

ALUMNI CONNECT



October 2011

Celebrate with HACC's president



Join us on Friday, October 21, for the inauguration of HACC's seventh president, John J. "SKI" Sygielski, Ed.D. The ceremony begins 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 participating from a 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.

[Highlights of the day's events](#)

HACC's Gettysburg Campus honors Hispanic Heritage Month

Traditional Latin music, dances and costumes, vibrant artwork, children's activities, and a variety of Hispanic foods will mark the annual Hispanic Heritage Celebration from 6-8:30 p.m. Friday, October 14, at HACC's Gettysburg Campus. The celebration will be held in the HUB student center and adjacent exhibit hallway. It is free and open to the community. [More](#)

Paul Taylor Dance Company returns to Live at Rose Lehrman



Internationally renowned Paul Taylor Dance Company will perform at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 19, at the Rose Lehrman Arts Center on the HACC Harrisburg Campus. The "intelligent, stylish and physically magnificent" (*New York Magazine*) Paul Taylor Dance Company has performed in 60 countries and more than 450 cities. Taylor's "imaginative choreography, rare sense of beauty and superb musicality—not to mention the brilliance of his dancers—are beyond

compare. The American spirit soars whenever Taylor's dancers dance." (*San Francisco Chronicle*).

A post-show talkback with the dance company will take place immediately following the show. To order tickets, call the Live at Rose Lehrman Box Office at 717-231-ROSE (7673) or order [online](#). [More](#)

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). [More](#)

Free health and dental services offered at HACC

Highmark and its Partners for a Healthy Community program will offer free health and dental services on Saturday, October 22, beginning at 9 a.m. at HACC's Harrisburg Campus. The final appointment will be scheduled at 2 p.m. and walk-ins will be accommodated as the schedule permits. The event is open to individuals who are uninsured or have minimal health and dental coverage. [More](#)

HACC TheatreWorks performs Oscar Wilde play

HACC TheatreWorks, directed by Professor Marnie Brennan and featuring students from HACC's theatre program, presents Oscar Wilde's stylish comedy, "The Importance of Being Earnest," on Friday, October 28, and Saturday, October 29, at 8:00 p.m. and on Sunday, October 30, at 2:00 p.m. in the Studio Theatre of the Rose Lehrman Arts Center at the HACC's Harrisburg Campus. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for students. To order tickets, call the Rose Lehrman Box Office at 717-231-ROSE (7673) or order [online](#). [More](#)

Alumni Association sponsors Mark Karnes exhibit



HACC alumni are invited to visit the Rose Lehrman Art Gallery on the Harrisburg Campus through October 26 to view a unique collection of drawings and paintings from Baltimore artist Mark Karnes. The exhibit is sponsored by your HACC Alumni Association. [More photos](#) [More about exhibit](#)

Massage therapy program opens door to healthcare careers, personal growth

Massage therapy is among the region's fastest growing occupations with many career options for Pennsylvania licensed therapists. Potential students and their families are invited to learn more about massage therapy at an open house from 1-3 p.m. on Saturday, October 22, in room 203 at Hall Tech on HACC's Harrisburg Campus. You can tour the classroom space, meet instructors, get information about financial aid and attend a 1:30 p.m. presentation detailing HACC's massage therapy program. [More](#)

Enjoy the holidays at HACC

Looking for a special place to hold your holiday party this year? Consider HACC's C. Ted Lick Wildwood Conference Center on the Harrisburg Campus. The Conference Center offers the perfect setting for your holiday event, which includes three elegant dining rooms that accommodate up to 240 people and free parking. The center's professional staff provide one-on-one customer service and are involved in every meticulous detail of the event—from initial planning and budgeting to choosing menus, room set up, and audiovisual needs. [More](#)

Connect with other HACC alumni on Facebook and LinkedIn

The HACC Alumni Association has a fan page on Facebook and a group page on LinkedIn. When connected, you can link to hundreds of HACC alumni through these social networking sites, learn about upcoming events, and read news about HACC and your Alumni Association. The next time you are on [Facebook](#), visit our page—[HACC-alumni](#)—and become a fan. The HACC Alumni Association also has a group page on the professional networking site [LinkedIn](#). Join our [group](#) and start making professional connections with other HACC graduates.

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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