

# ALUMNI CONNECT



**September 2011**

## **Celebrate with HACC's president**

The inauguration ceremony for HACC's seventh president, John J. "Ski" Sygielski, Ed.D., will take place on Friday, October 21, at 2:30 p.m. in Cooper Student Center on HACC's Harrisburg Campus. Alumni will have the option of attending the event at the Harrisburg Campus or at any regional campus via the college's interactive video system.

"Ski" began his duties as president on July 11. Previously, he was president of Mt. Hood Community College in the Portland, OR, area, and is also past chairman of the board of the American Association of Community Colleges, the national association representing the nation's nearly 1,200 community colleges. An Ohio native, he holds a bachelor's degree in philosophy, two master's degrees in business, and a doctorate in education leadership from Northern Illinois University. He is the only member of his working class family to graduate from college.

## **Performing arts groups join in presenting "Applause"**

"Applause," a sampler of what is in store this year in Central Pennsylvania performing arts, takes place from 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 27, in the Rose Lehrman Arts Center theatre on HACC's Harrisburg Campus. With Harrisburg Symphony maestro Stuart Malina as host, performers from the symphony, Central Pennsylvania Youth Ballet, Gamut Theatre Group, Open Stage of Harrisburg and Theatre Harrisburg will present short pieces from their 2011-12 seasons. A

dessert reception will follow. [More](#)

## Activist filmmaker to speak at film screening

Josh Fox, a filmmaker, writer and director, will visit HACC's York Campus on Wednesday, September 21, for a screening of "Gasland." The documentary addresses the environmental and public health threats of natural gas drilling, particularly the process of hydraulic fracturing known as "fracking."

Fox's documentary won a Special Jury Prize at the Sundance Film Festival and was nominated for an Oscar in 2010. The event begins at 6:30 p.m. behind the Goodling Building, weather permitting. A question and answer period with Fox follows at 8:30 p.m. Admission is free. [More](#)

## HACC's Second Stage theatre company presents one-act plays

HACC's Theatre Program will present "The Burning Bed" and "Journeys," two one-act plays with domestic violence themes, in September at the Gettysburg, Lancaster and York campuses.

Curtain times are 7 p.m. with performances scheduled Tuesday, September 20, at HACC's Gettysburg Campus; Wednesday, September 21, at the York Campus; and Thursday, September 22, at the Lancaster Campus. Donations given at the door will go directly to local chapters of domestic violence prevention organizations. [More](#)

## Check out HACC's late-start online courses

It's not too late to enroll in fall courses. Virtual, Harrisburg, and Lancaster campuses have classes that begin in late September. Spread the word to friends, family, and co-workers.

Visit the [schedule of late-start online courses](#) on HACC's Virtual Campus Web site.

## Help us welcome new graduates

The HACC Alumni Association would like to provide personal congratulatory notes to our new HACC graduates at the next Commencement ceremony in December. If you are willing to help, please send us an [email](#). Include a brief message to a new HACC graduate, your name, and graduation year (last year you attended HACC if you transferred). We will then handwrite your message on a HACC Alumni Association note card and place the cards at the graduates' seats before Commencement. Please help us give a warm welcome to our newest alumni.

## Looking for a job?

"I've Tried Everything. Now What?" is a free workshop for those struggling to find employment. It will be held on Thursday, September 22, at 11:15 a.m. in the Robert C. Hoffman Community Room at HACC's Gettysburg Campus. The workshop will cover community resources, budgeting, branding and creative job seeking techniques. For more information, contact Erin Rose at 717-337-3855, ext. 3076, or send her an [email](#).

HACC's career services professionals are also sponsoring workshops this fall at the [Lancaster Campus](#) and at the [Harrisburg Campus](#). All programs are free for alumni.

## HACC 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. Find out what our [graduates](#) are doing. Please share your [news](#) with us, so we can publish it in future issues of "HACC Alumni Connect" or our "HACC Connections" magazine.

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