

# THE VIBE

HACC'S HARRISBURG CAMPUS NEWSLETTER

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## A Message from the Vice President

by Noah Roufos-Abbey

Greetings, Harrisburg Campus Community!

I hope this message finds you all pacing yourselves over the remaining two weeks of the Spring term.

As many of you may know, April proved to be an exceptional month on and off the Harrisburg Campus, with an abundance of events, achievements, and individuals to celebrate.



First, I was fortunate to represent the Harrisburg Campus at the 2018 All-PA Academic Team Awards Dinner presented by the PA Commission on Community Colleges and Phi Theta Kappa honors society to recognize the academic accomplishments of HACC students, including two award recipients from the Harrisburg Campus!

Second, students from the Respiratory Therapy program **won the PA state championship** in the knowledge-based "Sputum Bowl". Please join me in congratulating **Curtis Aumiller**, professor, respiratory care and **Joy Hughes**, director of clinical education.

Third, Harrisburg Campus business students received awards from this year's PA Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) State Leadership Conference in Pittsburgh. The HACC Harrisburg team finished **third** overall, not far behind the winning team from the University of Pittsburgh. Because of her leadership of our PBL team over the past year, **Nicole McCartan**, adjunct professor of business, was honored as the **PBL State Advisor of the Year!** Please join me in congratulating her, too!

Finally, this year's Day of Giving was vibrant and full of energy (and thankfully sunshine!). With involvement from throughout the campus community and the support of the Office of College Advancement, the event was enjoyed by employees and students alike. Thank you to all who participated, and to those who joined me by making a gift to the Fund for Excellence for the Harrisburg Campus. Our gifts will continue to change our current and future student's lives and destinies.

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# 2018 DAY OF GIVING





Thank you to all of our 2018 Day of Giving committee members and volunteers!

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## #HEARTHACC Thank you!

### HACC's 2018 Day of Giving – Thank You for YOUR Support!



Greetings!

Our annual **Day of Giving** on April 18 was a success!

To those who gave, **thank you** for supporting YOUR favorite community college and our students! Hopefully, you also participated in some of the fun activities at our campuses.

To view Day of Giving photos, videos and updates, please visit [hacc.edu/HearTHACC](http://hacc.edu/HearTHACC).

Fundraising totals are still being calculated; however, our students are grateful for your gifts at any time throughout the year. If you missed the opportunity to give on April 18, please consider making a gift today.

**With YOUR generosity**, HACC is able to help its students by:

- Supporting innovative projects
- Improving services and accessibility
- Providing money for those facing unexpected financial burdens

Your investment in HACC students is an investment in our communities.

Thank you to our generous collegewide sponsors, [WHTM abc27](#) and [Capital BlueCross](#).

Together, we CAN make a difference!

Thank you!

# STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

**On Friday, April 20, Dave Coulier (star of Full House) performed to a "Full House" at the HACC Harrisburg Campus. This event was sponsored by the Student Government Association.**



**Jennifer Jackson**, specialist, Student Life, **Jeff Gerstein**, director, Student Development and Multicultural Programs, **Nicole McCartan**, adjunct professor of business, along with members of SGA hang out backstage with Dave Coulier after the show.



Dave Coulier with Harrisburg Campus vice president, **Noah Roufos-Abbey** and his wife, Ashley.



SGA students present Harrisburg Campus vice president, **Noah Roufos-Abbey**, with a check for \$2500. All proceeds of the event went towards Day of Giving and the Fund for Excellence Harrisburg Campus.



## Harrisburg Business Students Bring Home Awards from State Conference



Our Harrisburg business students brought home impressive awards from this year's **Pennsylvania Phi Beta Lambda State Leadership Conference**. What makes this all the more exciting is that our chapter, which is small in number compared to chapters around the state, competed against the top colleges and universities around the state. We had 18 students attend and compete in the conference.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Place

**Emma Lupia and Liz Hickernson** in Business Presentation  
**Corinne Guinter** in Social Media Challenge

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

**Rich Poorman, Liz Hickernson and Emma Lupia** in Human Resource Management  
**David D'Alessio** in Cyber Security  
**Bryanna and Lierin Randall**- Small Business Management

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

**David D'Alessio** in Entrepreneurship Concepts  
**Johnny Byler** in Job Interview  
**Ben Byler** in Public Speaking  
**Anbira Bates** in Networking Concepts

After not placing last year, our chapter was focused this year on winning the **Gold Seal of Merit, Outstanding Chapter** challenge. We are excited to report that our chapter **placed third** this year, not too far behind the first place winner, the University of Pittsburgh.

