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This is a special edition of HACC Connections. We plan to publish this e-newsletter six times per year. We hope you enjoy the issues. Please contact us at foundation@hacc.edu to share feedback and ideas with us. Thank you!

Opportunities, Education and Community are Common Themes during HACC Foundation Donor Celebration

“HACC, Central Pennsylvania’s Community College, is an innovator and motivator, HACC is inspirational and educational.” This is the response Brian Kennedy, president of KCA Wealth Management LLC and a wealth planning advisor, gave when asked why he supports HACC and the HACC Foundation.



On April 13, 2018, [HACC, Central Pennsylvania’s Community College](#), held the “Celebrate YOU” event to recognize donors – like KCA Wealth Management LLC – with the Spirit of Philanthropy Award. The Spirit of Philanthropy Award was presented to thank donors for their support of the College and HACC Foundation. The event also allowed the community to experience some of what HACC has to offer, including testimonials from student and staff and delicious cuisine prepared by the HACC culinary arts students.

Following is the list of Spirit of Philanthropy Award recipients:

Individuals

- Diane and John Bittle
- Judy Chronister
- John Frisch
- Jeffrey Gelburd
- Ronald and Carolyn Hankey
- Gary and Eileen Laabs
- Kris Olewine-Milke
- Athar Rafiq and Rukhsana Rahman
- Bill and Susannah Rothman
- Donald and Barbara Schell
- Jeff and Pam Shaffer
- Kenneth and Donna Shur

Organizations

- KCA Wealth Management, LLC
- PSECU

For more information about the award recipients, please visit www.haccfoundation.org/awards.

Adams County Community Foundation Supports HACC's Gettysburg Campus Mechatronics Students

A \$7,500 grant from the Adams County Community Foundation to the HACC Foundation will allow HACC to provide innovative programming using industry-standard equipment in its Mechatronics laboratory at its Gettysburg Campus.

The funds will go to the Gettysburg Campus Fund for Excellence in Mechatronics and will ensure that HACC offers mechatronics training using the advanced technology our students will encounter in the workplace. HACC's mechatronics students get hands-on experience in programming, maintaining and repairing various electronic, electrical, pneumatic, hydraulic and other mechanical equipment.

The [Fund for Excellence for Mechatronics at the Gettysburg Campus](#) will assist HACC in:

- Expanding the Gettysburg Campus Mechatronics Program in fall 2019
- Doubling the size of the program by admitting more students
- Adding a new robotics lab



One College, Five Campuses

Gettysburg Campus - Nursing Program Celebrates 15 Years!

This year, HACC's Gettysburg Campus is celebrating 15 years of excellence in nursing education!

- Did you know that 631 students have graduated from Gettysburg Campus Nursing Programs (RN & LPN)?
- Did you know that 93 percent of these graduates passed their licensure exam on their first try? This is well above the national average of 86 percent. They are now registered nurses.
- Did you know that nearly 85 percent of these nurses practice within a 50-mile radius of the Gettysburg Campus?



The Gettysburg Campus and community celebrated this milestone with a student celebration sponsored by the Nursing Student Organization featuring cake, a food truck and a chance to “dunk the faculty” for answering a sample question from the [National Council Licensure Examination](#) correctly.

Harrisburg Campus - Business Students Bring Home Awards from State Conference

Harrisburg Campus 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 the chapter, which is small in number compared to chapters around the state, competed against the top colleges and universities around the state.



Eighteen students attended and competed in the conference. The students earned two first-place awards, three second-place awards and four third-place awards.

After not placing last year, the chapter was focused this year on winning the Gold Seal of Merit Outstanding Chapter challenge. The chapter placed third this year – not too far behind the first-place winner, the University of Pittsburgh.

Lancaster Campus - HACC Experience Days

One of the challenges we encounter as a community college is overcoming a stigma that dates back to the first “junior colleges” in the beginning of the 20th century. HACC Experience Days, which bring high school students to campus to learn about the College, help to deconstruct that stereotype. During a HACC Experience Day, students learn about our vast array of program options, hear about dual enrollment, tour the campus and sit in on mini-lesson “HACC Chats” with some of our faculty. The event is focused around generating excitement about the College and our programs, and we are accomplishing just that.

This past academic year, we held two HACC Experience Days and hosted 208 students. With each of these events, the energy has been palpable. It’s clear that we are changing mindsets and enlightening the community about the College.

Lebanon Campus - Student Research Conference

HACC’s Lebanon Campus students shared their passion for seeking and sharing information on personally selected topics, such as pediatric traumatic brain injuries and adolescent suicide. Students presented their projects on April 16 and 17 during the Lebanon Student Research Conference.



The intended purpose of the conference was for students to explore topics of their choice, gather and synthesize information from various sources, reflect on what they learned through the research process and share their discoveries with peers as well as with a panel of judges.

