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Welcome to *HACC Highlights*, an e-newsletter created specifically for HACC retirees to keep you connected with *YOUR HACC* community. We plan to publish this e-newsletter four times per year. We hope you enjoy the issues.

You Are Invited!



The HACC Foundation is hosting a *Spring Back to HACC* event for HACC retirees, and you, along with a guest, are invited.

Please join me, your host, on April 18, 2017, from 10 a.m.-noon in the Rose Garden at the Rose Lehrman Arts Center on HACC's Harrisburg Campus.

During the event, we will have brunch prepared by our culinary students, fellowship and hear an update on the College and the *Invest, Impact, and Inspire Campaign for HACC*. There is no cost to attend the event.

A formal invitation will be mailed to you. RSVP by calling us at 717-780-3293 or emailing us at foundation@hacc.edu by April 4.

We look forward to seeing you on April 18!

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Trum Simmons
HACC Professor Emeritus
Event Host

Congratulations, Dr. Dorsch!

Dr. Carole Dorsch was celebrated at the November 2016 faculty meeting for her 11 years of service at the York Campus. Carole was the very first instructional faculty member hired by the campus, and over those years, our students have benefited greatly from her wisdom and experience. Although she has announced her retirement, Dr. Dorsch has graciously agreed to continue serving the campus as a tutor in the Learning Center and as an adjunct instructor. Enjoy your retirement, Dr. Dorsch - you deserve it!



Darryl Jones, Ph.D., Named Vice President of HACC's York Campus



Darryl Jones, Ph.D., joined [HACC as the York Campus](#) vice president on Oct. 31, 2016. Previously, he had been with the College of New Rochelle, New Rochelle, New York, since 2004, where he served in leadership roles encompassing student affairs, academic affairs and campus management.

Dr. Jones is passionate about student success along with fostering a culture that values diversity and inclusiveness. In his role, he will strengthen bonds across the institution while expanding partnerships within the local community.

In addition to college placement and procedures, his college teaching experience includes courses in childhood development. Dr. Jones served for six years in the Marine Corps.

In addition to his passion for education, Dr. Jones is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated and the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators. Dr. Jones serves as a board member with the American Diabetes Association of Northern New Jersey.

Dr. Jones earned his doctorate in higher education leadership from Union Institute, Cincinnati, Ohio, master degree in education (counseling and student development) from Howard University, Washington, D.C. and bachelor degree in psychology from North Carolina State University, Raleigh, North Carolina.

He is married to Allison Wesley-Jones. They have two children.

HACC Celebrates Graduates in Fall 2016 Commencement Ceremony

More than 320 students walked across the stage to receive their associate degrees, certificates or diplomas during Commencement for HACC on Dec. 13, 2016, at the Giant Center in Hershey. They were among the more than 825 students who completed their associate degrees, certificates

or diplomas during the fall 2016 term.

Among the graduates were:

- **Laquetta D. Braswell** of Harrisburg, who received an associate degree in paralegal studies. She attended the Harrisburg Campus. Following graduation, she plans to take more general education courses at HACC then transfer to a four-year institution to earn a bachelor degree in legal studies.
- **Mary Bortz** of Hanover, who graduated with high honors in gerontology and plans to continue her education. She attended HACC's Gettysburg Campus.
- **Samer Refaat Doss** of Mechanicsburg, who received a diploma in phlebotomy. He attended HACC's Harrisburg Campus.
- **Wileidy G. Estepan**, who attended HACC's Lancaster Campus. She graduated with high honors and received an associate degree in accounting. She plans to transfer to Millersville University to further her education.
- **Sean Fink Jr.** of Loganville, who received an associate degree in business administration. He attended HACC's York Campus and plans to further his education for a bachelor degree in accounting.
- HACC's Gettysburg Campus students **Monica Andrea Gutierrez** of Costa Rica and **Tela Crystal Ambris** of Gettysburg. Gutierrez graduated with high honors in general studies and plans to attend Hood College to study secondary education with a focus in Spanish. Ambris received an associate degree in criminal justice and plans to attend a police academy.
- **Alexandra Jean-Paul** of HACC's Lebanon Campus, who received an associate degree in criminal justice. She plans to attend Millersville University to complete a bachelor degree and then apply to become a Pennsylvania state trooper.