## ALL-PA ACADEMIC TEAM AWARDS

On April 9, the **PA Commission for Community Colleges** joined **Phi Theta Kappa** to honor students who were nominated by their colleges to the **All-PA Academic Team**.

The All-PA Academic Team Awards, building from the National All-USA Academic Team for two-year colleges, recognizes an exceptional group of community college students who have achieved academic excellence and demonstrated a commitment to their colleges and communities. HACC was proud to recognize six students including two from the Harrisburg Campus.

These students represent the diversity of community colleges and confirm the community colleges' commitment to providing accessible and affordable higher education to Pennsylvanians. The majority of the All-PA Academic Team members will graduate with the intention of continuing their education at baccalaureate degree-granting colleges and universities.



From left: **Victor Ramos**, Lancaster Campus vice president, **Kelsey Weaver**, HACC Gettysburg student, **Noah Roufos-Abbey**, Harrisburg Campus vice president, **Karen Whitney**, interim chancellor, PASSHE, **John "Ski" Sygielski**, HACC president, **Kathleen Howley**, vice chancellor, PASSHE, **Darryl Jones**, York Campus vice president



From left: **Hector Ortiz**, trustee, **Darryl Jones**, York Campus vice president, **Shannon Harvey**, Gettysburg Campus, vice president, **Victor Ramos**, Lancaster Campus vice president, **Ricole Jayman**, associate dean Student Success, **Noah Roufos-Abbey**, Harrisburg Campus vice president, **Kelsey Weaver**, HACC Gettysburg student, **Colton Bjerke**, dean of academic and student affairs, Lebanon, **Pattie Van Atter**, middle states regional coordinator, Phi Theta Kappa, **John "Ski" Sygielski**, HACC president, and **Lori Bowersox**, Lebanon Campus, executive director



From left back row: **Victor Ramos**, Lancaster Campus vice president, **Noah Roufos-Abbey**, Harrisburg Campus vice president, **John "Ski" Sygielski**, HACC president, **Jackson Toone**, HACC Harrisburg student, Front Row: **Emily Parrish**, HACC Lancaster student, **Kelsey Weaver**, HACC Gettysburg student, **Alexa Groft**, HACC Gettysburg student, **Shannon Harvey**, Gettysburg Campus vice president

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## RESPIRATORY THERAPY STUDENTS IN THE NEWS

### Respiratory Therapy Students Win State Championship!

The respiratory therapy students recently competed in the “sputum bowl” on April 11, which is a jeopardy style contest to test knowledge on respiratory therapy and general medical knowledge during the **Pennsylvania Society for Respiratory Care (PSRC) Eastern Regional Conference**. There were two teams from HACC, and a team called “Trach Nation” won the regional competition, and then competed with the winner of the Western region to take the state championship! The Trach Nation team consists of **Barbara Book, Sarah Adamou, and Ambrosia Harrison** (pictured in the front row holding the sign). HACC will now represent the state at the American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC) International Congress’ national sputum bowl competition being held in Las Vegas, NV, in December. We are so proud of our students and program faculty!  
**Go HAWKS!**



### Respiratory Therapy Program Wins Award

For the sixth year in a row, the **Respiratory Therapist Program** has been awarded the Distinguished RRT Credentialing Success Award by their accreditation body, the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care. In order to earn this award, the program must be meeting all the established CoARC thresholds for CRT credentialing success, retention, on-time graduation rate, overall employer and graduate satisfaction, and have an RRT credentialing success rate of 90% or above. Congratulations to the respiratory program for all their hard work and well deserved recognition.





## DIVERSITY SPOTLIGHT & UPCOMING EVENTS

On April 5, **Harrisburg Area Now** hosted their legislative advocacy training at Midtown 2. Foundation Board Member and Harrisburg Campaign Committee Member **Tim DeFoor** was one of the presenters at the event.



JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT HARRISBURG DIVERSITY COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2018 @ 2:30 P.M. COOPER 209A

## LUNCH AND LEARN



April 4, **Lunch and Learn** with Professor Emeritus **Trum Simmons!** *What's your worldview? Communicating with people who have different views than yours.*



# CELEBRATE YOU!

On April 13, we celebrated and recognized the generous individuals and organizations that have donated to the *Invest. Impact. Inspire. Campaign* for HACC with a beautiful reception and an awards presentation. Our very own culinary students provided us with delicious refreshments.



From Left: **Linnie Carter**, vice president, Office of College Advancement **John “Ski” Sygielski**, president and **Natasha Walton**, director, grants and corporate relations, Office of College Advancement having a little fun with the photo booth.



HACC’s Harrisburg Campus culinary students serve their delicious food to guests at Celebrate You!



The HACC Music Club provided music for the event.



From Left: **Kim Ruggieri Kennedy**, **Brian Kennedy**, KCA Wealth Management, LLC, **Kara Costopoulos**, development officer for organizations, Office of College Advancement

# *bookstore news*

With Spring *FINALLY* making its way, stop by the bookstore for spring deals. More items have been added to the clearance racks. Take advantage of the savings, plus receive your faculty/staff 15 percent discount on top of the clearance prices.

There will be some upcoming promotions and events, including the return of "HACC Spirit Day" Stayed tuned for more info...

As the bookstore prepares for the upcoming summer semester, there are a few reminders that we would like faculty to share with students.

- ◆ May 3-9            Finals week ~ Best time to sell back your textbooks.
- ◆ May 7             Financial aid is available for the summer term.
- ◆ May 10            Commencement at 6pm at the Giant Center in Hershey.
- ◆ May 11            Textbook rental returns are due. Textbooks received after this date are subject to a replacement and processing fee, which can have an effect on student registration.

Don't forget, HawkTech Store is available to do Apple® repairs. Call them at 717.780.2631



## BRUCE E. COOPER STUDENT CENTER RECOGNIZED



The Bruce E. Cooper Student Center was selected as one of the *Best Interior Architecture of 2017* in a recent edition of Mid Atlantic Real Estate Journal.

Architect, Murray Associates, submitted the [Cooper Renovation Project](#) into the Journal which is published in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware.

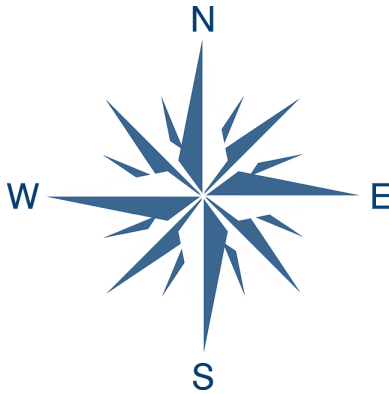
The building was originally constructed in 1968 and underwent several minor renovations in the 1980's and 1990's. Since its construction, students' needs have changed dramatically and the College needed to adapt to serve its students. The renovation has since transformed the building to a one-stop location for student services including registration, financial aid, disability services, counseling and advising, and host of other services. The building serves as the hub of campus with the new College operated Chef's Apprentice Restaurant, Subway food service, banking services from a local credit union, and a variety of space throughout where students can congregate to study for classes or just hang out.

The new design has been applauded by students, visitors, faculty and staff. The design is functional and attractive, which allows the College to better service the students.

Congratulations to Murray Associates for their modern, functional, and inviting design. It is certain to be the centerpiece of the campus for many decades to come.



