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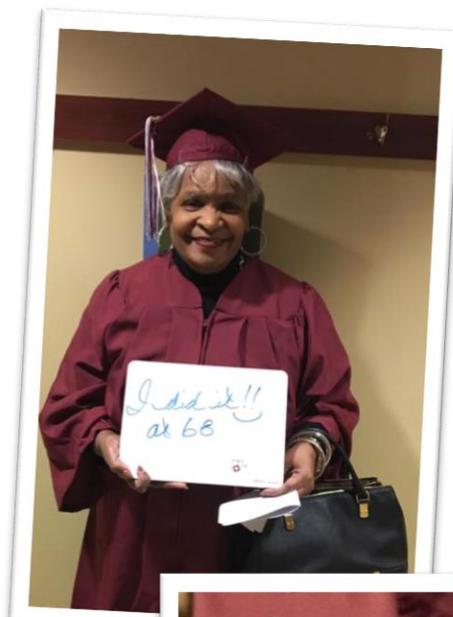
## Happy New Year!

As a new year begins still full of the excitement from the fall 2016 Commencement ceremony, we congratulate our recent graduates and welcome them to the HACC Alumni Association!

It is always an inspiration to share in the celebration of student accomplishments and welcome new graduates to the HACC Alumni Association. These benchmarks remind us that anything is possible, and it starts with YOU. HACC is more than just a great place for higher education; it's also the heart of the communities in which we live. Eighty-five percent of graduates remain in Central Pa., contributing to the local workforce and regional vitality.

We encourage you to stay connected with your HACC family by [updating your information and sharing your interests](#) with us and [following us](#) on Facebook. We are planning several fun events this year, so stay tuned!

On behalf of the HACC Alumni Association, we wish you all the best for the new year and look forward to seeing you soon!



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## CALL FOR ALUMNI COUNCIL APPLICANTS

Are you ready to give back to HACC? The Alumni Council is an opportunity to stay connected and directly impact students, their families and our community:

- **Mission** – Engage alumni, students and the community in supporting the college.
- **Vision** – Develop dynamic alumni who are committed to our students and each other, dedicated to the College and the communities it serves.

The Council typically meets monthly to plan events and manage its fiduciary duty for Association endowments and initiatives. If you are ready to make a difference while enjoying the fellowship of your peers, [click here!](#)

# Campaign Update

[The Invest. Impact. Inspire. Campaign for HACC](#) will provide the resources necessary to provide scholarships and emergency assistance to students and ensure that innovation remains a hallmark of HACC programs and initiatives. Funding will also allow for the renovation of the Cooper Student Center at the Harrisburg Campus to transform it into a one-stop welcome center with an array of services and amenities. For more information, please visit [hacc.edu/campaign](http://hacc.edu/campaign).

*"I was both surprised and honored to receive the Esther G. Little Nursing Scholarship. I am in love with the Registered Nursing program at HACC, Gettysburg Campus and look forward to completing my bachelor degree at Millersville University. At the current time, I am entering my last semester in the Registered Nursing Program and plan to graduate this Fall of 2016.*

*I am enjoying the clinical aspect of the program very much; I learn a lot through the hands on experience. With this scholarship I was able to pay my tuition for the Spring of 2016 without having to take out a loan. Working part time and going to school full time is a heavy workload, but I work my hardest each semester and prove to myself that I can do it. I want nothing more than to become a HACC graduate of Fall 2016 and wear that proudly for the rest of my career as a registered nurse."*

*- Shelby Goodling, HACC student*

This transformational campaign continues with HACC's next BIG fundraiser for HACC students – the second annual Day of Giving! Please mark your calendars for **April 20, 2017**, and stay tuned by visiting [www.hacc.edu/HeartHACC](http://www.hacc.edu/HeartHACC) for more information.



## HACC Foundation Seeks High-Performing Business and Community Leaders to Serve on Board of Directors

The HACC Foundation, a nonprofit educational trust established in 1985 to raise private and corporate revenues in support of HACC, Central Pennsylvania's Community College, is seeking professional, ethical, knowledgeable and hard-working individuals to join its Board of Directors.

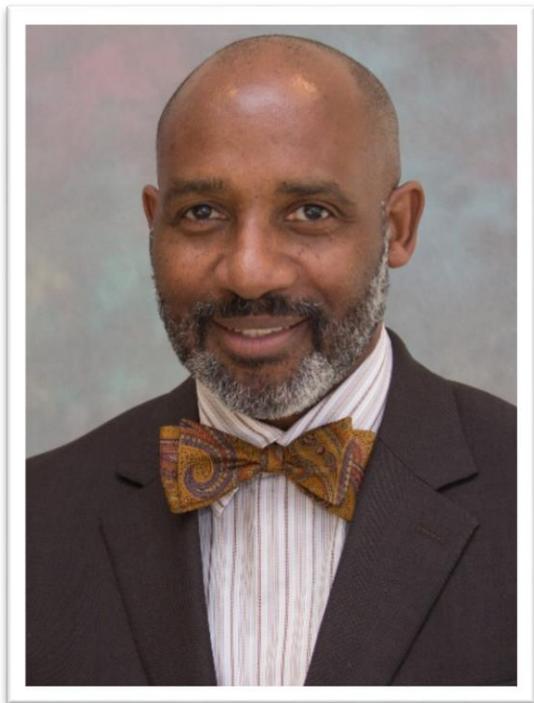
The Board raises funds for the College, directs the business and financial affairs and serves as the policy-making body of the HACC Foundation. The Board is comprised of business and community leaders who are committed to raising funds for and awareness of HACC and its students, programs and facilities.

