

# Gettysburg Campus Update

## *Message from the Campus Vice President*

Happy Holidays!

This is the time of year when we often pause to reflect on all that we are thankful for, and keep those in our thoughts who are struggling to fulfill their basic needs.

This semester our Campus clubs and organizations and so many staff and faculty have been very generous in supporting our HACC Cares box in an effort to create a hunger-free campus. This initiative is an example of how deeply students, faculty and staff care about others and came together to make a difference.

As 2018 draws to an end and we prepare to embrace a new year at HACC's Gettysburg Campus, there is no better time to say thank you for all that you do to support students and each other. Our campus is a better place because of your dedication, hard work, and generosity.

May the peace and joy of the holiday season be with you and your family throughout the holidays and the coming year.

~ Shannon

*Happy Holidays*



## Welcome New Library Staff



- Susan Pinkey joined the Library staff as the full-time Public Services Library Specialist on November 12. Susan comes with many years of library experience. We look forward to the knowledge she will bring to the campus and the department.

- Ken Lewin is our new Adjunct Reference and Instruction Librarian. He received his MLIS from San Jose State University, and is excited about beginning his library career with at HACC.

Please join me in welcoming these new employees to our campus team!



## Happy Birthday Gary Laabs!



**Gary Laabs recently celebrated his 75<sup>th</sup> birthday.** As a nurse, veteran, proud HACC alumnus, HACC Foundation Board member and Gettysburg Campus Advisory Committee member, he asked others to join in the celebration by supporting future students who dream of becoming nurses.

In addition to this milestone birthday, HACC's Gettysburg Campus is celebrating 15 years of excellence in nursing education this year. Nurses like Gary are on the front lines of our hospitals and in healthcare. Each day, through tireless dedication and compassion, they ensure that our loved ones are cared for. So far, 631 students have graduated from the Gettysburg Campus associate degree nursing program.

This #75ForGettysburg crowdfunding campaign raised \$3,248 to support [HACC's Community Endowed Gettysburg Campus Nursing Scholarship](#). Utz Quality Foods, Inc. generously contributed \$1,000 in honor of this special milestone. **Thanks to Utz and all the supporters who helped make Gary's birthday wish a reality**, more students will achieve their goal of becoming a nurse through a HACC education.



## Congratulations Gettysburg Campus All USA Academic Team Members



Congratulations to **Corinne Crushong** and **Blasia Drumm** who have been selected to represent HACC as a nominee in the 2018-2019 All-USA Academic Team competition. Corinne and Blasia will be recognized and celebrated on April 8, 2019 at the All-PA banquet to be held at the Hilton in downtown Harrisburg.

Please congratulate Corinne and Blasia on their academic excellence and commitment to community service!



## Linda Benzon Art Exhibit

**Linda Benzon** is a landscape and lifestyle photographer with an eye for situations that often go unnoticed, and a talent for portraying expansive panoramas, close-ups of the minutest detail, or abstractions of nature. She recently **shared her inspiration for her photography with students from Professor Ilene Rosenberg's Introduction to Humanities class.** The students were surprised to learn that Linda is a retired accountant who has only been taking photographs for six years!

When we return Campus in January, prepare to be welcomed to a beautiful watercolor exhibit by **Tom Rooney, a graduate of Gettysburg College and HACC's Paramedic Program.**

"Gettysburg Watercolors" will feature familiar historic buildings and streetscapes from the Gettysburg area. Mark your calendar for the Artist Reception on Feb. 12 from 10:45 - 11:30 a.m.



## HACC Foundation Annual Report

### 2017-18 HACC and HACC Foundation Annual Report is Now Online!

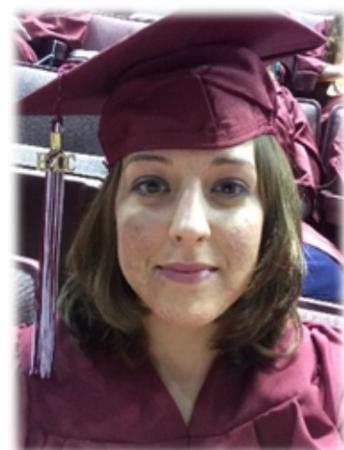
The 2017-18 HACC and HACC Foundation annual report is now available [online](#). This year's report features ways that we make college possible by helping students get started, fostering student engagement and an inclusive and accessible environment and making attendance affordable.

For 2017-18, did you know?

- Our youngest student was 15 years old, and the oldest was 81.
- The full-time student to full-time faculty ratio in fall 2017 was 15:1.
- Donors contributed **\$2,557,407.89** to the HACC Foundation to support students and foster student engagement.

In this report, you will read and view stories from current students and recent graduates like Cecilia:

"My greatest personal achievement is graduating debt-free with a 4.0 GPA."  
Cecilia Dean, HACC student



The annual report also includes updates on the [Invest. Impact. Inspire. Campaign for HACC](#) and special initiatives and events that were made possible through HACC Foundation funds.

Please read more in our [interactive annual report](#).

Thank you for your continued support!

## Honoring our Veterans



A **Veterans Day Celebration** was held at HACC's Gettysburg Campus to honor current and past veterans. The event began with a flag retirement and replacement ceremony. The new flag was generously donated by Gettysburg American Legion Post 202. Following the Flag Replacement Ceremony, representatives from the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 15 and Gettysburg American Legion Post 202 participated in dedicating a tree "In Honor of all Veterans Past and Present." Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society (PTK) sold small American flags to place below the tree to honor family and friends who have served. Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the events.

