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Experience D.C.'s Cherry Blossoms and More

YOUR HACC Alumni Association and AAA Travel have partnered to offer a one-day, unforgettable trip on April 6, 2019, that supports HACC students!

After departing from HACC's Harrisburg and Lancaster campuses, arrive in Old Town Alexandria to explore parts of the historic and architecturally unique town that has prospered for



over 200 years. Discover locally owned and operated restaurants off the beaten path in this historically rich town. On your guided, narrated, walking and motorcoach tour, you will experience and learn about Old Town Alexandria's significance throughout the history of our country. The tour will include various stops to sample specially made dishes at long-standing, family-owned restaurants. The guide will also talk about the history of the cherry blossom trees in D.C., and you'll enjoy a cherry blossom themed dessert! After finishing, you will be able to truly appreciate the heritage, history and local food. Enough food is served that most participants will not need lunch after the tour. All dishes are served sitting down, so you can enjoy the ambiance of each restaurant while trying their specialties and hearing their stories.

After the tour of Alexandria, relax on a 45-minute narrated cherry blossom cruise that will highlight the historic sites along the Potomac River, such as the Jefferson Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, John F. Kennedy Center and Memorial Bridge. The cruise will provide a great vantage point to enjoy the beautiful cherry blossoms, for which Washington, D.C. is known. After the cruise, free time will be provided in Georgetown for shopping, eating or just to relax along the Potomac River.

For full details including how to register, please visit: www.hacc.edu/cherry-blossom-cruise.

We hope to see you there! **Thank you!**

CALL FOR DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI NOMINATIONS

Every two years, we proudly recognize exceptional alumni who inspire us. The [Distinguished Alumni Award](#) salutes the achievements of outstanding alumni who:

- Serve as an inspiration to other alumni and current students
- Distinguish themselves in their chosen field
- Exhibit a significant commitment to the College
- Provide inspirational leadership in which their actions and deeds reflect their educational experience at HACC
- Made significant contributions to society through public or community-related service



If you (or someone you know) exemplify the HACC "spirit" in their personal lives, professional achievements and community service, please complete a [nomination form](#).

Volleyball Program Makes HACC History

Congratulations to head coach Tom Frye, assistant coach Hannah Stump and the women's volleyball team on their recent appearance at the NJCAA National Volleyball Tournament in Rochester, Minnesota. This is the [HACC women's volleyball program](#)'s first trip to the National Tournament. The team finished the season by defeating Northampton Community College, a victory that earned HACC 11th place in the nation. Coach Frye was named Eastern Pennsylvania Collegiate Conference Coach of the Year, Region XIX Coach of the Year and District L Coach of the Year over the course of the season. Well done, Hawks! #HACCyeah #HACCproud



Alumni Sneak Peak: HACC's Day of Giving!

Please mark your calendar for **April 11** for [the Day of Giving](#)! This is HACC's biggest fundraising event of the year to support students, and we need YOUR help to show that alumni give back to HACC.

Stay tuned for more information about this 24-hour giving event, including stories of how a HACC education truly changes lives and our community!



A Year in Review

2017-18 HACC AND HACC FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT

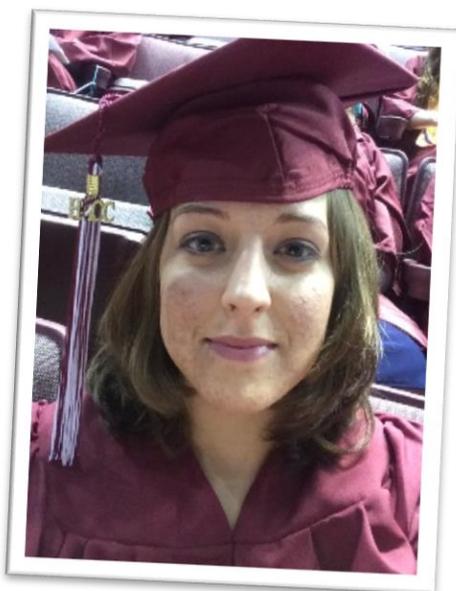
This year's interactive report features ways that we make college possible by helping students get started, fostering student engagement and an inclusive and accessible environment, and making attendance affordable.

