

# ALUMNI CONNECT



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## HACC gives back



The HACC Alumni Association, Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) and HACC's Student Government Association (SGA) will sponsor community service projects at all five campuses this fall as part of HACC's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

Our goal with these projects is to get alumni, students, family members, faculty and staff together for a few hours on a Saturday to do something positive for the communities that support us. **Please gather your family and friends and join us at the following community service events.**

- **Lancaster, Sept. 6** – We will help clean up the gardens that surround the Demuth Museum, 120 East King Street, Lancaster, as part of the United Way's Day of Caring.
- **Gettysburg, Sept. 13** – HACC volunteers will be helping with the Red, White and Blue 5K Color Run at Gettysburg Recreation Park, 545 Long Lane, Gettysburg. The event, also part of the United Way Day of Caring, benefits the Gettysburg Area Recreation Authority and the Wounded Warrior Project.

- **Lebanon, Sept. 20** – As part of a United Way project, our volunteers will be painting streetlights on Cumberland St. in Lebanon.
- **Harrisburg, Sept. 27** – The Capital Area Greenbelt Association has asked HACC volunteers to help with a beautification project on the bike route that runs through the former Harrisburg State Hospital, off Cameron St. near the Harrisburg Campus.
- **York, Oct. 11** – HACC volunteers will participate in York’s Fall Clean Up Day in the city. More details on this project will be coming soon.

If you can help on any of these Saturdays, send an email to [alumniassociation@hacc.edu](mailto:alumniassociation@hacc.edu). We will send more details and contact information for the project leader at your HACC campus.

## Are you a leader?

The HACC Alumni Association needs you.

The Alumni Association will hold its second alumni elections this fall for five open Alumni Council positions. Alumni Council is the HACC Alumni Association’s governing board. Please consider nominating yourself or another HACC alumnus/a.

Only HACC alumni are eligible to run for office. HACC defines an alumnus/a as a former HACC student who has received a degree, certificate or diploma from the College or who has earned at least 30 HACC credits and is not currently enrolled at the College.

Nominations must be submitted to HACC’s Department of Development and Alumni Relations by **Oct. 1, 2014**. [More](#)

## Alumni battle students in soccer



More than 20 alumni athletes took on HACC’s men’s soccer team on Aug. 23, 2014, for the College’s first alumni games at the Harrisburg Campus. The hard-fought battle resulted in a victory for the alumni.

Alumni who played basketball for HACC should mark **Saturday, Jan. 3, 2015**, on their calendars. Alumni will challenge the men's and women's basketball teams that day.



# You are invited...

The HACC Board of Trustees and HACC President John J. “Ski” Sygielski, Ed.D. cordially invite you to HACC’s 50th Anniversary Convocation.



Friday, Sept. 19, 2014  
1:30 p.m.  
HACC’s Harrisburg Campus  
One HACC Drive  
Bruce E. Cooper Student Center, International Room

Dr. Walter G. Bumphus, president and chief executive officer of the American Association of Community Colleges, will present the Convocation address. A reception will immediately follow the ceremony.

If you are unable to attend at the Harrisburg Campus, video conferencing will be available at our other HACC campuses.

Please [RSVP](#) by Monday, Sept. 8, 2014.

# We want you!

Please join HACC’s new Alumni Ambassador Network. This is an online group that the College can call on when it needs help with an event, program, service or legislative initiative. When assistance is needed at a campus or collegewide, an online alert is sent to all alumni in the network.



***You help when you want and when your schedule permits.*** You can ask to be removed from the network at any time. There is no commitment, except if you volunteer to help, we ask that you follow through. Calls for help may include:

- Helping with campus student recruitment events
- Giving free HACC alumni t-shirts to graduates at Commencement
- Talking about your profession in a class or on a career panel
- Mentoring a student online
- Having a student shadow you at work for a few hours

You, too, will benefit by becoming involved. You reconnect with faculty, meet people, learn new skills, get access to networking opportunities and gain the good feeling that comes from helping others.

If you can spare some time to help HACC and our students, take a few minutes to [sign up](#).

## Are you an exceptional alumnus?



Yes! All HACC alumni are exceptional. During HACC's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the College is looking for alumni stories to share with students, faculty, employees and the public. You are the face of HACC in the community. Please share your story with us. Tell us about obstacles you faced to get your education, interesting things you have done with your life and how your experiences at HACC had an impact on you.

Share your alumni story [here](#).

See one of HACC's exceptional [alumni](#).

## Find your perfect job at HACC job fairs

Sept. 3, 2014	Part-time job fair, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Cooper Student Center, Harrisburg Campus
Sept. 15, 2014	Trades part-time job fair, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., lobby, HACC's Midtown 2 site, 1500 N. Third St., Harrisburg
Oct. 16, 2014	Fall job fair, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 203, East Building, Lancaster Campus

## Reach your career goals

HACC's [Career Services](#) is committed to providing guidance and resources that empower HACC alumni to reach their career-related goals. The professional staff provides personalized career counseling and coaching and other resources for obtaining employment—most at no cost to you. They can also help in assessing your interests, personality traits and skills so that you can make informed decisions about your career goals.

In addition, Career Services staff can assist you with:

- Writing effective resumes and cover letters
- Developing good interview skills
- Planning your job search

Career counseling professionals are available at all HACC campuses. Just [contact](#) them by telephone or email. Check out fall career [workshops](#) at our campuses.

## HACC alumni rock!

Gov. Tom Corbett has appointed HACC alumnus **Fred Clark** to serve as chairman of the Governor's Advisory Commission on African American Affairs. Clark is president and CEO of Harrisburg-based Clark Resources, a government consulting and public relations firm.

One of HACC's recent paralegal graduates, **Belky Herrera-Gonzalez**, was hired as legislative assistant to State Representative P. Michael Sturla. This is more proof that employers know HACC produces the best prepared and educated students. Congratulations, Belky!

HACC alumnus **Gary Huether** has been named one of Central Penn Business Journal's 2014 Forty Under 40 Award winners. Huether is president of Arooga's Grille House and Sports Bars, which has eight restaurants in central Pennsylvania.

Please share your news with us, so we can publish it in future issues of “HACC Alumni Connect.”



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