Photos of these graduates and more are available [online](#).

Anonymous HACC Faculty Member Will Change Lives For Years to Come

In April 2016, a HACC faculty member made two very important decisions. She decided she would accept the early retirement incentive offered by HACC, and she decided she would create a scholarship fund for HACC students.

The anonymous faculty member faithfully served the College for many years. She was a respected and dedicated faculty member. She cared deeply about the College and her discipline. She decided it was time to move on from the College into retirement, but she knew she wanted to ensure her legacy at HACC lasted for decades to come.

The faculty member was able to establish a named scholarship fund that will be invested with the HACC Foundation and maintained for many years. The HACC Foundation pledges to spend only the interest of the fund and preserve the principle of the fund. The faculty member is pleased that she will reach HACC students for generations and positively affect their lives.

The faculty member informed the HACC Foundation that her gift was “all about the students.” We are eternally grateful to our colleague for her generosity –in and out of the classroom.

Invest. Impact. Inspire. Campaign for HACC Totals



The *Invest. Impact. Inspire. Campaign for HACC* kicked off in August 2015. We are making good progress and believe we will reach our \$2-million scholarship goal by December.

We are receiving contributions on a regular basis. Therefore, the fundraising totals change often. For the latest information, please visit www.hacc.edu/campaign. Please join us in investing in HACC! Thank you!

What do you ♥ about HACC?



HACC’s Day of Giving is back and stronger than ever.

April 20, 2017, is the day to celebrate the moment you became forever connected to HACC, Central Pennsylvania’s Community College.

We’re bringing the entire HACC community together for this special event to invest in what HACC represents to the community – access to a supportive academic environment that provides the first step on the journey to personal and professional success. For thousands of students, alumni, faculty, staff, board members, donors, partners and friends, HACC is their home and a source of pride.

The Day of Giving is an opportunity for our five campuses – and our extended community, far and wide – to come together to celebrate HACC through lively [planned activities](#).

How can you demonstrate your support for HACC on the Day of Giving?

We’re glad you asked...

- Go to the [Day of Giving website](#)
- Pledge your support and challenge your family, friends and social network to support HACC by tagging #HeartHACC in all of your posts
- Participate in activities at a HACC campus near you!

Join us and show how much you ♥ HACC on **April 20!**

Thank you!

Ken and Donna Shur Establish First Business Scholarship for the Gettysburg Campus



The HACC Foundation recently established the Gettysburg Campus' first business scholarship, *The Kenneth and Donna Shur Business Scholarship*, in support of Gettysburg Campus students enrolled in one of HACC's business degree programs.

Business Administration is the campus's largest transfer degree program, and Business Management and Business Studies are the campus's second and third largest career degree programs.

Establishing a business scholarship enables the campus to attract, support and retain top-notch students who are enrolled in a business degree program.

The personal and inspirational gift was made by HACC's own Ken Shur and his wife, Donna.

Locally born and raised, Ken and Donna Shur have deep ties to HACC though they were drawn to the school at different points in their lives. Donna worked at United Telephone (now Embarq) following high school and began attending classes at HACC part-time. After receiving her degree in construction management in 1993, Donna transferred to Millersville University and obtained her bachelor's degree in 1997 in occupational safety and hygiene management. Donna acknowledges, "At that time, my company paid for my entire education." Donna then held a range of positions with the phone company, benefiting from her degree. In 2007, she retired after 38 years of service and will always be grateful to HACC for helping to expand her career opportunities. Donna believes in giving back to the school she loves and contributes time to HACC by reviewing scholarships.

Ken received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Shippensburg University in 1975 and continued on to earn a Master in Business Administration from Shippensburg University. He completed a Master of Human Resource Management at St. Francis University. Ken spent the majority of his career as a hospital administrator, focusing on acute care.

Then, in the early 1980s, a friend told Ken that HACC was in need of instructors in the Business Department. Curious about the challenge, Ken interviewed and was offered a position to teach a class. He later began teaching the Gettysburg Campus's first business course offerings beginning in 1990 and has been teaching business and management classes there ever since.

