

ALUMNI CONNECT



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Thank you!

In this holiday season, we give thanks for YOU—our alumni! Your generosity and volunteerism contributed to our success in 2014 – HACC’s 50th anniversary. We accomplished the following:



Scholarships - Your gift, along with donations from fellow alumni, enabled your Alumni Association to award \$1,000 scholarships to 20 deserving students.

Mentoring - We worked with Career Services to establish an online student-alumni career mentoring program in January. Currently, 71 mentors are participating.

Athletic Hall of Fame - On Jan. 18, two alumni – Kristi Becker and Amanda Wade-Flynn – were inducted into the

HACC Athletic Hall of Fame.

Alumni Ambassador Network - Your Alumni Association established the Alumni Ambassador Network in April 2014. To date, 168 alumni signed up to help.

Alumni movie night - On April 21, we sponsored an alumni movie night at HACC’s Gettysburg Campus, featuring “*1,000 to 1: The Cory Weissman Story*,” a heartwarming movie that was partially filmed at the Gettysburg Campus.

Tour de HACC - Alumni volunteers helped at all campuses during the Dr. Ski's Miles of Gratitude Tour de HACC event from April 24-26. Your Alumni Association sponsored a Facebook photo contest during this event.



Alumni website - In July, the HACC Alumni Association unveiled its new website, which featured a new look, user-friendly navigation and a wealth of information and resources to help our alumni succeed.



Alumni games - On Aug. 23, more than 20 alumni athletes took on HACC's men's soccer team. The hard-fought battle resulted in a victory for the alumni.

First class reunion - On Sept. 19, the HACC Alumni Association hosted 18 members of HACC's first class of students and their guests for a reunion before Convocation.

HACC Gives Back - As part of the 50th anniversary, alumni joined with HACC's Student Government Association (SGA) and Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) student honor society to sponsor "HACC Gives Back" community service events at all five campuses in September and October.

Alumni-student networking - Your HACC Alumni Association and HACC's Student Government Association sponsored a highly successful student-alumni networking dinner at the York Campus and a student-alumni networking reception at HACC's Midtown 2 site. In the past two years, the Association has hosted networking dinners at all HACC campuses.



Alumni t-shirts - Graduating students received free HACC alumni t-shirts from your Alumni Association at spring and fall Commencement ceremonies.

Alumni webinar - On Oct. 20, we sponsored our first alumni Webinar, featuring Christina Wood of Temple University who discussed "Leveraging Your Success with LinkedIn."

This is HACC alumni in action! The College and its students thank you for your generous contributions of time, money and talents to HACC.

Commencement volunteers needed

HACC is soliciting alumni volunteers for the fall Commencement ceremony to be held at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 14, 2014, in the large arena of the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg.

Volunteers are needed to help direct students and guests throughout the arena complex and assist students in robing and assembling for the procession. The HACC Alumni Association also needs help giving out free t-shirts to graduates after the ceremony.

You will be given a specific assignment, a parking pass, parking map and reporting directions before the event. Refreshments will also be provided. If you want to usher or help students robe, we ask that you report no later than 11 a.m. on Dec. 14. If you want to distribute t-shirts, please arrive by 1:30 p.m.

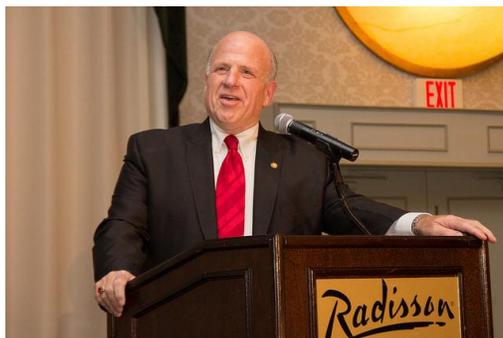
Send an email to alumniassociation@hacc.edu if you can help.

HACC celebrates at Golden Anniversary Gala



More than 400 alumni, students, donors, employees and friends dressed up in their evening finest and danced the night away at a Golden Anniversary Gala on Saturday, Oct. 25, 2014, at the Radisson Hotel Harrisburg in Camp Hill. The event raised funds for scholarships for HACC students.

Two alumni – Peter Wambach '67, a retired state representative who now serves on the HACC Board of Trustees, and Karen Morris-Priester, M.D., '96, a nursing graduate who gained national recognition as the first grandmother to graduate from the Yale School of Medicine – were featured speakers in a special evening that included retelling College history, honoring forebears and highlighting what HACC has to offer throughout Central Pennsylvania. Check out the [photos](#) from the gala.



Time capsule to be placed in Hall Tech

The end of HACC's 50th anniversary is near. To capture the memories of 2014, individuals submitted memorabilia and other items representative of the year. These items will be placed into a time capsule in the John Hall Technology Center on the Harrisburg Campus and removed from the cornerstone in 2064 – the 100th anniversary of the College.

You are invited to join members of the 50th anniversary planning committee in closing the time capsule on Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2014, at 2 p.m. The ceremony will be held in the main entrance of the John Hall Technology Center.

Gettysburg hosts panel on LGBT health

HACC will host a panel on transgender and queer health sensitivity on Nov. 18, 2014, from 6-8 p.m. in the Robert C. Hoffman Community Room at the [Gettysburg Campus](#). The event will feature a panel of community members who have transitioned or have advice for transgender or queer youth, teens and adults seeking medical care.

HACC nursing student Petra Hayden-Wisnewski collaborated with the Student Life and Multicultural Programs Department to bring this informative program to life and educate others about queer and transgender sensitivity in medical care. The program is free and open to the public, and refreshments will be served.

To register, contact Jessica Knouse at jlknouse@hacc.edu or 717-339-3536.

Tell your story



HACC is very proud of its alumni and would like to share information about you with others.

Your story may be included in HACC publications, on the HACC website, on HACC social media sites and in newspaper articles.

If you are interested in being featured in this way, please go to www.hacc.edu/stories and follow the simple instructions.

HACC alumni rock!

Anne-Marie Brandt, a 1993 graduate, currently serves as president of the Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce. She is president of TeamBrandt Marketing.

Kudos to arts program graduates – **Garrick Dorsett** and **Zack Rudy** - who are featured in the October issue of Harrisburg Magazine. Dorsett also teaches at HACC.

<http://www.harrisburgmagazine.com/Culture/October-2014/The-Huckle-Buckle-Boys/>

The Gratz Bank recently named **Aaron M. Klinger** vice president and chief operating officer. The 1997 HACC graduate was controller. He also has a bachelor's degree in finance from Penn State.

Timothy R. Krueger, a 2006 graduate in civil technology, has been promoted to a designer by Lancaster-based RGS Associates Inc. He will create subdivision and land development designs and plans.

Lebanon-based Royer's Flowers and Gifts named HACC alumna **Kelly Miller** an assistant manager of the West York store.

2013 Gettysburg Campus graduate, **Samuel Strausbaugh**, has been promoted to assistant meat manager at Kennies Market in Fayetteville.

Congratulations to **Olivia Vendetti**, a 2010 graduate of the Gettysburg Campus, who in September was named the Athena International, Athena Young Leadership Award Recipient, sponsored by the Geneva (NY) Chamber of Commerce. She also received two awards (most innovative enrollment strategy and most unique location where consumers were enrolled) from the New York State Department of Health for her work with insurance enrollment on the Affordable Care Act. Vendetti is a certified application counselor and outreach worker for Finger Lakes Community Health.

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



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