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This is a special edition of HACC Connections. We plan to publish this e-newsletter six times per year. It will be emailed to our generous donors for whom we have email addresses. We hope you enjoy the issues. Please contact us at foundation@hacc.edu to share feedback and ideas with us. Thank you!

What a Year It Has Been: Happy Anniversary, HACC!

It seems like only yesterday that HACC was preparing for its 50th anniversary celebration. Now, we're closing out the year – and what a terrific year it has been! The College celebrated by hosting brand new events, raising money to support our students and capturing the memories from past and present employees, board members and students. We hope you will take a few minutes to enjoy and relive a few moments of HACC's history and the 50th anniversary celebrations by visiting www.hacc.edu/50 to view:

- An online scrapbook that highlights the 50th anniversary events, testimonials (video and written) and how much support the College has received in one year
- A 50th anniversary online history book that showcases HACC's history since 1964
- An oral history video about the life at HACC over the last 50 years

College and Foundation Awarded Almost \$2.5 million in Grants in 2013-14



During the 2013-14 fiscal year, HACC and the HACC Foundation were awarded 22 grants totaling almost \$2.5 million. Awards ranged from \$2,000 to more than \$1 million. The largest award was a Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education program grant to provide instruction and supportive services for students enrolled in career and technical education programs college-wide.

50th Anniversary Fundraising Success

The HACC Foundation focused on three major events for the 50th anniversary of HACC, Central Pennsylvania's Community College, to celebrate this milestone in the College's history:

- Dr. Ski's Miles of Gratitude – Tour de HACC
- Frank J. Dixon Tournament for Scholarships at HACC
- Golden Anniversary Gala



Dr. Ski's Miles of Gratitude – Tour de HACC

occurred April 22-24, 2014 and raised \$82,250. HACC's president, John J. "Ski" Sygielski, Ed.D., rode more than 170 miles on his bike to each of HACC's five campuses. Students, faculty, staff, board members, alumni and donors joined in a celebration welcoming Dr. Ski as he arrived at each campus. At every campus, generous sponsors provided \$1,000 scholarships to award to individuals present at the celebration. Individuals filled

out an entry form, and names were drawn at random. After being checked by financial aid, students received a voucher for their \$1,000 scholarship. In addition to scholarship sponsors, other wonderful individuals and organizations helped to make it all happen through their generous donations. Each sponsor was invited to his/her campus of choice to join in the celebration and be recognized for his/her generosity, as well as to meet the lucky scholarship recipients.

The **Frank J. Dixon Tournament for Scholarships at HACC** is in its 18th year. This year's event was held Sept. 22, 2014, at the Hershey Country Club, West Course. The event raised more than \$120,000 specifically for student scholarships. We had a number of wonderful sponsors and more than 30 participating golf teams. Not only did the teams get to enjoy a great day of golf, but they were also encouraged to bid on items at our annual silent auction and participate in the post-tournament reception and program.

The **Golden Anniversary Gala**, held Oct. 25, 2014, at the Radisson Hotel Harrisburg, provided an opportunity for HACC friends, students, employees, board members, alumni and donors to celebrate all that we have done in 50 years. This phenomenal event raised more than \$121,000. There were a variety of great speakers and even a 50th anniversary video! We also hosted a successful silent auction that night. After enjoying great speakers and a wonderful dinner, the dancing began. Music by a phenomenal band, Cruise Control, had people up on their feet, dancing the night away.

The HACC Foundation would like to thank the sponsors and donors who make the 50th anniversary success possible. Your support goes directly to HACC programs and students, including scholarship recipients such as Nicole Brand. "By awarding me the scholarship, you have lightened my financial burden which allows me to focus more on the most important aspect of school, learning," she said. "Your generosity has inspired me to help others and give back to the community."



