



JULY 2017

High School Student Amongst Your Newest HACC Graduates

The HACC Alumni Association proudly welcomed more than 500 of its newest members at the Giant Center for spring Commencement. Among the new graduates was Sadira Stallings, a 17-year-old student from Hanover, Pennsylvania. Sadira graduated with an associate degree in business administration from HACC before graduating from South Western High School in June. She is the first high school student from HACC's Gettysburg Campus to earn a college degree before earning a high school diploma.

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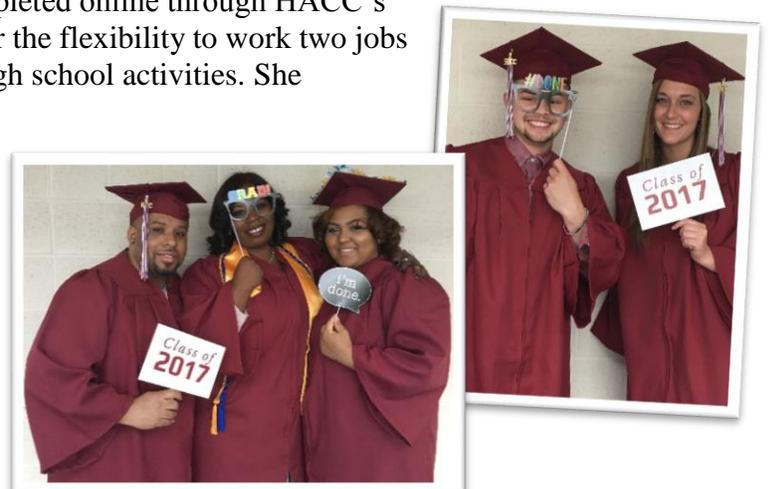


"HACC has made a huge difference in my life by permitting me to graduate with a degree before getting my actual diploma! Their low tuition rates and flexible course schedules are the only reason that this has been possible"

Sadira completed 63 college credit hours through the College's dual enrollment program. Most of her classes were completed online through HACC's Virtual Learning, allowing her the flexibility to work two jobs to pay tuition and maintain high school activities. She

received a HACC dual enrollment scholarship to assist with tuition. She plans to return to HACC this fall to get her associate degree in nursing to become a registered nurse (RN).

Congratulations to Sadira and all of HACC's newest graduates! To stay connected to YOUR HACC Alumni Association, please share your interests with us through this online form. To see more pictures from spring Commencement, please click here.



HACC Makes History Again with 2017 Day of Giving

In an effort to transform lives and change futures for its students, HACC held its 2017 Day of Giving on April 20, 2017.

The fundraising event was successful and raised more than \$151,000 (surpassing last year's total) to support the HACC Foundation's Invest. Impact. Inspire. Campaign for HACC. The campaign priorities include scholarships, student emergency assistance funds, extensive renovations of the Bruce E. Cooper Student Center and the President's Fund for Excellence, which supports special projects and initiatives.

For more information, visit the Day of Giving website and view photos and videos from the five campuses at hacc.edu/HeartHACC.



(Click to watch a 2017 Day of Giving recap)

Because of YOU, HACC Students Can Overcome Crises!

The Tour de Dr. Ski was a huge success! Thank you to those who gave! Your tax-deductible contributions will make the difference in the lives of so many HACC students facing personal crises like homelessness, house fires, health emergencies, unexpected vehicle repairs and childcare needs!

The initial goal for the Tour de Dr. Ski crowdfunding campaign was \$1,500 for HACC's student emergency assistance funds. However, that goal was reached before Dr. Ski even began his six-day cycling tour. Therefore, we doubled the goal to \$3,000.

By the end of the campaign on June 2, 2017, YOU not only reached our goal, but YOU passed it and collectively gave \$4,450 for our HACC students in need! The funds will be split evenly among HACC's five campuses and Virtual Learning. Now, students will be able to "get back on the bike" when they "hit a bump in the road."



Please know that a simple "thank you" will never be enough for the difference you've made for our students! We are beyond #HACCproud of you and our fearless president, Dr. Ski.

