

ALUMNI CONNECT



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HACC gives back



The HACC Alumni Association, Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) and HACC's Student Government Association (SGA) worked with the United Way to conduct four community service projects in September as part of HACC's 50th anniversary celebration.

Alumni, students, family members, faculty and staff gathered for a few hours to give back to the communities that support us.

- **Lancaster, Sept. 6** – HACC volunteers cleaned up the gardens that surround the Demuth Museum.
- **Gettysburg, Sept. 13** – Our volunteers registered runners, directed traffic, coordinated water tables and oversaw stations along the running course during the Red, White and Blue 5K Color Run at Gettysburg Recreation Park. Proceeds benefited the Gettysburg Area Recreation Authority and the Wounded Warrior Project.
- **Lebanon, Sept. 20** – Along with Lebanon Mayor Sherry Capello, who is a HACC alumna, volunteers painted 17 streetlights on Cumberland St.

- **Harrisburg, Sept. 27** – Students, alumni and staff worked hard removing top board on the guardrails that lined a section of the Capital Area Greenbelt bike route.

The HACC Alumni Association thanks all alumni who participated in these community service projects.

First class reunites at Convocation



On Sept. 19, the HACC Alumni Association hosted 18 members of HACC’s first class of students and their guests before Convocation, marking the beginning of the 2014-15 academic year.

The group, who began classes in September 1964, enjoyed a walking tour of the Harrisburg Campus and a catered lunch in the rose garden behind the Rose

Lehrman Arts Center before being honored at Convocation, which celebrated HACC’s 50th anniversary.



HACC hosts Golden Anniversary Gala



Dress up in your evening finest and join us to celebrate HACC’s 50th anniversary at a Golden Anniversary Gala on Saturday, Oct. 25, 2014, at the Radisson Hotel Harrisburg in Camp Hill. The event, which will raise funds for scholarships for HACC students, begins at 5:30 p.m.

HACC was the first community college chartered in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. On Feb. 14, 1964, the longtime dream of civic leaders and private citizens became a reality. At last, Central Pennsylvania had an affordable, accessible gateway to a better future for thousands of residents in communities throughout the region.

“I hope that you will join me and hundreds of others who are going to be there to highlight and acknowledge all that we have done,” said HACC President, John J. “Ski” Sygielski, Ed.D.

HACC’s Golden Anniversary Gala will be a special evening to retell College history, honor forebears and highlight what HACC has to offer throughout Central Pennsylvania. [More](#)

Become a mentor

HACC's Alumni Association and Career Services are soliciting alumni to participate in an online career mentoring program through College Central Network.



Alumni mentors share their professional knowledge and experience with current students interested in their field—creating a lasting impact without a large time commitment. You control the time commitment, level of participation and the type of contact you have with students. The new network makes it convenient and easy for alumni to build relationships with current students and receive invitations to networking opportunities with other professionals in the field.

Click [here](#) to sign up. Please use the password: careerhawk.

Have fun on the slopes with HACC Ski Club

Once again, HACC alumni can take advantage of terrific ski package discounts offered by the HACC Alumni Ski Club and [Roundtop Mountain Resort](#) in Lewisberry. Join us for fun on the slopes and invite your family and friends. Some discounts are valid at Roundtop's sister resorts, [Liberty Mountain](#) (Carroll Valley near Gettysburg) and [Whitetail Mountain](#) (Mercersburg). Deadline to register is **Nov. 4, 2014.** [More](#)

Live at Rose Lehrman celebrates 40 years

The Live at Rose Lehrman (LARL) artist series celebrates a milestone anniversary at the Rose Lehrman Arts Center on HACC's Harrisburg Campus with a spectacular 2014-15 anniversary season featuring dance, music and theatrical performances.

"We proudly celebrate 40 years with a terrific line-up of shows," said Teri Guerrisi, LARL director. "The season will include an array of high-quality performances from the a cappella songs of the London-based 'Swingle Singers' to Broadway's tallest tapper, Tommy Tune; singer and songwriter Janis Ian, and the Martha Graham Dance Company to name a few."

The 2014-15 season will be capped by the appearance of the Brubeck Brothers Quartet, including sons of jazz legend Dave Brubeck. Brubeck and Sons was the star attraction at the grand opening and dedication of the Rose Lehrman Arts Center in April 1975. [More](#)



HACC dedicates 9/11 memorial



In a solemn ceremony of remembrance, HACC joined the nation in paying respects on Sept. 11, 2014, to those who risked and lost their lives 13 years ago in the terror attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City, the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. and aboard Flight 93 that crashed near Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

Approximately 200 people gathered at the Sen. John J. Shumaker Public Safety Center on HACC's Harrisburg Campus to unveil a 9/11 memorial made out of a concrete-encased piece of steel taken from the rubble after the collapse of the twin towers of the World Trade Center. The approximately 12-by-4-foot beam acknowledges all those who responded to the attacks, including the PA Task Force 1 local responders who were among the first from Pennsylvania to arrive on the scene on Sept. 11, 2001. [More](#)

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](#).

HACC alumni rock!

Four businesses led by HACC alumni have recently been named Central Penn Business Journal's Top 50 Fastest Growing Companies in the midstate. They include: Boyo Transportation Services, **Donald E. Boyanowski**, 1977, president; Joy Daniels Real Estate Group Ltd., **Joy Daniels**, 1984, broker and CEO; Millennium Circuits Ltd., **Daniel Thau**, 2006, president and CEO; RLS Construction Group, **Robert L. Schopfer**, 1992, president and CEO; and Titan Construction and Management LLC, **Louis Mione**, 1977, president.

Kudos to **Ruslan Nikitin**, a 2003 graduate, who is a research associate at the Institute for Behavioral Health at Brandeis University and recently contributed to the Department of Defense Conference Report to U.S. Congress, "Study on Incidence of Breast Cancer Among Members of the Armed Services Serving on Active Duty." He also received a National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Addiction training grant and began a doctoral program in social policy this fall at Brandeis University.

Two businesses led by HACC alumni have been named among the Best Places to Work in Pennsylvania. They are: Boyer and Ritter CPAs and Consultants in Camp Hill, **Lisa A. Myers , 1984**, principal; and Momentum, Inc., also of Camp Hill, **Lori Daniels, 1978**, principal.

Congratulations to **Ethan M. Helwig** who was sworn in Oct. 1 by Magisterial District Judge Richard Dougherty as East Pennsboro Township’s newest patrolman. The Carlisle resident is a graduate of HACC’s Police Academy and has worked for both the Mount Holly Springs and the Middlesex Township police departments.

Rhea Mayers, a 2009 graduate in culinary arts, is owner of Mayers Foods LLC. Her mobile food truck, Dadz Grilled Cheez, was recently named "One Of Philadelphia's Best New Food Trucks 2014" by Zagat.

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



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