The day after the conference ended, student presenters were recognized in front of their peers with awards during HACC's 2018 Day of Giving.

York Campus - Diversity and Inclusion

The York Campus Classified Employees Organization (CEO) met to discuss the topic *Diversity and Inclusion: How we all fit*. The meeting was part of the series "Let's Talk It Out" hosted by the CEO. The discussion focused on identifying critical issues and finding creative answers to them – together.

HACC President Dr. Ski and HACC Vice President for Inclusion and Diversity Dr. Warren Anderson joined in the conversation on cultural changes, impacts on HACC and solutions at HACC.

So much is changing in our world, culture and workplace that the CEO wanted to tackle the issue of how ALL HACC stakeholders fit into diversity and inclusion.

Invest. Impact. Inspire. Campaign for HACC Totals



The ***Invest. Impact. Inspire. Campaign for HACC*** kicked off in August 2015. For the first year of the campaign, the HACC Foundation has focused on raising funds from HACC's employees, retirees, alumni, board members and students.

We are receiving contributions on a regular basis, and with YOUR help, we have achieved the scholarship fundraising goal of \$2 million and the student emergency assistance fund fundraising goal of \$500,000! Thank you!

We are receiving contributions on a regular basis. Therefore, the fundraising totals change often. For the latest information, please visit www.hacc.edu/campaign.

HACC Alumnus Pledges \$15,000 to Establish New Scholarship Fund

Joseph Porter, community volunteer and alumnus of HACC, has pledged \$15,000 to establish the Porter Family Scholarship Fund.

Porter is active in his service to the Steelton-Highspire School District and is passionate about supporting socioeconomically disadvantaged students while encouraging their academic and life pursuits. Therefore, the newly established Porter Family Scholarship Fund will benefit full-time HACC students who are graduates of Steelton-Highspire High School, maintain a 2.5 GPA and present a financial need.



This new fund will award at least two scholarships of \$1,500 each during the academic year. The funds may be used for tuition, fees, books and/or program expenses.

Please visit hacc.edu/GiveNow to establish a new scholarship fund in support of HACC students or give to a current fund.

Thank You for Supporting HACC's 2018 Day of Giving!



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.

Fundraising totals are available online: www.hacc.edu/HeartHACC. We are excited to announce that we exceeded the amounts raised in 2016 and 2017 – all to benefit our students!

To view Day of Giving photos and videos, please visit www.hacc.edu/HeartHACC.

With YOUR generosity, we are able to help our 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.

We thank you and our generous Day of Giving collegewide sponsors, [WHTM abc27](#) and [Capital BlueCross](#) for your support!

Together, we CAN make a difference! Thank you for showing that you #HeartHACC and our students!

Bruce E. Cooper Student Center Architect Earns Recognition

The Bruce E. Cooper Student Center on the [Harrisburg Campus](#) was selected among the “Best Interior Architecture of 2017” in a recent edition of the [Mid Atlantic Real Estate Journal](#).



[Murray Associates Architects, P.C.](#) submitted the [Cooper Renovation Project](#) to the journal, which is published in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware.

The original building was constructed in 1968 and underwent several minor renovations in the 1980s and 1990s. However, students’ needs changed dramatically over the 50 years since construction, and the College needed to adapt to better serve its students.

The 19-month renovation that began in February 2016 transformed the student center into a one-stop location for student services, including registration, financial aid, disability services and counseling and advising. The building serves as the hub of the campus with the College-operated Chef’s Apprentice restaurant, Subway food service, banking services from a local credit union and space throughout where students can congregate to study for classes or socialize.

During the [formal opening](#) of the \$12 million renovated student center in August 2017, HACC President John J. “Ski” Sygielski, Ed.D., said, “By putting all of these services in one location, our students are able to receive the assistance they need to be successful in and out of the classroom.”

“The new facility will provide our students with numerous study and/or activity spaces to enhance their collegiate experience on our Harrisburg



Campus,” said Sygielski. “The Bruce E. Cooper Student Center is now a more inviting, welcoming place for students, employees and visitors to connect, socialize and re-energize.”

Making an Impact with YOUR Donation Under the New Tax Rules

At HACC, Central Pennsylvania’s Community College, we appreciate every donation to the HACC Foundation. Your donations make a significant impact in the lives of our students by supporting continuous innovation in technology and learning practices, scholarships and emergency assistance.

We want you to be aware of the tax benefits you may receive as a result of your donations. With the [Tax Cut and Jobs Act](#), those benefits have shifted:

- The increase in the standardized deduction has reduced the tax benefit of itemizing deductions, including charitable donations.
- There is a cap on local and state tax deduction.