The Tour de Dr. Ski was not HACC's first crowdfunding campaign, and it will not be our last. Please continue to check hacc.edu/Crowdfunding for upcoming campaign announcements.

Again, thank YOU!

2017 Distinguished Alumni Awards

On June 10, the HACC Alumni Association welcomed its newest members into the Circle of Distinction at the HACC York Campus. The event celebrated the three individuals whose commitment to their professions and communities embody the HACC 'spirit' and serve as an inspiration to other alumni and students.



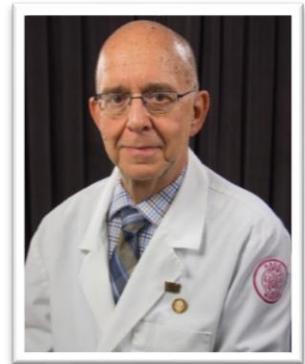
Nominations were open to the public, and the recipients were selected by the HACC Foundation Alumni Committee. The 2017 honorees are JoAnn Edwards, Ronald Rebuck and Betty Snyder.

JoAnn graduated from HACC in Human Services in 1975 and is now the executive director of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission (PHRC). PHRC promotes equal opportunity for all and enforces Pennsylvania's civil rights laws that protect people from unlawful discrimination.

“My education at HACC was the cornerstone necessary for my successful climb into the corporate world.”

Ronald is a registered nurse and graduated from HACC in Nursing in 1980. He has now celebrated 32 years as a HACC nursing educator. He served as the Practical Nursing Program director for nine years and both the Harrisburg Campus and Collegewide Nursing Program director for 15 years.

“I can't imagine where this area would be without HACC. Because of HACC's locations and affordability and excellent quality of education, many individuals have been able to realize a dream that would not have occurred without the community college.”



Betty graduated from HACC in 2008 in Social Science and now uses her knowledge to accomplish her goal to give back through her role as mental health outpatient manager at TrueNorth Wellness Services. In addition, she serves her community as a community liaison and educator with the Child Welfare Resource Center, Incredible Years parenting skills trainer and Child Protective Services community trainer. She is the recipient of the 2013 Adams County Children's Advocacy Center Multidisciplinary Investigative Team Award.

“The professors, counselors and staff provided a safe and welcoming environment no matter your culture, sex, age or one's personal values or views.”

The event included remarks from HACC's president, John J. "SKI" Sygielski, Ed.D. and Zenoria McMorris-Owens, president of the HACC Alumni Association. To see more pictures from the event, please [click here](#).

To read more about each of these Distinguished Alumni, please visit the new [successful alumni website](#). This new page features outstanding alumni and their stories of how HACC helped them achieve their goals.

Congratulations to JoAnn, Ronald and Betty!

HACC and Drexel University Online Partnership

HACC, Central Pennsylvania's Community College, is pleased to announce that alumni are eligible for education benefits toward a Drexel University degree or certificate.

Through a partnership between HACC and Drexel University Online, you can earn a top-ranked degree or certificate and receive special tuition rates when you enroll in one of Drexel's more than 140 online degrees and programs.

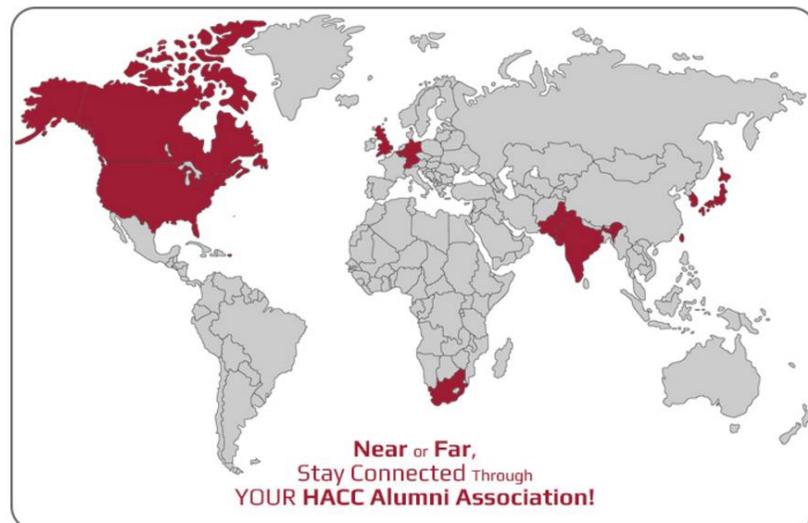
For additional information, please visit the [HACC and Drexel University Online Partnership page](#) or contact Cavil Anderson, director, Faculty and Staff Development Institute, at csanders@hacc.edu or 717-736-4137.

