



ALUMNI CONNECT



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**You are
invited to
celebrate
with us ...**



HACC President John J. "Ski" Sygielski, Ed.D., cordially invites all HACC alumni to celebrate the Ted Lick Administration Building

dedication and the 50th anniversary of HACC's first Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday, March 4, 2014, from 12:30-1:30 p.m. at the Ted Lick Administration Building on the Harrisburg Campus. Please let us know if you can join us. To [RSVP](#).



Celebrating 50 years!

HACC is gearing up for a year's worth of celebrations to honor 50 years of educational opportunities, community support and influential individuals. Mark your calendars and plan to attend the following events:

- **ReDISCOVER HACC** – Discover everything that HACC has to offer students and the community through tours, demonstrations and lectures from April 21-26, 2014.
- **Dr. Ski's Miles of Gratitude** – HACC's president, John J. "Ski" Sygielski, Ed.D., takes to the road from April 22-24, 2014, to express his gratitude for all that Central Pennsylvania does for HACC.
- **Lectures** – Hear presentations by outstanding lecturers, including, Kenneth Womack, award-winning author of three books dedicated to the Beatles, and William Pencek, who will focus on the four Black Pennsylvanians in the Civil War.
- **Frank J. Dixon Tournament for Scholarships** – Hit the links and support our students on Sept. 22, 2014, at the Hershey Country Club East Course.
- **"Taps, Tunes and Tall Tales"** – Tony award winner Tommy Tune performs an upbeat, celebratory, one-man act at the Rose Lehrman Arts Center on the Harrisburg Campus on Oct. 17, 2014.
- **HACC's Golden Anniversary Gala** – Learn about HACC's history and honor the College's forebears at this celebration on Oct. 25, 2014, at the Radisson Hotel in Camp Hill.

There is much, much more. [Check out](#) all that's happening.

HACC announces honorary 50th anniversary celebration co-chairs

Fifty years ago, on Feb. 14, 1964, HACC, Central Pennsylvania's Community College, was established as the first community college chartered in Pennsylvania. As HACC kicks off its year-long 50th anniversary celebration, the College is pleased to announce four renowned individuals will serve as [honorary co-chairs](#).

HACC launches new brand

HACC proudly launched its new branding campaign this month to engage and retain students enrolled at HACC's campuses in Gettysburg, Harrisburg, Lancaster, Lebanon and York and through its global virtual learning program. Research conducted confirmed that many Central Pennsylvania residents believe that HACC belongs to them. They feel a kinship with the College and believe in it. As a result, the new brand needed to be flexible, relatable and unique while also communicating HACC is [YOUR](#) college.



Become an Alumni Ambassador

Do you want give back to HACC by representing the College on campus and in the community? Would you like to work hand-in-hand with HACC students to show your HACC pride and advocate for your alma mater? Then join HACC's new Alumni Ambassador Network.

HACC's Alumni Ambassador Network is an online group the College can call on when it needs help with an event, program, service or legislative initiative. When assistance is needed on 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 student recruitment events at a campus
- Helping students robe or usher at Commencement
- Attending a student-alumni networking dinner
- Emailing a state legislator when an important bill affecting HACC is being debated
- Talking about your profession in a class or on a career services panel
- Welcoming students back in the fall

HACC celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2014 so it promises to be an exciting year. Be part of the festivities by joining the Alumni Ambassador Network. Simply [sign up](#).

Join the HACC Alumni Association

Congratulations December graduates! We invite you to become a member of the HACC Alumni Association, which is absolutely FREE. All you need to do is activate your membership [online](#). Check out the [benefits](#) that come with being a HACC alumnus and how you can become [involved](#) with your alma mater. You are always welcome – and encouraged – to return to campus.





Library hosts Lincoln exhibit

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The McCormick Library at the Harrisburg Campus is hosting “Lincoln: the Constitution and the Civil War,” a traveling exhibit for libraries, through March 21, 2014.

The exhibit develops a more complete understanding of Abraham Lincoln as president and the Civil War as the nation’s gravest constitutional crisis. The exhibit is composed of informative panels featuring photographic reproductions of original documents, including a draft of Lincoln’s first inaugural speech, the Emancipation Proclamation and the 13th Amendment.

Along with the exhibit, the library is sponsoring a series of events that explore the history of Lincoln and the Civil War, including reenactments, lectures and a Civil War ball. Please visit the [Exhibit Guide](#) for more information and the complete calendar of events.

Jazz it up in Lebanon!