Thank you to **Wendy Brubaker, Tom Kennedy, Kenny Mumma, and Justin Knill** for planning and organizing this event.

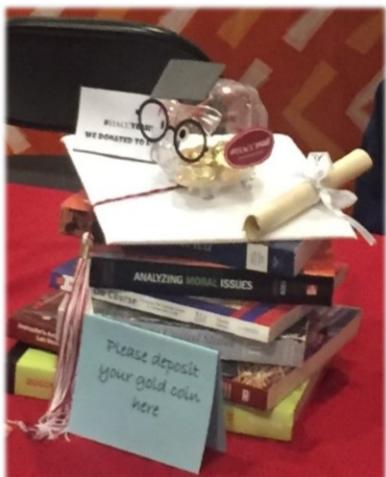


## ***Adams County Community Foundation Giving Spree***

HACC alumnus, Tom Breivogel, Jr., made a donation during the Adams County Community Foundation Giving Spree helping us raise **\$5,611.45 for the Gettysburg Campus Emergency Assistance Fund.** In addition, 51 people donated their "Giving Spree Coin" to the Campus Piggy Bank totaling \$510.00 which will be split equally

between the **Gettysburg Campus Student Government Scholarship Fund** and the **Gettysburg Campus Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship Fund.**

Thank you to HACC student leaders **Hisela Espinoza, Alexa Groft and Ben Martinez** along with PTK advisor **Kathleen Heidecker** for staffing the HACC table at the event.



>HACC alumnus Tom Breivogel, Jr.



## ***Alexa Groft HACC Graduation Speaker***



Gettysburg Campus Student Government president, [\*\*Alexa Groft\*\*](#), was selected to be the **December 2018 Student Commencement speaker**. Alexa is graduating with an associate degree in early childhood education. In addition to serving as student government president, she is also the co-liaison for the Alpha Nu Omega Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa and was named to the 2018 All-PA Academic Team, receiving a full scholarship to complete her bachelor's degree. Alexa plans to attend Millersville University and major in early childhood education.

In addition to Alexa, **91 other Gettysburg Campus students applied to graduate in December.** Congratulations to all graduates and **thank YOU**

**to the Gettysburg Campus staff and faculty for the role you've played in helping these students reach their goals!**



## Scholarship Highlights



The HACC Foundation awarded \$43,500 in scholarship funding to 44 Gettysburg Campus students for the Spring 2018 Scholarship Cycle.

Among those awarded were **Nu-Wu Arnold, recipient of the Gettysburg Hospital Faith Redding Memorial Scholarship**. This scholarship was established in memory of former Gettysburg Hospital director of nursing, Faith Redding. To qualify for the scholarship, students must be enrolled in HACC's Gettysburg Campus nursing program with a minimum GPA of 2.0 and have unmet financial need.

< [Nu-Wu Arnold](#) is pictured with Gettysburg Campus vice president Shannon Harvey and Jane Oyler, director of professional development for Wellspan Health

**Iris Harvie is the recipient of the Albert J. Lentz Gettysburg American Legion Veterans Memorial Scholarship Award.** To qualify for this scholarship, students must be enrolled at HACC's Gettysburg Campus, have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 and must be an honorably discharged veteran or the immediate family member (spouse, son, daughter, grandson or granddaughter) of an honorably discharged veteran.

> Iris Harvie is pictured with American Legion Post 202 commander Lewis Jones and past commander Paul Wypiejewski



## Nursing Pinning Ceremony

For the first time, **live stream was available for the Nursing Pinning Ceremony**. The following feedback was received:

“Thanks so much for this! Due to a family emergency my husband was not able to attend...and my sister was able to watch from Wisconsin!”

“Thank you so much for arranging the video conference of tonight's pinning ceremony. Chris, Chase and I enjoyed watching the ceremony. Chelsea looked very happy and we were happy to hear her speech. While we really like living in Georgia, it's times like this that we miss being home. Your thoughtfulness and consideration of out of town family and friends is greatly appreciated.”



**Celebrating Largest Nursing Class - 39 Graduates!**

## Join Us for HACC's Fourth Day of Giving

We are bringing the entire HACC community together on **April 11, 2019**, for our annual Day of Giving, a college wide effort to change lives and build a better and more affordable HACC.

We need your support to continue creating opportunities and transforming lives to shape the future – **TOGETHER. What can you do now?**

1. **Save the Date:** April 11
2. **Sponsor the event:** Become a sponsor for the event activities and encourage your employer to sponsor the event. To learn more, please visit [www.hacc.edu/sponsorships](http://www.hacc.edu/sponsorships).

We are planning fun activities at our five campuses and with Virtual Learning!

Please stay tuned and check [hacc.edu/heartHACC](http://hacc.edu/heartHACC) for updates.



## Faculty Recognition

Congratulations to Cristal Renzo whose proposal entitled “**Re-visioning Research in the First-year Composition Classroom: using wellness practices, self-reflection, and happiness studies to teach information literacy**” was recently accepted for presentation at the [College English Association 2019 conference](#) in March in New Orleans.

*“Ultimately, our desire is to make academic professional development a seamless part of the institutional fabric.”*

[Tweet this quote.](#)

## Campus Holiday Party



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Thank you and your team for the generous gift to Hand & Stone. Rest assured, it will be put to very good use.  
I really appreciate your thoughtfulness every Christmas — Liz



Happy  
Holidays