Thank you!

Updated Alumni Website - More Reasons To Be HACC Proud

The HACC Alumni Association [homepage](#) now highlights just how prominent these special members of the HACC family truly are. HACC alumni are over 95,000 strong and can be found in every state and across the globe. Near or far, it's easy to stay connected by updating contact and interest information through the [online form](#).

HACC alumni are not only prominent by count and location, but also through the many accomplished individuals whose time at HACC helped prepare them for professional success. The new [successful alumni](#) page features stories from graduates who put HACC on the map! Each story is unique and illustrates the many possibilities a HACC education affords through the College's vision to *"be the first choice for a quality and accessible higher education opportunity."*



(Click to visit the new alumni homepage)

The HACC Alumni Association is governed by the Alumni Committee of the HACC Foundation. [This new page](#) provides information about its history, mission and vision. For alumni interested in joining the Alumni Committee, the new page also includes a link to member responsibilities and an online application.

These enhancements have been made to better serve alumni. If you have any comments, suggestions or questions, please email us at AlumniAssociation@hacc.edu. Thank you!

More Help Available for Students Facing Emergencies

Student [Emergency Assistance Funds](#) are available at each of HACC's five campuses and Virtual Learning to offer financial aid for students facing crises that could prevent them from continuing their education. These funds have helped a student escape domestic abuse, aided a student whose house was destroyed by fire and provided temporary shelter to a homeless student. The life-changing aid has been expanded with the addition of new funds for HACC Massage Therapy students and textbooks.

MASSAGE THERAPY STUDENT ASSISTANCE

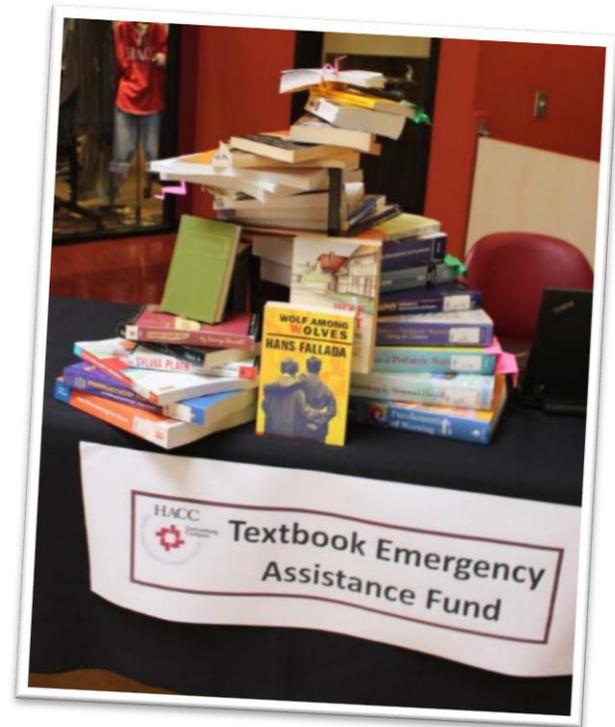
The Massage Therapy Student Emergency Assistance Fund provides an opportunity for eligible students to apply for assistance with expenses such as childcare, transportation and book or course fee expenditures. Emergencies are unplanned and time sensitive, so funds can be awarded in just five business days to meet the needs of students. The availability and structure of these funds help students stay on track to complete their education and prepare for their career.

