

Harrisburg Promise

Volunteer Opportunities

HACC, Central Pennsylvania's Community College, is committed to serving as an educational resource for students from all walks of life. We recognize that the journey to college often starts long before graduating from high school. Unfortunately for some local middle and high school students, college is not an option because of their financial limitations, and therefore, they do not set goals to achieve a higher education. HACC, partnered with the Harrisburg Mayor's office and the Harrisburg Housing Authority, is committed to helping low-income students set and achieve educational goals through the Harrisburg Promise.



In the Harrisburg Promise, selected students from low-income areas are supported from seventh grade through the end of high school with college-preparedness workshops and mentoring. The workshops take place on a monthly basis and are opportunities for students to learn about topics that will prepare them for college life after high school. In addition, the students are paired with mentors to discuss their current academic situations and how this program will help them prepare for postsecondary education. Through focused and customized learning opportunities, students are better prepared to attain a degree or certificate, which will ultimately lead them to a more rewarding and lucrative career path.

We need volunteers in order to offer exceptional mentoring and workshop opportunities. All volunteers will be required to have a background check and child abuse clearance.

The volunteer opportunities include:

- **Mentorships** - Mentors will meet with students to encourage and support them in the following areas: goal setting, homework help, tutoring and community service projects. This commitment typically requires meeting the student once a month for one hour from 3:15-4:15 p.m.
- **Workshop Volunteers** - Monthly workshops focus around a lesson that will help the students throughout their academic and personal lives. To keep the workshops running smoothly, we are in need of volunteers in the following areas:
 - Chaperones – Chaperones will interact and engage students during the presentation, help serve dinner and act as campus escorts. This commitment is typically once a month for one hour from 4:30-5:30 p.m.
 - Facilitators – Facilitators create and deliver 45-minute presentations on topics such as career exploration, communication skills, decision making, self-awareness or industry-specific information. This commitment typically requires time to develop curriculum and 45-minute facilitation time.

The mentoring and workshop opportunities have a direct impact on the Harrisburg Promise students and the future educational goals they set. By volunteering, YOU are helping to creating a positive and productive learning environment for the students.

To volunteer, please contact Melinda Fraker de Fonte at 717-780-2577 or mmfraker@hacc.edu.

"I like the Harrisburg Promise because it is an opportunity to further my academic future and create connections with people. Also, it allows us as a whole to bond with each other and become familiar with our soon-to-be surroundings."

- Harrisburg Promise student



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