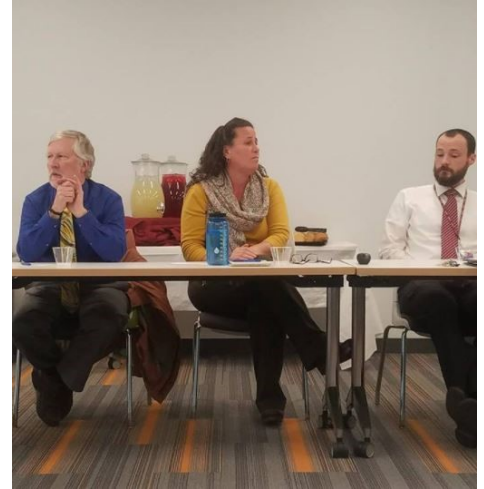
## NAVIGATING WITH NOAH



At **Navigating With Noah** on April 11, faculty and staff joined in on a great discussion about safety, awareness and what to watch for here on campus and around our communities. We learned about ways and tools security uses to protect us here on campus. In addition,

**Christine Cappuzzo**, Campus director, Counseling and **Anthony Beard**, director, Student Conduct shared with us how to handle situations with students we may feel could use someone to talk to and what options there are for counseling services.

**Watch for new dates and topics coming in Fall 2018!**



From Left: **Richard Albright**, associate dean, Academic Affairs, **Christine Cappuzzo**, campus director, Counseling, and **Anthony Beard**, director, Student Counseling

## JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE WITH DR. SKI



On April 17, **Dr Ski** hosted his Spring 2018 **Journey to Excellence Forum** at HACC's Harrisburg Campus. He discussed updates on the spring semester budget, a report on Middle States accreditation, and invited questions from faculty and staff who attended.

## ARTS at HACC HARRISBURG


**The Wildwood Writers' Festival** was a success. We had 259 students in attendance throughout the day. The poets and writers who presented were high caliber. The Festival provides the opportunity for our students to hear original work by writers who are actively writing and publishing. For many of our students, this is the first time they have ever engaged with poetry and story in this way. Thank you, **Lisa Campbell** for working with us!



Thank you to the members of the committee who helped make the event a success.

Thank you, **Linda Mininger** for selling books and arranging tables, and assisting with the event; **Kim Allen Glead** for minding the registration table and the delicious sweet; **Marie Ulmen** for minding the registration table and herding students in the right direction; **Paul Cockeram** for making signs; and **Jonathan DeYoung** for his bouncing abilities. Special thanks to **Rick Keams** for his help in planning and helping emcee the event.

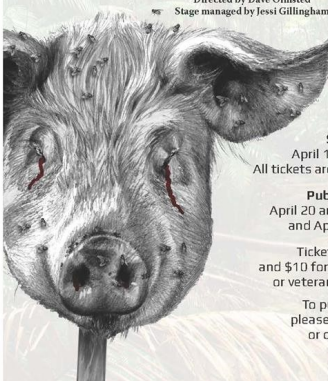




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William Golding's  
**LORD OF THE FLIES**  
Adapted for the stage by  
**Nigel Williams**  
Directed by Dave Olmsted  
Stage managed by Jessi Gillingham




A plane crashes on a deserted island and the only survivors are a group of schoolboys. Before long, this well-behaved group turns into a bloodthirsty and murderous tribe.

**Student Night:**  
April 19, 2018, at 7:30 p.m.  
All tickets are \$5 with a valid student ID.

**Public Performances:**  
April 20 and 21, 2018, at 7:30 p.m.  
and April 22, 2018, at 2 p.m.

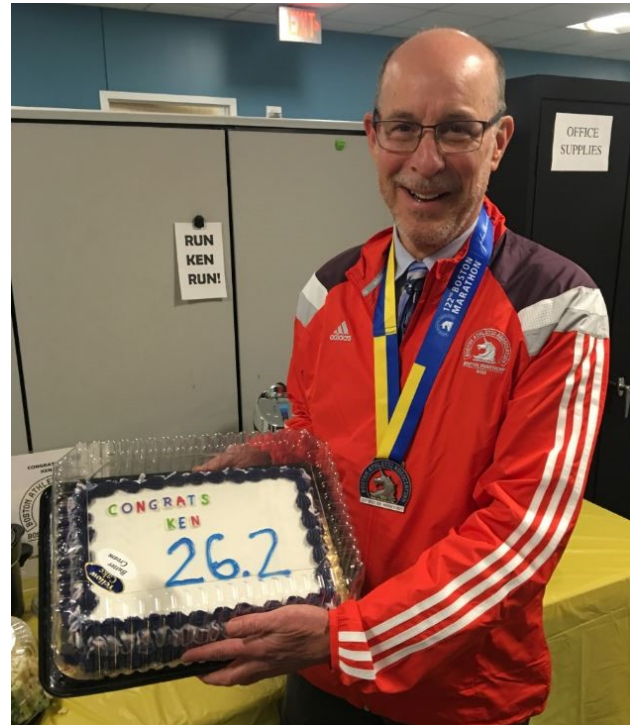
Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students, seniors, military or veterans and HACC employees.