The Massage Therapy program provides students with the skills needed to thrive through truly hands-on experience and preparation for the National Certification Exam for Therapeutic Massage ([NCETM](#)) and the Massage and Bodywork Licensing Exam ([MBLEx](#)). The program is a member of the American Massage Therapy Association (AMTA) and Associated Bodywork and Massage Professionals (ABMP). HACC is approved by the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork (NCBTMB) as a continuing education approved provider.

Please visit the [HACC Massage Therapist page](#) to hear about this program from the student perspective.

TEXTBOOK ASSISTANCE

College textbook prices have increased faster than tuition, health care costs and housing prices, all of which have risen faster than inflation.



College textbook prices are 812 percent higher than they were three decades ago, the American Enterprise Institute, a think tank, reports. Textbook costs have well outpaced the 559 percent increase in tuition and fees over roughly the same period.

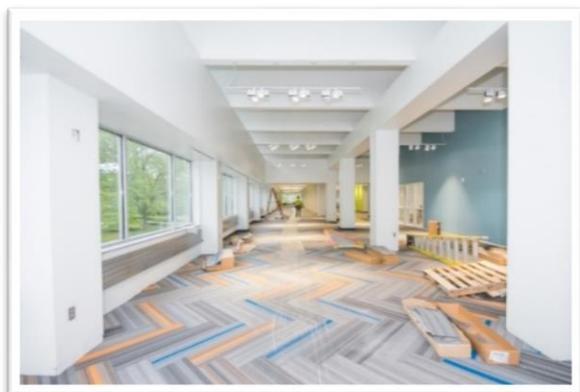
On average, a community college student will spend \$700 on textbooks each year. The high cost of textbooks create a barrier for future and current HACC students. A HACC employee recommended the use of profits from textbook recycling to establish the Textbook Emergency Assistance Fund for students attending HACC's Gettysburg Campus. The profits from textbook recycling, coupled with employee contributions, allowed for the creation of this unique new fund.

To contribute to the HACC Foundation, please visit www.hacc.edu/givenow.

Source: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/01/04/college-textbook-prices-increase_n_2409153.html

Cooper Student Center Renovation Nears Completion - Naming Opportunities Available

The Bruce E. Cooper Student Center renovation is nearing completion. The completely renovated facility is slated to open in summer 2017. The original Cooper Student Center was completed in 1968 and serves as the center of student activities at HACC's Harrisburg Campus. This is the first major renovation to the building since being built. To see the latest updates and renovation progress, please visit www.hacc.edu/CooperUnderConstruction.



Student-oriented HACC facilities are imperative to student success and, ultimately, the College's success. Your company, foundation, organization or family can make an impact on our students' lives by investing in naming opportunities at any of HACC's five campuses, including space in the Bruce E. Cooper Student Center. Available naming opportunities can be found at hacc.edu/NamingOpportunities.

The renovation of the Cooper Student Center on HACC's Harrisburg Campus is one of our four fundraising priorities in the *Invest. Impact. Inspire. Campaign for HACC*. Any donations received for naming opportunities within the Cooper Student Center will be used to fund the renovations in the building. Additionally, donations received for naming opportunities that are not related to the Cooper Student Center will be contributed to the President's Fund for Excellence.

If you are interesting in naming a space at HACC, please contact the HACC Foundation at foundation@hacc.edu. To see the progress of the *Invest. Impact. Inspire. Campaign for HACC* and the four fundraising priorities, please visit hacc.edu/campaign. Thank you!

New Funds Benefit STEM Students

The Albert and Margaret DeGennaro Memorial Scholarship was established by HACC Gettysburg campus Chemistry instructor, Al DeGennaro and his wife Barbara to honor his parent's commitment to education. This new scholarship will provide assistance to students from an Adams County or Hanover area high school who have financial need and are pursuing a STEM related degree.

Al's dad, Albert, was one of Loraine County Community College's (LCCC) first adjunct professors when the school was formed in the early 1960's. He continued to teach at LCCC long after his retirement from public school teaching. Al first began teaching Chemistry at HACC's Gettysburg campus in 2015 after a 35 year career as a high school Chemistry and Physics teacher. Thank you Al and Barbara!



