

ALUMNI CONNECT



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Middle States Commission on Higher Education Reaffirms HACC's Accreditation

HACC received notification on July 3, 2014, that the College was found to be in compliance with all standards from the [Middle States Commission on Higher Education](#).

HACC's accreditation was reaffirmed after correcting the issues that led to the [warning](#) issued by the Commission in November 2012 following the College's five-year periodic review. Since then, the College has successfully met the Commission's requirements in all areas and has instituted the necessary structures and practices to sustain compliance.

HACC President John J. "SKI" Sygielski, Ed.D., said, "HACC has much to be proud of, and the efforts of all to comply with Middle States' standards should be commended. We are pleased with the improvements that the College has made and will continue our efforts in all areas to embrace Middle States' recommendations."

In 1967, HACC was the first community college in Pennsylvania to be accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. Accreditation consists of a self-study and site visit every 10 years and a periodic review report at intervening five-year time periods with additional follow-up reports as needed. [More](#)

Check out the new alumni website!

The HACC Alumni Association has a brand new website. To better serve alumni, the website features a new look, user-friendly navigation and a wealth of information and resources to help our alumni succeed. After a year-long overhaul, the Office of College Advancement unveiled the “new and improved” HACC website and the Alumni Association website on June 26, 2014.

With the new website, alumni will easily be able to:

- Join the Alumni Association
- Stay connected
- Get career help
- Volunteer or make a gift
- Purchase an Alumni College Card

Please take a moment to explore our new [website](#), and then give us your feedback at alumniassociation@hacc.edu.



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 50th 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](#).

Celebrate HACC's 50th anniversary



Alumni Sports Day – Saturday, Aug. 23, 2014, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Alumni athletes are invited to the Evans PE Center on the Harrisburg Campus for a day of fun and games with student athletes. The day includes an alumni-student soccer match (11 a.m.-1 p.m.), a cookout (1 p.m.) and an alumni-student volleyball match (2-4 p.m.). Please RSVP to palentz@hacc.edu or call 717-780-3267.

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City Beautiful - Saturday, Sept. 20, 2014, 10 a.m.–noon The HACC Alumni Association, Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) and HACC's Student Government Association (SGA) will sponsor community service projects at all five campuses as part of HACC's 50th anniversary celebration. Our goal with this project is to get alumni, students, family members, faculty and staff together for a few hours on Saturday morning to do something positive for the communities that supports us. More details are coming soon.

HACC Foundation's Frank J. Dixon Tournament for Scholarships – Monday, Sept. 22, 2014, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Hershey Country Club, 1000 E. Derry Road, Hershey. Now in its 18th year, the HACC Foundation's Frank J. Dixon Tournament for Scholarships is a premier fundraising event. Typically, each tournament nets approximately \$100,000 in scholarship support for HACC students with financial need attending classes in Gettysburg, Harrisburg, Lancaster, Lebanon and York and through Virtual Learning. Learn more about the [Frank J. Dixon Tournament for Scholarships](#).

Tommy Tune Performance of Taps, Tunes and Tall Tales – Friday, Oct. 17, 2014, 8 p.m.

Tommy Tune, the epitome of Broadway song and dance and the winner of nine Tony awards, will present an upbeat, celebratory, one-man act at the Rose Lehrman Arts Center on the Harrisburg Campus. Tickets may be purchased at www.liveatroselehrman.org.

Golden Anniversary Gala - Saturday, Oct. 25, 2014, Radisson Hotel Harrisburg, 1150 Camp Hill Bypass, Camp Hill. Dress up in your evening finest, learn about HACC's history and honor HACC's forebears for having the foresight to create Pennsylvania's first community college. Purchase tickets [here](#).

National Geographic Photographer William Albert Allard - Monday Nov. 17, 2014, 7:30 p.m. Join us at the Rose Lehrman Arts Center on the Harrisburg Campus to hear about the escapades of this renowned photographer. [Interested participants must RSVP for this event.](#)



Musical Performance by Janis Ian – Friday, Nov. 21, 2014, 8 p.m. The singer, songwriter and author will perform on the Live at Rose Lehrman stage on the Harrisburg Campus. Tickets may be purchased at www.liveatroselehrman.org.

Become a 50th anniversary sponsor

Want to help your alma mater and promote your business at the same time?