To purchase your ticket, please visit [hacc.edu/RLAC](http://hacc.edu/RLAC) or call 717-231-7673.



The Department of Theatre finished out their 2017-18 season with a production of William Golding's "Lord of the Flies" which ran from April 19-22. The production, directed by Dave Olmsted, featured a cast of thirteen HACC students.

## HACC, HARRISBURG EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Congratulations to **Ken Shur**, interim campus dean, Student Affairs, who completed the Boston Marathon on April 16. This is Ken's fourth time running the marathon which is in its 122nd year!

Ken faced strong headwinds, rain, and cold weather but nothing was stopping him from the finish line!



# HACC YEAH!

## RETIREMENTS, NEW HIRES and PROMOTIONS!

We are **sad to say farewell** to so many of our colleagues. Senior Professors **Mamie Brennan** (Theater), **Charles Jeffery** (Biology) and Professor **Jeb Baxter** (Geology) will be retiring at the end of the semester. Two of our OIST staff, **Bob Dudley** and **Tom Haney**, will be retiring May 2 and May 11 respectively. Associate dean **John Mummert** will be leaving HACC on May 25 to relocate to Nashville, TN. Long-time colleague, **Fred Gantz**, Assistant Professor of Sociology, will be retiring at the end of the semester. All of these individuals have contributed to the campus community and to HACC's mission. They have been active and engaged through their years of dedicated service. We wish them well!

**We are excited to announce** that **Kristen Shaeffer** will be joining Harrisburg Academic Affairs on April 30 as our new Administrative Office Specialist supporting CHA and English. We are looking forward to her transition from Payroll to her new role supporting faculty and students!

**Congratulations to our faculty receiving promotions and tenure!** Effective January 8, 2018 **Wendy Bratina** (Human Services) and **Joy Hughes** (Respiratory Therapy) each were granted tenure by the Board of Trustees.

In addition, the following faculty **received promotions**: **Wendy Bratina** (Associate Professor), **Jeff Gieniec** (Associate Professor), and **Joy Hughes** (Assistant Professor).

## ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY

On April 25, we celebrated Administrative Professionals Day with a lovely catered breakfast hosted by **Jennie Baar**, campus dean, Academic Affairs and **Noah Roufos-Abbey**, Harrisburg Campus, vice president. Thank you executive assistants, administrative office technicians and administrative office specialists for all you do!





## NOW ONLINE, GOOGLE TRANSLATE

Google Translate is now on [www.hacc.edu](http://www.hacc.edu)!

HACC's website – [www.hacc.edu](http://www.hacc.edu) – is now multilingual!

Google's Translate button can instantly translate text on our website into more than 60 languages to anyone visiting our website from anywhere in the world!

It's easy to use! Per the screen shot below, please simply select the language you want to use from the Google drop-down field located next to the printer-friendly version text.

The screenshot shows the HACC website with Google Translate applied. The language is set to French. The page content includes:

- Google Translate interface at the top: "Translated to: French", "Show original", and "Options".
- HACC logo and navigation menu: "étudiants actuels", "Les bailleurs de fonds", "anciens élèves", "Communauté d'affaires", "myHACC", "HAWKMail", "Bibliothèque", "Librairie", "A propos HACC".
- Red navigation bar: "Commencer", "Programmes et cours", "Apprentissage en ligne", "Payer pour l'école", "Campus et sites", and a search icon.
- Banner for "HACC STUDENTS" featuring a smiling student. A sidebar on the right has icons for "Appliquer", "Visite", and "Donner".
- Section "Ressources Étudiant" with a sub-header "HACC > actuelles Ressources pour les étudiants" and a language dropdown set to "French".

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Conseiller & Conseil	▼
Athlétisme	
services d'orientation professionnelle	▼
Garde d'enfants	
Collège Calendriers	▼

### Ressources Étudiant

HACC conçu cette section pour donner aux étudiants des informations importantes. Cela comprend le choix des cours, recherche d'une carrière et plus encore.