Photograph Caption: HACC President John J. “Ski” Sygielski, left, poses with College trustee Tom Richey, second from left, his golf team and Linnie S. Carter, right, vice president of college advancement, HACC, and executive director, HACC Foundation, at the 2014 Frank J. Dixon Tournament for Scholarships at HACC

For more golf tournament photos, please go to <https://www.flickr.com/photos/hacc/sets/72157647972886421/>

For a complete list of 50th anniversary sponsors, please go to 2014 Frank J. Dixon Tournament for Scholarships at HACC. <http://www.hacc.edu/Anniversary/Thank-You-Sponsors.cfm>

Students, Employees and Friends Get Inspired, ‘Rock It Out’ at HACC Gala



Decked out in burgundy and gold, almost 400 HACC students, employees and friends partied hearty at the College’s Golden Anniversary Gala Oct. 25, 2014, at the Radisson Hotel Harrisburg, Camp Hill.

Guest speaker Karen Morris-Priester, M.D., ’96 inspired attendees by recounting her journey from HACC to Yale and Harvard, all while raising five children. In 2007, Dr. Morris-Priester gained national recognition as the first grandmother to graduate from the

Yale School of Medicine. A 1996 graduate of HACC’s nursing program, she is currently an anesthesiologist at Coordinated Health in Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Photograph Caption: HACC President John J. “Ski” Sygielski escorts Dr. Karen Morris-Priester after she speaks at HACC’s Golden Anniversary Gala.

Dr. Morris-Priester called HACC the “on-ramp” to her education. From growing up in “the projects” and taking remedial classes, she traveled to England as part of a medical student exchange program at Cambridge and organized a medical mission to Guana. “It all started by going down Cameron Street to HACC,” she said.

Peter C. Wambach, ’67, a HACC trustee and retired state representative, spoke about the early days at HACC. Wambach credited his student years at HACC as the pivotal turning point in his life. After graduating from HACC in 1967, he went on to earn his bachelor’s degree from The Pennsylvania State University and embarked on a career in public service.

Emcee for the evening was Sherry Christian, CBS 21 News anchor. HACC's culinary students created the dessert and HACC's facilities department arranged the centerpieces. For a list of

Golden Anniversary Gala and other 50th anniversary sponsors, please go to <http://www.hacc.edu/Anniversary/Thank-You-Sponsors.cfm>



Photograph Caption: Guests 'rock it out' to the sounds of Cruise Control at the Golden Anniversary Gala.

For photos, please go to <https://www.flickr.com/photos/hacc/with/15458626197/>

In Their Own Words: HACC Foundation Donors

HACC's wonderful donors are what allow us to continue to provide wonderful service to our outstanding students. The following videos highlight several donors and their reasons for contributing to HACC:

Becca Raley, executive director, Partnership for Better Health:
<http://youtu.be/exZn3qvMJCc>

Beth Evitts, executive director, library services, HACC:
<http://youtu.be/FM66nfgAyMw>

Craig Hoffman, Communications & TE Foundation:
<http://youtu.be/ihFWpXoUxgg>

Crit Charlton, member of the College Club of Harrisburg, educational fund liaison to HACC:
<http://youtu.be/yd3omDvOoJ8>

Shawn M. Caulfield, university development manager, PSECU:
<http://youtu.be/QgGUaV-DIZ4>

Seeds of Change: Seven Receive Mini-Grants for Innovation

Seven HACC employees recently shared almost \$20,000 in Seeds of Change mini-grants for 2015. Generously funded by the HACC Foundation, the Seeds of Change mini-grant program supports innovative ideas to collaborate, engage students, save money or generate new revenue. A total of 14 employees applied to this inaugural program.