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.

Thank you for your continued support!

ANNUAL SECURITY REPORT

HACC, Central Pennsylvania's Community College, is required by the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (20 USC § 1092(f)) to publish an annual security report by Oct. 1 of each calendar year. This report contains three years of campus crime statistics for incidents that occurred on a HACC campus, in unobstructed public areas immediately adjacent to or running through a campus and at certain non-campus facilities owned or controlled by the College.

Also included in the report are policy and procedure disclosures for emergency response, the reporting of crime, investigative and disciplinary procedures for rape, sexual assault/misconduct, and drug and alcohol control, among others.

This report is now available on HACC's website at

http://www.hacc.edu/AboutHACC/PublicSafetyandSecurity/upload/HACC_ASR.pdf

Free paper copies are available upon request at any campus public safety and security office or Welcome Center.

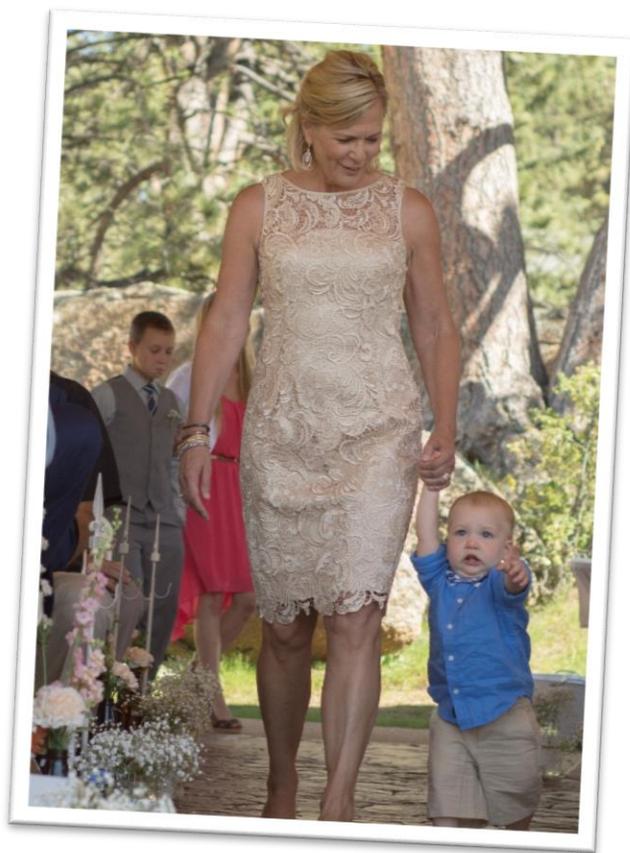
New Scholarship Fund Established in Memory of Former HACC Employee

First-generation college students at HACC's Harrisburg Campus will benefit from a new scholarship established in memory of Kim Bleecher, a former employee of HACC, Central Pennsylvania's Community College.

The Kim Mecray Bleecher Scholarship fund is designed to support individuals who are the first person in their immediate families to attend HACC and to provide financial resources to help them pursue their academic goals.

In a statement, the family said, "Bleecher was a wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister and 20-year HACC employee. Her warmth and ability to give sage advice made her a sought-after sounding board for co-workers, students and strangers alike. She was a believer in the value of a community college education to help lift students, of all ages, out of a life of poverty and despair. She wanted to continue to help HACC students in some way even after her passing."

In addition to being first-generation college students, recipients of the scholarship must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 and be enrolled full time or part time at the Harrisburg Campus. Preference will be given to applicants with unmet financial need.



