

# ALUMNI CONNECT



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## Congratulations Class of 2010

More than 1,400 HACC students became HACC Alumni Association members on May 18 as the college celebrated commencement. Six hundred students participated in HACC's graduation ceremonies at the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg. State Rep. Mauree Gingrich, R-101, was commencement speaker, and Sean Fortney of Mechanicsburg was the student speaker. Hasu Shah, co-founder and CEO of the Hersha Companies, was awarded HACC's Honorary Doctorate of Public Service. [More](#)



Photo: HACC graduates Lora Billet, left, of Spring Grove and Patricia Blake-Simms of Manchester are all smiles before lining up to participate in commencement.

## Help PA community colleges

HACC president, Dr. Edna Baehre, is urging all HACC alumni and friends of the college to support the new statewide community college advocacy campaign by signing an [online petition](#). The petition urges state officials to provide greater financial support for Pennsylvania's 14 community colleges and their nearly 500,000 credit and noncredit students.

The petition is part of Advance PA: Community Colleges Leading the Way, a communications and advocacy campaign that was launched at PA Community College Lobby Day at the State Capitol on April 27. HACC student Matthew Martin and HACC

trustee Charles Peguese helped to kick off the statewide campaign by speaking at a press conference and rally organized by the Pennsylvania Commission for Community Colleges.



Photo: Charles Peguese, member of HACC's board of trustees, speaks at the Advance PA rally.

## Learn how to live green

Get inspired, have fun, and learn more about greening your life by attending one of [The Green Center of Central Pennsylvania](#)'s free seminars being held this summer in Harrisburg. The Green Center, located at Third and Reily Streets, is the place where alumni can discover how to save on utilities, live greener, start a business in this emerging field, or just learn what the green revolution is all about.

Upcoming seminars include:

### **Geothermal Heating and Cooling for Commercial Applications**

June 10, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

### **Solar Electricity for Residential Applications**

June 12, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

### **Home Energy Efficiency: Save Money, Save the Planet**

June 22, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

### **Recycling: What Everyone Should Know**

July 20, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

To register, call The Green Center at 717-238-2646 or send an e-mail to [jpknight@hacc.edu](mailto:jpknight@hacc.edu).

## HACC president accepts position in California

HACC's president, Dr. Edna V. Baehre, announced May 17 that she has accepted a position as president of Napa Valley Community College (NVCC) in California. The college has more than 9,000 students at its two campuses in Napa and St. Helena.

"I wasn't looking for a new job,"

said Baehre—HACC’s longest serving president, “but NVCC reached out to me through a recruiter. I do have mixed feelings about accepting the new position. I will leave behind many friends and a very vibrant community college, but NVCC is a good fit for me personally, and I really fell in love with the Napa community which reminds me very much of my native Germany.” Baehre has served as HACC’s president since 1997. [More](#)



## Performance of Charlotte’s Web added to Family Favorites Festival

The HACC Theatre for Young People cast of “Charlotte’s Web” is adding a performance of the children’s classic to the events at the Family Favorites Festival at the Harrisburg Campus on Saturday, June 5. The story of Fern, Wilbur the pig, a little gray spider named Charlotte and all the other endearing barnyard characters unfolds at 1 p.m. in the Rose Lehrman Arts Center theatre. The \$5 contribution for the performance will go toward the Meghan Freas Memorial Scholarship at HACC. [More](#)

## Dental hygiene clinic open for appointments this summer

The dental hygiene clinic on HACC’s Harrisburg Campus is offering appointments during the first summer session that began on May 24 and continues until July 1. Stop in for preventive services and limited restorative care at a reduced cost—and you will be helping dental hygiene students complete course requirements.

The clinic, located in the Select Medical Health Education Pavilion, is open to students, alumni, faculty, staff and the public. Hours of operation are 8 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m., Monday-Thursday, and 8 a.m.-noon on Friday. Call 717-780-2441 for an appointment.

## Live at Rose Lehrman announces 2010-11 season

Make *Live at Rose Lehrman* part of your entertainment plans this year. See extraordinary live performances of dance, music, theatre, and family events presented in the region's most comfortable, intimate theatre, the Rose Lehrman Arts Center on HACC's Harrisburg Campus. Recently, *Live at Rose Lehrman* [previewed](#) its 2010-2011 [season](#).

Mark you calendar and plan to attend Step Afrika on Thursday evening, March 31, 2011. The performance is being sponsored by your HACC Alumni Association.

## HACC offers certification course for dental hygienists

New Pennsylvania legislation now allows dental hygienists to administer local anesthesia. This summer HACC is offering the accredited course for certification. The four-class program is scheduled for Saturday-Sunday, June 26-27 and July 17-18, at the Select Medical Health Education Pavilion on HACC's Harrisburg Campus. The classes are from 7:30 a.m-5 p.m. The course will be repeated in late summer, August 14-15 and September 18-19. For more information, contact HACC's Noncredit Healthcare office at 717-221-1351.

## Alumni in the news

HACC takes pride in its alumni. With more than 50,000 alumni, HACC is making a difference in communities and workplaces in Central Pennsylvania, across the nation, and around the world. Find out what our [graduates](#) are doing. Please share your [news](#) with us, so we can publish it in future issues of "HACC Alumni Connect" or our "HACC Connections" magazine.

## Upcoming events bring HACC alumni together

Plan to join other HACC alumni for these upcoming events. More details will be published in future editions of "HACC Alumni Connect."

**Celebrating HACC Gettysburg with Wine and Music**  
Sunday, August 28, 1-5 p.m., Adams County Winery,  
Music by Skyla Burrell Blues Band

**Alumni New York City Bus Trip**  
Saturday, November 20, 7:00 a.m.  
Buses depart from Harrisburg, Gettysburg, and Lancaster Campuses.

**Step Afrika**  
Thursday, March 31, 2011, 7:30 p.m., Rose Lehrman Arts Center, Harrisburg Campus  
*Event sponsored by HACC Alumni Association.*

## Are you a data wonk?

It's your lucky day! You can find HACC statistics galore in the online [College Data Book](#). Check it out. You may be surprised at the wealth of information provided!

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