Bucknell Scholarship Recipients Announced

HACC's Bucknell Community College Scholar recipients for the summer 2017 program have been selected. Twenty-five HACC students applied this year and, of them, the following six students were selected to attend Bucknell University this summer:

- Myles Breisch, Environmental Science, Lancaster Campus
- Benjamin Byler, International Relations, Harrisburg Campus
- Kate Greenwood, Environmental Science, Lancaster Campus
- Alexander Jonovich, Art, Lebanon Campus
- Sara Mohamed, Civil Engineering, York Campus
- Lindsey Smith, Psychology, Lebanon Campus

The program consists of a six-week summer session in which a select group of community college students (known as Bucknell Community College Scholars) will take two courses while living on Bucknell University's campus. The entire summer program, including credits earned while attending, comes at no cost to HACC or the selected HACC students.



The summer program is followed by mentoring and support for each scholar who chooses to apply for admission as a transfer student to Bucknell. Those granted admission, and who enroll in the University, will receive a full-tuition scholarship, along with individual plans tailored to meet their needs, assistance with transfer of credits and mentorship. Students will return to HACC at the end of this summer to complete their associate degrees.

Over the past 10 years, HACC has seen 67 students attend the summer program and over 30 students go on to attend Bucknell full-time. We estimate that Bucknell University has invested over \$4 million in HACC students over the past decade.

To find out more about the Bucknell Community College Scholars program, please visit <http://www.bucknell.edu/CommunityCollegeScholars.xml>.



Facing the Holocaust

On April 25, at HACC's Gettysburg Campus, Bluma Shapiro shared her story of overcoming her experiences during Hitler's Nazi Germany. Ms. Shapiro was born in Bialystok, Poland on Aug. 28, 1923. She was born into a middle class family with five older siblings. Upon graduation from high school, Ms. Shapiro applied to study chemistry at Leningrad University. By the end of her school year, the Germans had occupied Bialystok and she and her family were forced to live in the Bialystok ghettos. In 1943, when the ghetto was liquidated, Ms. Shapiro was transported to the Auschwitz concentration camp. For additional information on Ms. Shapiro's journey, please visit <https://youtu.be/nmMVsitK9ps>.

Alumni Spotlight

Sharon Antes celebrated 20 years with Univar USA Inc. in June. After earning her associate degree in accounting from HACC in 1983, she began with Univar USA Inc. in 1993. In 2003, she returned to HACC before rejoining Univar and going on to be recognized through Univar's Reward and Recognition Program in 2013. She is from Middletown, Pa. Congratulations, Sharon!



Joe Trojczak recently spoke with HACC Lebanon Campus students as part of a weeklong series of events to discuss leadership in action. He shared his own experiences to challenge students to identify their goals and consider the skills needed to succeed.

Joe earned his associate degree in business and music from HACC in 1982, earned his bachelor's degree in management from West Chester University in 1984 and attended Lebanon Valley College for audio engineering and recording in 1985. He started a basement music studio, graduated to a small studio and then began to build a full-sized studio in the 1990s with the help of his family and what he describes as 'raw entrepreneurship.' His resourcefulness and perseverance, despite many doubters, paid off in 1999, when the studio was completed. Joe feels it is an exciting time in the music industry. His studio has hosted the History Channel, emphasizing Joe's belief that small, independent studios are now getting attention.

Aside from being the owner of Progressive Enterprises Sound Studios, Joe is a HACC adjunct faculty member, composer, keyboardist and motivational presenter. The experiences he cataloged over the years served as the foundation for his *Focus on Your Light* book (available in most bookstores) and the *Fire Up Now* lecture series.

During his own journey as a student, Joe had a great experience with his HACC professors. Like many students, HACC's flexible schedule, course options and affordability allowed him to pursue his education while working.



As a professor, he enjoys watching HACC grow and change including the renovation of the Cooper Student Center at the Harrisburg Campus. Joe continues to focus on 'what's next,' whether it is a new recording in his studio or a new way to inspire others. We look forward to continuing to follow Joe and other alumni who contribute to

HACC's mission to *"Create opportunities and transform lives to shape the future - TOGETHER."*

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