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## Alumni recognized for making a difference

The HACC Alumni Association's Circle of Distinction grew by eight outstanding individuals with the sixth HACC Distinguished Alumni Awards dinner held June 6, 2015, at the York Campus.

Named were Daniel J. Benny, Ph.D., John M. Bowman, Sherry L. Capello, Donald E. Enders Jr., Destini Y. Hodges, Brian A. Hudson Sr., Gary Laabs and Kathy M. Verna.

Distinguished Alumni are chosen because their commitment and hard work embody the HACC "spirit" and serve as an inspiration to other alumni and all students. Their success is measured by the impact they have made – and continue to make – in the HACC community and in their personal lives. Read [more](#) about these outstanding alumni.



Pictured from left are Sherry Capello, Brian Hudson Sr., Destini Hodges, Daniel J. Benny, Gary Laabs, Donald Enders Jr., John Bowman, Kathy Verna and Dr. Ski.

# Alumni Association welcomes new alumni



More than 900 HACC students completed their associate degrees, certificates or diplomas during the spring 2015 term. The graduates were celebrated during HACC's Commencement ceremony, held May 16, 2015, at the Giant Center in Hershey.

[The graduates by county](#)

Welcome to your HACC Alumni Association. Membership is free. Sign up [here](#) to join.

## Become an Alumni Ambassador

Do you want give back to HACC by representing the College on campus and in the community? Would you like to work hand-in-hand with HACC students to show your HACC pride and advocate for your alma mater? Join HACC's Alumni Ambassador Network.

HACC's Alumni Ambassador Network is an online group that the College can call on when it needs help with an event, program, service or legislative initiative. When assistance is needed on a campus or college-wide, an online alert is sent to all alumni in the network. You help when you want and when your schedule permits. You can ask to be removed from the network at any time. There is no commitment, except if you volunteer to help, we ask that you follow through. Calls for help may include:

- Helping with student recruitment events at a campus
- Helping students robe or usher at Commencement
- Attending a student-alumni networking dinner
- Sending an email to a state legislator when an important bill affecting HACC is being debated
- Talking about your profession in a class or on a career services panel
- Welcoming students back in the fall



HACC's 2015-16 academic year promises to be exciting. Be part of the action by joining the Alumni Ambassador Network. Simply sign up [here](#).

In photo above, Alumni Ambassadors work with HACC students to paint lamp posts on Cumberland St. in Lebanon.

## Sign up your teen for HACC's camps

With HACC's Camps on Campus, your teens will begin their journey to college with unique opportunities to enjoy some serious summertime fun!



HACC's 2015 Camps on Campus will be available at the Gettysburg, Harrisburg, Lancaster and York campuses, as well as at the Midtown Trade and Technology Center in Harrisburg, in four weekly sessions from June 29 to July 23, 2015.

All camps run from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. unless otherwise indicated and include a mid-day break and a provided lunch. Plus, early drop-off and late pick-up are available at some locations for an additional cost. [More](#)

## HACC receives Steelcase active learning grant

HACC, Central Pennsylvania's Community College, is one of two community colleges nationwide to receive an [active learning grant](#) from Steelcase Education. The initiative empowers educators to implement active learning strategies by leveraging classroom space.

This two-year grant, valued at \$50,000 for furnishing and installation, will allow HACC to outfit a classroom at its [Lancaster Campus](#) for the fall 2015 term with active learning furniture that allows students to easily rearrange the classroom.

This grant will allow HACC's Lancaster Campus to model a classroom design that complements innovative teaching practices encouraged by faculty participation in HACC's Centers for Innovation and Teaching Excellence (CITE) workshops and innovative online and blended learning training courses. HACC's Lancaster Campus has the oldest and one of the most active CITEs of HACC's five campuses. CITEs provide HACC with innovative faculty training needed to achieve student success through active and collaborative learning.

As part of this grant, HACC will create eight, three-to-five-minute QuickTip videos demonstrating best practices in collaborative classrooms. The College will publish these videos on its YouTube channel for both internal and external audiences.

## HACC alumni rock!

Kudos to 1996 social services graduate, **Vladimir Beaufls**, president of Capital Region Ex-Offender Support Coalition. He was recognized in the June 2015 issue of Harrisburg magazine for being someone to know in the community for his work with ex-cons.

**Carlos Gonzalez**, a 2011 HACC graduate, was the keynote speaker at a [youth leadership summit](#) on race May 20, 2015, at HACC's Lancaster Campus.

**Melissa “Missy” Shupe** of Aspers, Adams County, is the newest member of the HACC Foundation Board. She will represent the Gettysburg Campus on the HACC Foundation Board. At HACC, she earned two associate degrees – one in 2006 and one in 2014. Shupe also serves on HACC’s Alumni Council, representing the Gettysburg Campus.

Congratulations to HACC alumnus **Sean Simmers** who received a first place Keystone Award, Pennsylvania Associated Press Managing Editors' annual contest, at the Pennsylvania Press Conference May 29-30, 2015, in Gettysburg.

Please share your news with us, so we can publish it in future issues of “HACC Alumni Connect.”



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