Members of the Student Government Association and Phi Theta Kappa honor society of the Lebanon Campus are sponsoring a “Roaring Twenties” event on Friday, March 7, at 6 p.m. in the Multipurpose room. Some of the activities for the evening include sundaes with the bookstore, drug and alcohol awareness by campus security, music, dancing and a lecture on the Great Gatsby by Brett Stumphy, Ph.D. For more information, please contact Stumphy at bastumph@hacc.edu.

Share your career expertise

HACC’s Career Services is hosting its annual Career Information Fair on Thursday, March 13, 2014, from 8 a.m. to noon. This is a fun day with 11th-grade students from area high schools visiting HACC’s

Harrisburg Campus to learn more about a wide variety of careers. We are looking for alumni volunteers to help.

If you can join us on March 13, please contact the Career Services Center at 780-2522 or career@hacc.edu. Help us make this event a success for these future students.



On March 19, 2014, alumni can learn about business etiquette with students at the York Campus at a Business Etiquette and Networking Dinner from 5-6:30 p.m. in the Cytec Building's Glatfelter Community Room. Email alumniassociation@hacc.edu for more details.

HACC Foundation releases annual report

Thanks to HACC alumni who gave back to the College last year! You can read about their generosity in the HACC Foundation's interactive 2012-13 annual report, "Back to our Roots." Read the annual report [online](#).



Mentor a student with new network

The new HACC Mentoring Network has launched. Professionals from all fields are invited to become mentors. Interested alumni are encouraged to sign up.

Mentors share their professional knowledge and experience with current students interested in their field, creating a lasting impact without a large time commitment. The mentor controls the time

commitment, level of participation and the type of contact he or she has with students. The new network makes it convenient and easy for professionals to build relationships with current students and receive invitations to networking opportunities with other professionals in the field.

Professionals willing to share their knowledge can register now by logging into HACC's new [online module](#) and using the password: careerhawk.

Job fairs bring employers to HACC

If you are in the job market or looking for a career change, you may find the right employer at the spring job fairs sponsored by HACC at the Lancaster and Harrisburg campuses. Admission is free.

HACC's Lancaster Campus is having a two-day job fair on Wednesday, March 19 and Thursday, March 20, 2014, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. both days in the East Building, Room 203.

HACC's Harrisburg Campus is having a one-day job fair on Wednesday, March 26 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Cooper Student Center. Career counseling professionals are available at all HACC campuses. For more information, email career@hacc.edu. Check out [upcoming workshops](#) at the campuses.

New exhibits featured at HACC's galleries, art space

Fenêtre Gallery at HACC's Midtown 2 site in Harrisburg is exhibiting "Constructions," work by Shawn Williams, now through Saturday, April 5, 2014. Williams work is inspired by his family's love of working with their hands and is a nostalgic homage to the American middle-class domestic work ethic.

"Ten Years of Rectangles," an exhibit by the Philadelphia design group, The Heads of State, will be on display in the Rose Lehrman Art Gallery on the Harrisburg Campus, from Monday, Feb. 24 through Wednesday, April 2, 2014. A lecture will be given by co-founder Jason Kernevich on Thursday, March 27, at 4:30 p.m. in Whitaker Hall, Room 214. The free lecture will be followed by a reception in the

gallery at 5:30 p.m.

Artist Sara Frankel's work transports viewers to a dark realm of imagination in her upcoming exhibit, "Playland," in the Art Space at HACC's Lancaster Campus Tuesday, March 4 through Monday, April 3, 2014. Alumni are invited to a reception for the artist, a HACC lecturer in painting and drawing from 1994-97, on Tuesday, March 4, from 5-7 p.m. The exhibit and reception are free and open to the public. Gallery hours are Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., and Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

HACC alumni rock!

Congratulations to **Andrew Helmer**, 1989 HACC graduate, who was named vice president of human resources for Hershey Entertainment and Resorts in January 2014. He has worked for the company almost 30 years.

Kudos to HACC alumnus **David K. Nikoloff**, who resigned as president of both the Economic Development Company (EDC) of Lancaster County and the EDC Finance Corporation after 20 years of dedicated leadership and service. During his tenure, "the EDC participated in projects which brought hundreds of millions of dollars of business investment to Lancaster County and created thousands of jobs," according to the EDC news release.

Alumni in the news

HACC takes pride in its alumni. With more than 50,000 members, HACC is making a difference in communities and workplaces in Central Pennsylvania, across the nation and around the world.

Please share your [news](#) with us, so we can publish it in "HACC Alumni Connect."



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