Qualified individuals are encouraged to apply for membership on the HACC Foundation Board. Applications are accepted any time. To apply online and review the responsibilities of a Foundation Board member, please visit [www.hacc.edu/recruitboard](http://www.hacc.edu/recruitboard).



# York Campus Welcomes New VP

Darryl Jones, Ph.D., joined HACC's York Campus as vice president on Oct. 31, 2016. Dr. Jones' previous experience includes 12 years at the College of New Rochelle, New Rochelle, New York, where he served in



leadership roles in student affairs, academic affairs and campus management. Dr. Jones is passionate about student success and fostering a culture that values diversity and inclusiveness. In his new role, he will strengthen bonds across the College while expanding partnerships within the local community.

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. His college teaching experience includes childhood development and college placement and procedures.

He is a member of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrations and serves on the Community Leadership Board of the American Diabetes Association in Bridgewater, New Jersey. Dr. Jones previously served six years in the United States Marine Corps.

We are excited to welcome Dr. Jones to the HACC family!

## CALL FOR DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI NOMINATIONS

Every two years, we proudly recognize exceptional alumni who inspire us. The Distinguished Alumni Award salutes the achievements of outstanding alumni who:

- Serve as an inspiration to other alumni and current students
- Distinguish themselves in their chosen field
- Exhibit a significant commitment to the College
- Provide inspirational leadership in which their actions and deeds reflect their educational experience at HACC
- Made significant contributions to society through public or community-related service



If you (or someone you know) exemplify the HACC "spirit" in their personal lives, professional achievements and community service, please complete a [nomination form](#).

## Gettysburg Alumni Recognition at Hanover Hospital



HACC Gettysburg, along with the Alumni Association, will have a table in the main lobby of Hanover Hospital on Feb. 13, 2017, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for “HACC Health Careers Alumni Recognition Day.” We will be showing our HACC pride for the many health careers alumni who are employed there with a raffle, prizes and snacks! [Click here](#) to get involved with this event.

## New Campus Security App

At all HACC campuses, the safety and security of the College community are of the utmost importance. HACC’s Department of Public Safety and Security remains ready to respond to emergencies and strives to regularly evaluate policies and procedures to help with this mission.

Though we remain hopeful a safety event, such as an active shooter, is something that we do not have to face in the future, HACC is pleased to introduce Hawk Response. This new, free app for smartphones lets you immediately contact public safety and security personnel on any HACC campus. It also provides an additional platform for the HACC community to alert security about routine safety issues or emergency situations.

The app will provide campus public safety and security personnel with the user’s campus location when the S.O.S. feature is engaged and thus help minimize response times. If used for an emergency off campus, the S.O.S. feature will automatically dial 9-1-1 and simultaneously inform campus safety of your location.

Hawk Response can be easily downloaded on a smartphone. Directions on how to register, install and use the free app can be found at [www.hacc.edu/HawkResponse](http://www.hacc.edu/HawkResponse).

This College wide project is provided at no cost, thanks to the generosity of the [HACC Foundation](#).



*(Click image to watch video)*

# Lancaster Campus Adds Carpentry Program

Career seekers can gain skills to meet the demand for carpenters through a new partnership between HACC's Lancaster Campus and the Keystone Chapter of Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc. (ABC).

"Carpenters are listed sixth in the 'Top 20 Hot Jobs in Lancaster County,' according to PA CareerLink of Lancaster County," said Mike Corradino, dean of academic affairs at the Lancaster Campus of HACC, Central Pennsylvania's Community College.

This partnership, which began fall 2016, allows students to enroll in HACC's Carpentry Diploma Program "at ABC's training and education center in Manheim and train for a career in this high-demand field in Lancaster County," Corradino said.

Completion of HACC's Carpentry Diploma positions successful graduates to apply for apprenticeships with ABC, find jobs in the field and launch their careers. ABC expanded its training and education space in 2015 to increase apprenticeship training in many trades, including carpentry.

Students gain a valuable introduction to the field while earning credit toward their diploma. Classes cover safety, hand power tools, blueprint reading, building materials and interior and exterior construction and finishes, including roofs, windows, doors, floors and walls.