Ken continued at HACC following his retirement in 2013, and he has been an adjunct since the early 1980s – over 30 years. In addition, he has been asked to serve in a range of interim roles at HACC, including posts as the president's chief of staff and vice president of the Harrisburg

Campus. “It’s hurt my golf game a bit,” says Ken, “but I’m very loyal to the College and happy to serve in interim roles whenever I’m needed.”

What has motivated the Shurs to make this gift of scholarship? Both Donna and Ken came to the same decision from different vantage points. As a HACC graduate, Donna remains grateful that the financial support she received from her employer made it possible for her to earn a degree, and she regrets that few companies currently provide this option. Donna adds, ***“We chose to provide a scholarship for HACC students, because we wanted to give others the opportunity I had.”*** The scholarship will provide a \$500 award to a Gettysburg Campus student who has a minimum 3.0 GPA and is enrolled in the Business Management program or a related HACC business degree program.

Over the years, Ken has taught thousands of students at HACC, many of whom have shared their personal stories. “Students who miss class tell me, ‘My car broke down, and I don’t have money to fix it.’ Or, ‘I don’t have money to get to class or pay my electric bill.’” Both Ken and Donna want their scholarship to provide students with tuition relief, “letting them focus on their education rather than worrying about making ends meet. We want to help in one small way.”

Last year, Ken had a student who had a family, was working full time, was carrying a heavy class load and was dealing with financial issues. They met regularly, where Ken provided extra support and guidance, and the student successfully completed his studies. The student later thanked Ken and shared that, if not for Ken’s personal help, he would have left school. Ken adds, “You never know who you’ll touch and how.”

On behalf of all of us at HACC, thank you, Ken and Donna, for your contributions on all levels and for positively impacting so many lives.

HACC Savings for Tuition Giveaways Winners Announced

HACC students Dan Barr, Anbria Bates and Elizabeth Davenport are recipients of a \$250 tuition giveaway voucher for their participation in a week-long [HACC Savings for Tuition Giveaways Contest](#).

The contest, which ran in October 2016, drew 16 submissions from current students enrolled at all five campuses and online who were invited to share their stories on social media explaining how they have saved money by attending HACC. The students told how HACC saved them money through scholarships, financial aid, overall cost of tuition and more! By sharing their experiences, they also became eligible for one of three tuition giveaway vouchers.

The Office of College Advancement (OCA) team posted daily prompts on HACC’s Facebook and Twitter pages encouraging students to share their stories. Students also were able to respond through comments or by creating their own posts using #HACCsavings.

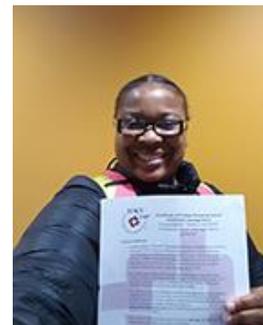
At the end of the contest, the OCA team collected the responses and drew three names from a hat. With the support of the [HACC Foundation](#), each of the three students received a \$250 tuition giveaway voucher to apply to their spring and/or summer 2017 tuition, fees and books.

Congratulations to these students!



Dan Barr: Dan chose to attend HACC because of the College’s high-quality education and fair pricing. A business major enrolled at HACC’s Harrisburg Campus, Dan will graduate without heavy college debt. Dan says, “HACC is an excellent place to be if you are unsure about what path or vocation to walk down, and/or if you just want to learn and grow as a person.”

Anbria Bates: Thanks to HACC, Anbria is debt free in her goal to earn an associate degree in business administration. A student at HACC’s Harrisburg Campus, Anbria says, “#HACCsavings has given me the opportunity to attend one of the top accredited community colleges in the country to work toward a business administration degree completely debt free!” After graduation, Anbria plans to transfer to a four-year college and already has scholarships in place due to her participation in the Phi Theta Kappa honor society.



Elizabeth Davenport: After 10 years of not having the opportunity to go to college, Elizabeth is now able to attend school at HACC’s York Campus and financially maintain her household and care for her daughter. Elizabeth says, “I was able to use my financial aid to put me through my first semester of school and I cannot wait to see what the future holds at my campus!”

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

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