The employees and their projects follow:

- **Name: Judith Dutil, assistant professor of communications, humanities and the arts, York Campus**
Project: Collegewide Radio Station – The goal is to establish a student-run, collegewide radio station. The radio station will be a live-broadcast audio stream (Live 365 Pro) originating from various campuses but sharing a single stream for continuity.
- **Name: Nicole Ernst, associate professor of geospatial technology, Harrisburg Campus**
Project: Camp Curtin Blight Mapping Pilot Project – The geospatial technology program has partnered with the Community Covenant Corporation and the Camp Curtin Neighbors United to map blight in the Camp Curtin neighborhood. As part of this project, the geospatial program is conducting a foot survey to map blight, to create web maps for the neighborhood and to create a website that can serve as a repository for their neighborhood visioning project. The result will be a model template that can be applied to the mapping and documentation of blight in other Pennsylvania communities.
- **Name: Tammy Gingras-Moore, adjunct instructor of communications, Lancaster Campus**
Project: Collaboration Classroom – The goal of this project is to increase student engagement, learning and retention by creating HACC’s first collaboration classroom. The new room will be highly mobile and allow easy collaboration between students. The project will feature node seating to allow for quick rearrangement of the room.



Photograph Caption: Tammy Gingras-Moore, adjunct instructor of communications, Lancaster Campus, receives a Seeds of Change mini-grant award for innovation from HACC Foundation Board member Dennis L. Benchoff, right, and President John J. “Ski” Sygielski.

- Name: Lindsey Long, director of financial accounting and reporting, College-wide**
 Project: Document Scanners – Incorporating desktop scanners in the Office of Finance as part of the workstation will allow staff to be more efficient and effective in processing daily work by eliminating the need to travel across the department to a central, shared scanner. Also, a high-speed scanner will allow Accounts Payable Department staff to efficiently scan invoices and ensure timely and accurate payment.
- Name: Forrest Lysinger, assistant professor of mechanical engineering technology, Harrisburg Campus**
 Project: Community Innovation Center – The Community Innovation Center will provide a mechanism for students, faculty and community members to have access to the 3D printing and modeling capability at the Midtown Center, outside of the structured class environment. This will draw new students to science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education and provide an incentive for STEM professionals and community members from the surrounding area to come and see HACC.
- Name: Ruth A. Negley, associate professor of biology, Gettysburg Campus**
 Project: “Essential Anatomy” Application of 3D Anatomical Models – Students in Biology 121, anatomy and physiology often struggle to learn anatomical structures, names and locations. Retention rates and class average scores on lab exams are lower than desired. The 3D “Essential Anatomy” anatomical models will serve as a learning resource to improve student retention and grades in this course.
- Name: Mary P. Richards, instructor of English, York Campus**
 Project: Readiness for Success in Work and Higher Ed – This six-week project will provide instruction and tutoring to create resumes and job application cover letters and to develop interview skills for 15 William Penn High School seniors. Instructors and tutors will be HACC business-writing and technical-writing students, HACC instructors of those courses and the career services coordinator. Local employers will be enlisted to participate in a job fair where students can interview for positions.

Generous Contribution Received from Metro Bank



Metro Bank presented a generous contribution of \$10,000 to the HACC Foundation recently. Pictured from left to right are John J. “Ski” Sygielski, Ed.D., president of HACC; Adam Metz, chief lending officer of Metro Bank; Steve Staman, regional vice president of Metro Bank and HACC Foundation Board member; and Linnie S. Carter, Ph.D., APR, vice president of college advancement at HACC and executive director of the HACC Foundation.

HACC Foundation Scholarship Spotlight



The HACC Foundation shares the stories of extraordinary HACC students that are selected to receive scholarships. This month, the HACC Foundation shines the spotlight on Sophie Bromand, an exceptional HACC student, who now serves as the student member of the HACC Foundation Board.

Sophie Bromand is an international student from Denmark studying at HACC. She is an international studies major and hopes to pursue a bachelor's degree in international relations at Bucknell University. Sophie works in the Office of Student Life at the Lancaster Campus and is a member of the Phi Theta

Kappa Honors Society. Sophie maintains a high grade point average each term and consistently receives recognition on the College's dean's list.

Photograph Caption: Sophie Bromand, left, receiving her certificate at the 2013 Lancaster campus scholarship banquet with Lois Schaffer.