You're invited to participate in this year's HACC Foundation Frank J. Dixon Tournament for Scholarships and HACC's 50th Golden Anniversary Gala by becoming event sponsors.



The **HACC Foundation Frank J. Dixon Tournament for Scholarships** on Sept. 22, 2014, at the Hershey Country Club is a great way to support HACC students and keep your name in front of 120 community business leaders. We still have lunch/reception, individual, hole, advertising and beverage sponsorships available.

Your name will also be recognized by hundreds of community members at the **Golden Anniversary Gala** on Oct. 25, 2014, at the Radisson Hotel Harrisburg, Camp Hill. We will celebrate 50 years as *your* community college! Sponsorship opportunities are available at the \$10,000, \$5,000, \$2,500 and \$1,000 levels. In addition, we offer an advertising sponsorship at \$300.

Can't attend or fill a table at the gala? You can offer all or part of your table to scholarship students. You also can sponsor one or more students at the **SHARE-IT!** sponsorship level of \$125 per person. Please go to <http://www.hacc.edu/Anniversary/Sponsorships/Sponsorship-Opportunities.cfm> for details.

HACC is also looking for silent and live auction items to add *pizzazz* to both the golf and gala events. We will gladly recognize your gift-in-kind in our event programs and on event signage, and also provide you with an acknowledgement letter for tax purposes.

Please contact Kara DiFilippo at kadifili@hacc.edu or 717-780-2363 if you have any questions.

Where in the world is HACC?

As part of its 50th anniversary celebration, HACC is initiating a “Where in the World is HACC?” campaign. As you plan your summer vacations with friends and family, we invite you to join in on the fun!



All you have to do is:

- Take a HACC T-shirt, clothing item or any HACC gear with you on your travels
- Take a picture wearing or holding your HACC gear at your destination spot
- Share your photo by posting it on HACC’s collegewide Facebook page, or tweet your photo to @HACC_info and use the #HACC50 in your tweet

If you find yourself in another part of the globe without your HACC clothing, gather some friends, take a picture of the group, spell out the letters *H-A-C-C* and share your photo.

Let’s see how far HACC can make it around the world!

By uploading your photo, you are agreeing to allow HACC to use the submitted photograph in any and all printed or electronic publications.

Alumni in the news

Congratulations to HACC alumnae **Amy Gohn Anstine ’83** and **Joy Daniels ’84** who have been named to Central Penn Business Journal’s “2014 Women of Influence” list. Anstine is a partner at Reinsel Kuntz Leshner LLP in York, and Daniels is owner of Joy Daniels Real Estate Group in Harrisburg.

John R. Campbell ’11, who serves as treasurer of the City of Harrisburg, was recently hired as development director at Equality Pennsylvania. He also completed a bachelor’s degree in business in May 2014 at Lebanon Valley College.

Two graduates of HACC’s Police Academy - **Joshua Bogner** and **Andrew Orwig** – were sworn in as officers of the Lancaster Police Department on June 4, 2014.

Congratulations to **Gary Laabs, RN**, a 2008 graduate of the Gettysburg Campus’ nursing program, who is the recipient of the first Central Penn Parent's Healthcare Heroes Volunteer Award.

Kudos to **Roderick L. Lee, Ph.D.**, a 1998 HACC graduate, who was recently promoted to associate professor of information systems with tenure at Penn State Harrisburg.

Sandra Pasic '06 has been designated a Fellow of the American Society of Echocardiography (FASE). For sonographers, the Fellow designation recognizes extraordinary commitment to the field and achievement of credentials that demonstrate fulfillment of training and performance requirements in cardiac sonography. She is an adjunct instructor and clinical education instructor at the Lancaster Campus.

Kudos to criminal justice graduate, **Sommer Sallada '13**. She was one of six people selected across the nation to work one-on-one with the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT) liaison from the White House. In summer 2015, Sallada will be part of the George Washington University LGBT Health Policy and Practice Graduate Certificate Program.

HACC alumna, **Laura Williams, Esq.**, was named president and CEO of Team Pennsylvania Foundation on June 13, 2014, which works to bridge the gap between state government and business to improve the state's economy. She most recently served as senior vice president and deputy general counsel at Ahold USA, the parent company of Giant Food Stores.

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



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