[myHACC](#) [HAWKMail](#)

#### Ressources technologiques

- [J'ai besoin d'aide avec mon HACC ID et mot de passe!](#)
- Comment puis-je accéder à mon information sur l'éducation?  
Se connecter pour [myhacc.hacc.edu](http://myhacc.hacc.edu) pour accéder à des informations d'inscription. Vous pouvez visualiser factures, voir dossiers, obtenir vos informations de conseiller et transcriptions de commande.

## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SPOTLIGHT



**Holly Lukens** is a coordinator for the corporate and business services department within the Workforce Development and Continuing Education Division. Holly began her time at HACC as a student in 1998 and soon after graduating, she returned to HACC to begin her career. She has been with HACC for 15 years serving in various positions.

Holly received an associates degree in administrative office specialist and is pursuing a bachelor's degree in organizational leadership.

Holly lives in Steelton and loves her short commute to Midtown Trade and Technology Center. Holly enjoys spending time with her family watching Philadelphia sports teams (Go Birds!), traveling, cooking and trying new recipes (an Instant Pot is a must have for anyone who needs a quick way to get dinner on the table). Holly's favorite place she has traveled to is India, and she looks forward to the day she can visit again.

**Tonya Collins** is an administrative office specialist in fire certification at the Senator John J. Shumaker Public Safety Center. She has been with HACC for one year. Tonya possesses a bachelor's degree in communication from Pennsylvania State University.

Tonya Collins has been married for 22 years. Tonya and her husband, JC have six beautiful children. They adopted their first two from Guatemala when they were babies. Since then Tonya gave birth to triplets (two boys and a girl) and another baby a year after the triplets were born. Sebastian is 19, Savanna is 18, Olivia, Caleb, and Josh are 13 and Chase is 12. Life is never dull in the Collins household! Tonya and her husband JC spend their free time watching their children play lacrosse, basketball, track, and traveling out of town/state each weekend with her kids for travel soccer. Family time is their favorite time.



**Vic Rodgers** is the associate provost of workforce development and continuing education and has been with HACC since September 2014.

Vic possesses a bachelor's degree in human resource management and a master's degree in business administration and in business communication. He is also a retired Navy Chief Petty Officer, where he served as a Hospital Corpsman, spending the majority of his 20 plus years with Marine Corp units. He has lived all over the world, most recently the Island Territory of Guam, where he worked at the community college before relocating to Pennsylvania.

Vic's hobbies include attending jazz concerts, traveling with his lovely wife Liz, and collecting comic books. He is also a BBQ aficionado and hopes to compete competitively one day. Vic is an avid reader, often going through three or four books per week, mainly science fiction and history.

**DON'T MISS IT!**

# HACC-Con 2018

## *A Celebration of Undergraduate Research*

HACC-Con is the undergraduate research conference hosted each semester at the Harrisburg campus. Its purpose is to promote, recognize, and celebrate the scholarship of students; however, faculty, staff, and administrators are also welcome to give presentations. Presentations are scheduled April 24 through May 9. HACC-Con is organized by **Darryl Hall**, associate professor, sociology. If you need additional information about the conference, he can be contacted at [dehall@hacc.edu](mailto:dehall@hacc.edu) or (717) 780-2518.

## About HACC, Central Pennsylvania's Community College



*HACC was founded in 1964 as one of the first community colleges in Pennsylvania. Over the past 50 years, the College has expanded to include five beautiful campus locations and a robust Virtual Learning program.*

### About HACC

HACC, Central Pennsylvania's Community College, is the first and largest of Pennsylvania's 14 community colleges. HACC offers over 100 career and transfer associate degree, certificate and diploma programs to approximately 19,000 students. Also, the College serves students at its Gettysburg, Harrisburg, Lancaster, Lebanon and York campuses; through virtual learning; and via workforce development and continuing education training. For more information on how HACC is uniquely YOURS, visit [hacc.edu](http://hacc.edu). Also, follow us on Twitter (@HACC\_info), like us on Facebook (Facebook.com/HACC64) and use #HACCNews.

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