Here are some suggestions for continuing to change lives and receive tax benefits for your donations to the HACC Foundation:

- Donate your IRA income. If you are 70 ½ years of age or older, you may want to roll your IRA income directly into the HACC Foundation as an above-the-line deduction and avoid reporting this as income.
- Make one large donation every few years. Instead of donating a smaller amount each year, please consider donating a larger amount every few years so you can receive the tax benefits of itemizing that charitable contribution.
- Donate appreciated assets. By donating appreciated assets, you may avoid capital gains tax.

We are grateful to report that the HACC Foundation has not seen a decrease in donations in 2018.

For more information on the new tax law and charitable donations, here is a helpful article: [“What The New Tax Law Means For Your Charitable Giving.”](#)

Please note that this article is for informational purposes only. It is recommended that you consult your legal counsel, accountant or other tax professional before making any decisions about planned giving and tax strategy.

For more information on ways to give to the HACC Foundation, please visit [hacc.edu/WaysToGive](#). Thank you!

Did you know YOU Can Dedicate a Tree?



Those interested in naming a tree are asked to please complete a [tree naming request form](#) and contribute \$1,000 (per tree) to the President's Fund for Excellence, a [specialized fund for excellence](#) or the [Bruce E. Cooper Student Center Renovation Fund](#) (Harrisburg Campus trees only).

HACC donors, alumni, employees and students are encouraged to honor and memorialize friends and family, your favorite HACC department or your favorite HACC colleague in a unique way by naming trees at HACC campuses. The gift of a dedicated tree on the campus of your choice will endure, grow stronger and blossom with life – year after year.



Your gift will allow you to name the tree of your choice and place a dedication plaque by your named tree. The Gettysburg, Harrisburg, Lancaster and York campuses have plenty of trees ready to bear your name and those of your friends, family members, favorite HACC department or favorite HACC colleague!

Available trees have a "Please Name Me" sign by them. If you identify a tree you would like to name, please simply remove the tree's sign and take it to the Welcome Center for processing. Please note that there are no tree naming options at the Lebanon Campus due to the location of the campus.

Please visit the [HACC Foundation website](#) today to pick your favorite tree! Thank you!

AAA Central Penn Continues to Sponsor the Start of a New Chapter!



[AAA Central Penn](#) did it again! They were our first-ever Commencement ceremony sponsor in fall 2017. NOW they are a sponsor for our spring 2018 Commencement ceremony!

We cannot think of a better way for an organization to show their commitment to education and our future leaders than by supporting an event that showcases the start of a new chapter for HACC's graduates.

Thank YOU, AAA Central Penn, for supporting YOUR community college!

Northwest Charitable Foundation Gives \$10,000 to Establish Scholarship



Students attending any HACC campus can benefit from the new Northwest Bank Scholarship, thanks to a \$10,000 award to the HACC Foundation from the Northwest Charitable Foundation Inc.

At least one scholarship will be awarded each academic year to a student who attends part time or full time, maintains a minimum grade point average of 3.0 and demonstrates financial need. The scholarship may be applied toward tuition, fees, books or program expenses. Eligible students can apply for the scholarship [online](#).

Northwest Bank is a full-service financial institution headquartered in Warren. The financial institution operates 173 locations in Pennsylvania, New York and Ohio.

Witmer Charitable Trust Donation Helps Students Facing Emergencies

A \$13,833 donation from the John L. and C. Jeanette Witmer Charitable Trust to the HACC Foundation will support students facing emergency needs at the [Lebanon Campus of HACC](#).

Emergency funds provide one-time assistance of up to \$500 to HACC students facing a financial emergency and unexpected financial burdens unrelated to tuition. Over the years, student emergency assistance funds have enabled students to achieve their educational goals. While primarily aimed at helping students continue their studies, these funds have occasionally been life saving. These funds have assisted a student escape domestic abuse, helped a student whose house was destroyed by fire and provided temporary shelter to a homeless student.

Google Translate – Translating YOUR Future!

HACC's website – 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 homepage of HACC (Harrisburg Area Community College). At the top left, there is a Google Translate bar indicating "Translated to: French" with a dropdown arrow. Below the header, there is a navigation bar with links for "étudiants actuels", "Les bailleurs de fonds", "anciens élèves", "Communauté d'affaires", "myHACC", "HAWKMail", "Bibliothèque", "Librairie", and "A propos HACC". A red banner at the bottom of the header contains links for "Commencer", "Programmes et cours", "Apprentissage en ligne", "Payer pour l'école", "Campus et sites", and a search icon. The main content area features a large image of a smiling student with the text "HACC STUDENTS" overlaid. To the right of the image is a sidebar with three buttons: "Appliquer" (checked), "Visite", and "Donner". At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with links for "Ressources Étudiant", "HACC > actuelles Ressources pour les étudiants", "French" (with a dropdown arrow), and "Version imprimable".

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.

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