# New Programs at Lebanon Campus

The year 2016 marked the beginning of several new programs now offered in growing industries:

- Personal Trainer Program to become an American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) certified personal trainer
- Physician Office Assistant Program for a career in a primary care, specialty practice or a contact/access center
- Culinary Arts Program to acquire basic culinary skills through this hands-on program
- Pharmacy Technician Program to work with registered pharmacists in a retail or hospital pharmacy
- Medical Billing and Coding Specialist Program to learn how to code medical records and file insurance claims



To help support the payment of the classes, the Francis J. Dixon Foundation is providing partial scholarships for these programs at the Lebanon Campus. The Dixon Foundation will reimburse 25 percent of the total tuition upon successful completion of the entire program.

# Alumni Spotlight

A HACC Foundation Board member, Gettysburg Campus Advisory Committee member and HACC nursing alumnus, **Gary Laabs**, recently completed a seven-day medical/surgical mission to San Cristóbal, Galapagos Islands. Gary's mission team consisted of 26 volunteers from Canada and the United States. The trip resulted in 240 clinical consults, 161 ophthalmologist visits, 42 ophthalmology surgeries, 26 general surgeries (of which two were urgent), 92 ENT consults and 11 ENT surgeries. Many of the people the team saw had to travel by boat from other islands to get to San Cristobal and the hospital to receive services. At times, the crowds seeking medical attention were so large that the police had to be called to maintain order.



In addition, Laabs was featured in a November Hanover Magazine article entitled *Never Too Late to... Connect & Care for Others*. He shares his amazing life journey from growing up in Wisconsin to serving as a soldier in Vietnam and retiring from the military after 20 years. He learned how to work with people, motivate them and lead. After this accomplishment, he began a corporate career with Utz Quality Foods as a human resources executive in which he learned about engaging people. He also started going on overseas medical missions through his church and felt that a medical profession would allow him to do more on these trips, so at the age of 65, after enjoying a second retirement party, he enrolled in nursing school.

After eight years as a full time nurse at Hanover Hospital and chairman of the Greater Hanover Healthcare Committee, Gary found that nursing was also all about interacting and connecting with people, and that's what motivates him. Gary is now working on his master degree in nursing! He aspires to use this knowledge to take on leadership roles in his mission trips and teach at local community colleges.

Kudos to Gary as he embodies a lifelong love of learning, personal growth and helping others. We are proud to have this accomplished alumnus in our HACC family!

## SHARE YOUR INTERESTS

*Have you completed your Alumni Association interest form yet? Share your interests by [clicking here](#).*

## STAY CONNECTED

*Never miss a beat with the HACC Alumni Facebook Page. [Click here](#) to like us on Facebook!*

## GET ALUMNI PERKS

*[Click here](#) to see all the benefits of a \$25 Alumni College Card annual membership, including:*

- *Access to Career Services programs and events, including HACC's online job search service, College Central Network*
- *Use of the gym, tennis courts and swimming pool at the J.W. Evans Physical Education Center at HACC's Harrisburg Campus and the exercise facilities at HACC's Lancaster Campus.*

# Alumni Spotlight

**Dave Meeks** began his HACC career as a part-time chemistry student in fall 2003 at the Harrisburg Campus. After excelling in his chemistry and math classes, he was hired to be a peer tutor in the Harrisburg Campus Learning Center. In 2007, at



HACC's York Campus, he brought his chemistry and math talents together with his passion for helping his peers! While tutoring for the York Campus Learning Center, Dave earned his associate degree in chemistry from HACC in 2008 and then his bachelor degree in chemistry from Millersville University in 2011. Soon after, he was

offered a chemistry technician position at Lancaster Labs. Passionate to still give back and help students, Dave continued working in the York Campus Learning Center as a professional chemistry and math tutor. Now, after 12 years of HACC service, Dave is moving on to a brand new adventure as a chemist with the U.S. Army Public Health Center. Thank you to Dave for the 12 years of generous work, and congratulations on your new venture!

HACC Theater Program alumnus and stand-up comedian **Teresa DeGaetano**, appeared in a Good Morning America segment on body image related to ABC News correspondent Mara Schiavocampo's book 'Thinspired,' which describes her 90-pound weight loss journey. The segment featured eight women of different sizes, and Teresa shared that "This was a personal issue for me because there are not many

positive role models, and you should accept yourself for who you are. It was fun to be in the green room and in front of all the Good Morning America fans!" Originally from Carlisle, Pa., she now lives on the Upper West Side of Manhattan, NY. She describes surviving on her own in New York for nine years as one of her greatest personal achievements along with "Creating a life that allows me to perform through stand up. It's challenging and not easy." On her time at HACC,

Teresa shared that "so many people are so in debt right now with student loans... and I don't have that. I got an amazing education, I had great professors and I met great people. The people and professors are most memorable. I'm still in contact with many of them today." Congratulations, Teresa!



## Share your news!

*If you have an accomplishment or story to share, we want to hear from you!*

*[Click here](#) to complete the 'Join the Alumni Association' form and enter your story under 'News'. If you've already completed the form before, email us at [AlumniAssociation@hacc.edu](mailto:AlumniAssociation@hacc.edu).*

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