. He and his wife Donna joined their scholarship recipient, Joshua Schuhart, at the Campus for a presentation of their award.

Please join me in thanking these members of our community for their generosity to HACC and our students!

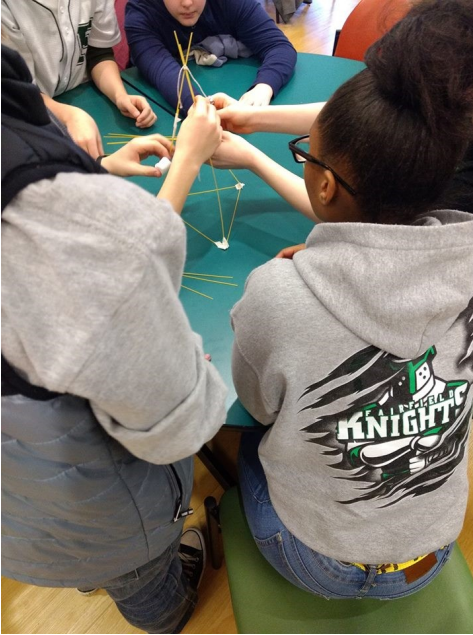
Journey to Excellence with Dr. Ski

Dr Ski hosted his **Spring 2018 Journey to Excellence Forum** at the Gettysburg Campus on April 12. He discussed updates on the spring semester budget, a report on Middle States accreditation, and invited questions from faculty and staff who attended.

Thank you Dr. Ski for regularly spending time on the campus connecting with faculty, staff and students!



Green Knights Visit Campus



Fairfield High School, home of the Green Knights, recently visited the Campus as part of the school's college and career readiness activities. Each year, Fairfield brings their 8th graders and 11th graders to Campus for a visit. This year, the 11th grade students had a new experience. Faculty members **Charlie Fennel**, **Lisa Koontz**, **Xingyi Puckett**, **Ilene Rosenberg**, and **Phillip Verrecchia** invited these high school students into their classrooms to experience a college class with current HACC students.

In addition to classroom visits, both groups of students had the opportunity to participate in the HACC Marshmallow Challenge during their visit. In case you're not familiar with this activity, the marshmallow challenge is a team building activity where groups must build the tallest free standing structure out of spaghetti, string, tape, and one marshmallow that MUST be securely on the top.

Thank you to **Sarah Maines**, **Andrea Lazarus** and the faculty for providing the Green Knights with a great HACC Yeah! Experience.

Kimberly A. Shipley Peer Tutor Award

Gettysburg Campus student **Sarah Zavatsky** is the **2018 recipient of the Kimberly A. Shipley Outstanding Peer Tutor Award**. Sarah received the award in recognition of her exceptional skill and dedication to supporting students at HACC Gettysburg's Tutoring Center.



Sarah brings a strong commitment to learning to HACC Gettysburg's tutoring team, which is evident in each of her tutoring sessions. As one professional tutor noted, "She is always willing to lend a hand to a struggling student in any subject if it is in her wheelhouse. She maintains an upbeat and positive can-do attitude and engages fully with students, providing motivation and excellent support." In addition to her rigorous class schedule and tutoring commitments, Sarah is involved in her community. She volunteers at a local food pantry and helps with youth activities at her church. Since the age of 14, Sarah has owned and operated Green Daisy Soaps, a handcrafted artisan soap and bath product business. Sarah will be transferring to Notre Dame Maryland University, where she will study chemistry to pursue a career in pharmaceutical research.

HAPPY SUMMER!

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