

Welcome to the HACC Foundation's official newsletter. This quarterly electronic newsletter is intended to keep you, a valued member of the HACC family, informed about Foundation and general HACC news. Your feedback is important to us! Please send any comments or suggestions to Linda Whipple at the HACC Foundation, lbwhipl@hacc.edu. If you wish to unsubscribe to this newsletter, simply click on the link at the bottom.

Enrollment to top 23,000

Enrollment in HACC's credit programs is expected to top 23,000 college-wide this fall, once the final registration numbers are counted. In the past 10 years, enrollment has more than doubled at Central Pennsylvania's community college. Some of the greatest increase this fall, 11.4%, is being seen at the Gettysburg campus. York is up 6.5% over last year, and HACC's virtual campus is 9.7% higher.

Young at HACC helm, search on

Ronald R. Young, provost and vice president of academic affairs and enrollment management, is serving as HACC's interim president until the board appoints a new president to replace former President Edna Baehre, Ph.D. A veteran educator, Young has been employed at the college for more than 30 years, starting as a faculty member and rising to dean and then to vice president of academic affairs. Meanwhile, the college has retained the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) to aid in a national search for Dr. Baehre's replacement. You can follow our progress by going to [Presidential Search online](#).

HACC names legislative director

Gretchen L. Ramsey has been named as HACC's new director of legislative affairs. Ramsey previously was campus development officer for the Harrisburg Campus. In her new role, Ramsey will serve as primary liaison between the college and all elected officials. Ramsey brings more than a decade of government and business experience to her new position. Prior to joining the college, she was the transportation and technology lobbyist for the Pennsylvania Chamber. In earlier positions, Ramsey had served as legislative director for the Pennsylvania Senate and as a government affairs associate for a managed care trade association.

Panel to discuss impact of arts

Craig Cohen, host of WITF's "Radio Smart Talk," will moderate a panel discussion on the impact of the arts in attracting professionals to the midstate. Called "A Sense of the Arts," the free community event will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13, in the Rose Lehrman Arts Center on the Harrisburg Campus. Panelists are:

- Odin Rathnam, concertmaster of the Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra, internationally acclaimed chamber violinist and founder of Concertante Chamber Ensemble and the Else Borges Foundation for Artistic Initiatives
- David Schankweiler, publisher, CEO and owner of Journal Publications, Inc.
- Charon Battles, program director for Dance and the Preserving Diverse Cultures Division of the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, and founding director of the Erie Bayfront Ballet Company
- Linda Lefevre, executive dean of academic affairs at HACC's Harrisburg Campus who is also known throughout the region for her paintings and drawings.

"A Sense of the Arts" is a HACC Foundation community partnership event with PNC Wealth Management, Harrisburg Regional Chamber and CREDC, the Cultural Enrichment Fund, and the *Central Penn Business Journal*. Seating is limited. Contact Cyndie Pattison at 232-4099 or RSVP online at www.harrisburgregionalchamber.org (click on events page).

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One of out 5 Pennsylvania undergraduates attends a community college, yet state funding is in jeopardy. If you have a minute (because that's all it takes), [please sign the petition](#) at Advance PA and help to make our lawmakers and candidates for public office aware of the critical need for serious investment in communities colleges. Thank you!