Sophie volunteers at several community organizations in the Lancaster area, including the Lancaster Transitional Living Center and the Lancaster City Assembly Church. Sophie also mentors five student mentees as part of the Global Education Leaders Program and is a sophomore senator. She is also a chair person in the Student Government Association. Sophie shined as the student speaker at HACC's 50th Anniversary Convocation, sharing her compelling story as a survivor of domestic violence and an outspoken advocate of women's rights.

More Than 900 Students Graduate in HACC's Fall 2014 Commencement Ceremony

More than 900 students at HACC, Central Pennsylvania's Community College, completed their associate degrees, certificates or diplomas during the fall 2014 term. The graduates were celebrated during HACC's [Commencement ceremony](#), held Dec. 14, 2014, at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex and Expo Center.

It is HACC's Commencement tradition for faculty and staff members to present degrees, certificates and diplomas to family members who are in the graduating class. At the recent ceremony, two HACC instructors presented degrees to family members:

- Jessica Charlton, English instructor, presented to her mother, Karen Charlton, who received her associate in arts degree
- Richard Hauck, graphic design instructor, presented to his sister, Anna Schuck, who received her associate in arts degree

During the ceremony, HACC changed the life of one of the graduates' supporters by providing a \$1,000 HACC tuition giveaway. Asa Knobelman, of Lancaster, received a voucher for \$1,000 that may be used for tuition and fees for credit courses at HACC during the fall 2015 and spring 2016 terms and/or for tuition and fees for noncredit courses at HACC from July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016.

Several graduates shared video messages with their family and friends at the Commencement ceremony. These videos are available on [HACC's YouTube channel](#).

HACC also offered live video streaming of the Commencement ceremony for the first time. Family and friends of students from around the world were able to support their graduates from afar, including [Winfred Fox](#)'s family in Kenya.

The HACC Foundation Implements a Lockbox System

The HACC Foundation has implemented a new initiative that will streamline the processing of HACC Foundation contributions. In late fall 2014, the HACC Foundation began using a lockbox system – managed by Fulton Bank – to process and deposit all contributions for the HACC Foundation. At this time, all contributions for the HACC Foundation will be sent directly to the lockbox.

Please review the frequently asked questions located below for more information about this new process.

Going forward, please mail **all contributions** for the HACC Foundation to:

HACC Foundation
PO Box 8915
Lancaster, PA 17604-9966

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact us at foundation@hacc.edu.

Thank you for your continued support of HACC and the HACC Foundation. Your generous contributions are changing students' lives every day!

Ways to Communicate With Us

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Facebook	https://www.facebook.com/HACC64
Twitter	https://twitter.com/hacc_info
Online Update Form	www.hacc.edu/data

HACC Publications

HACC produces several publications, and they are available [online](#). Please bookmark this Web page and feel free to share this link with others who are interested in information about the College.

Stay Connected with Email Alerts from HACC's Online Newsroom

Keep up with HACC news through email alerts! You can choose to receive all of HACC's news releases as they are posted to the online newsroom, or select the subjects of particular interest.

Here is how to sign up for the alerts on your computer:

1. Open a browser window (Internet Explorer, Firefox, Chrome, Safari, etc.)
2. Go to HACC's online newsroom - click on the link below or copy and paste this URL into browser window: <http://newsroom.hacc.edu/>
3. Scroll to bottom of the screen
4. Select the link Email Alerts under Shortcuts
5. Select the Register Me box if you are not a registered user. Follow instructions on the page. Note: your registration will be accepted within 24 hours. Skip this step if you are already a registered user.
6. Log in with your User ID and Password, if you are already a registered user. If you are not a registered user, select the Register Me box and follow the instructions (Allow 24 hours for registration).
7. Follow the instructions on the page by selecting your Notification Preferences
8. At the bottom, select Email Me.
9. Type in the security letters that you see inside the box below the letters
10. Select Submit

Note: You will begin to receive emails from the newsroom about the topics you selected. It will include the name of the news release in the subject line of your email. The body of the email will have the news release title, dateline, an article abstract and a link to the full release in HACC's online newsroom.

We are here to serve you and look forward to hearing from you! Thank you – for everything!