HACC is Seeking a Development Officer for Organizations

HACC, Central Pennsylvania's Community College, is seeking a high-performer to join the Office of College Advancement's Grants and Corporate Relations team as a development officer for organizations.

This individual will be responsible for:

- Evaluating funding opportunities for potential return on investment
- Leading the identification, research, cultivation, solicitation and stewardship of organizational donors
- Providing leadership and coordination in the development of proposals, sponsorship requests and/or event plans
- Submitting funding proposals and required reports to organizational donors

If you know someone interested in joining our dynamic team, please encourage them to visit [our website](#). Thank you!

Printmaker's 'American Epic' Exhibit

“American Epic: A Series of Linocut Prints” by printmaker Jesse Shaw will be on display Jan. 21-Feb. 15, 2019, in the Rose Lehrman Art Gallery on the Harrisburg Campus of HACC, Central Pennsylvania’s Community College. A Tennessee native, Shaw is currently working on a series of 50 relief prints carved from linoleum blocks that depict the epic story of America. He has completed 28 prints in the series over the past nine years. He also continues to explore other media, techniques and collaborations as an extension of the American Epic prints.

“I want to tell this story from my point of view as I see American Life, and to create new allegories, narratives, iconography and

symbolism based on my first-hand accounts and my personal baggage,” Shaw said in his artist statement.

His study of Jose Clemente Orozco’s mural, “The Epic of American Civilization,” was his initial inspiration, and led him to study

Mexican printmaking and the works of other Mexican muralists, including Diego Rivera and David Alfaro Siqueiros.

“The intensity and sincerity in the murals, along with the history of the political and social purpose of printmaking in Mexico, brought me to approaching printmaking like a muralist,” Shaw said.



Prints from his “American Epic” series have been exhibited nationally, including the Vanderbilt Divinity School, Nashville, Tennessee; 2016 Art on Paper Art Fair and the International Print Center IPCNY, both New York, New York; and the Du Mois Gallery in New Orleans, Louisiana. Visiting artist and guest speaker appearances include the Vanderbilt Divinity School;

University of Anchorage Alaska, Anchorage, Alaska; and the University of North Carolina.

Gallery hours are Monday-Friday from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays 5-7 p.m. or by appointment.

Alumni Spotlight

La-Verna Fountain was a U.S. Army veteran, single parent and welfare recipient in search of providing a quality life for herself and son: *“HACC had a welcoming environment and made me believe it was possible for me to attend school and still be with my baby.*



The veterans’ affairs office in particular provided me with the support and guidance I needed to stay focused and work through the challenges of raising my child, attending school and finding ways to earn a living.”

In addition to enjoying the class sizes, beautiful campus and friendly student environment, La-Verna also met her husband at HACC’s Harrisburg Campus – on the tennis courts! In 2018, they celebrated their 36th wedding anniversary.

With her HACC educational foundation, La-Verna went on to obtain her bachelor’s degree

from Penn State University and master’s degree from Columbia University. In 2018, she retired as a vice president at Columbia University, where she also had served as an instructor. Throughout her career, she received several honors and awards, and published a variety of writings. Recently, La-Verna published the book *The Gold Coins, A Supernatural Adventure Inspired by True Events* under the pen name Sa’lia Friend and received the 2017 Icon Award from the New York Women Builders Council. She has also given back to her community through various volunteer and board roles. In particular, she founded several organizations dedicated to teaching others about nonviolence, including the Discover the Leader Within You Youth Group, Gandhi/King Peace Coalition and Teach Teens to Teach Teens Nonviolence Youth Institute.

Recently, La-Verna shared her story in a HACC video to encourage and inspire others:



Share your news!

Click [here](#) to enter your story under ‘News Item’. If you’ve already completed the form before, please email us at AlumniAssociation@hacc.edu.

Alumni Spotlight

On Oct. 9, **Gary Laabs** celebrated his 75th 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.

To learn more about La-Verna, Gary, and other exceptional alumni, please visit [HACC's successful alumni page](#).

Thank you!



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