

"Our job is to teach the students we have, not the ones we would like to have. Not the ones we used to have. Those we have right now. All of them." Dr. Kevin Maxwell

Greetings!

As we ready ourselves for the start of another semester and another academic year, I share Dr. Maxwell's quote for your reflection. This fall you will hear about and have the opportunity to participate in activities and events to reinforce a campus campaign focused on "All Students Matter." As Dr. Maxwell states...All of them! This idea evolved from faculty and staff "dream sessions" over the summer to identify new, innovative ways to support students and impact retention. The inspiration for our dream sessions was based on Nancy Schlossberg's theory of Mattering and Marginality. Her research indicates that the most powerful predictor of a student's success is mattering; a student's belief that they matter to the college and those they engage with at the college.

Some of the activities that we've planned for the first three weeks of the term to reinforce to our students how much they matter to us include:

- Hallway Meet and Greet to welcome students back to campus and make personal connections. To participate in this activity, please sign up at http://www.timetosignup.com/haccgettysburg/signupsheet/27592
- Ask Me Campaign Volunteer to wear an Ask Me button as a visual reminder to students that you're interested in answering their questions. Buttons are available from Scott Simonds or in the faculty office suite.
- **Taking it to the HUB** by Student Affairs staff to seek out students, answer questions and provide resource information.
- New Student Welcome Calls and Emails from members of Phi Theta Kappa, peer tutors and alumni
- Log-in Lab in the Learning Commons to help students log-in to myHACC, HAWKMail, etc.

You'll be hearing more about these activities through email and at the upcoming faculty in service on August 21, 2014.

2014–2017 Gettysburg Campus Master Plan

I am pleased to announce that the **Board of Trustees approved the 2014 -2017 Gettysburg campus master plan** at their August meeting. A copy of the plan can be found on the common drive at <u>\\ad.hacc.edu\gettysburg\GroupShares\Common\</u> Document title - Gettysburg Master Plan 2014-2017 Final. A campus forum will occur in September for a full review and discussion of the plan. I want to recognize and highlight the work of the Gettysburg Campus Master Plan Leadership team consisting of Kathy Brickner, Leslie Boon, Ron Cline, Scott Decker, Beth Evitts, Vanessa Larson, Brian Miller, Kathleen Pratt, Scott Simonds, and Dory Uhlman, for their dedicated work over the past 4 months to provide the leadership and input for the development of this plan.



Employee Highlights



On July 28, **Monica Bajaj** stepped in as interim academic success specialist in the Learning Center. Monica is a Gettysburg campus CIS adjunct instructor with her Master's degree in Information Systems from Penn State Harrisburg where she is currently enrolled in a doctoral program. Monica has also taught college success classes at the campus.

Tara Whitehead joins us this fall as a full-time (temporary) English instructor. She has taught courses in composition, literature, reading, and creative writing at Delaware Valley College, San Diego State University, and HACC. Tara received her Master's degree in Fine Arts from San Diego State University and a Bachelor in Arts in cinematelevision from the University of Southern California. Prior to teaching, she worked in film and television production on a variety of shows, including *The Big Bang Theory* and *Two and a Half Men*.





Dr. Lori Hockley returns to campus as an assistant professor in management for Virtual Learning. Lori previously held a variety of roles at HACC – adjunct faculty for Gettysburg and Virtual Learning, Gettysburg campus coordinator of career services, associate dean of academic affairs, and dean of student and academic success for central administration. Lori earned her doctorate degree in management from University of Maryland University College, her Master in Business Administration and Bachelor in Arts in international studies and French from Mount St. Mary's University.

On June 30, **Mike Redding** became lead security officer for the Gettysburg campus. In March, 2011, Mike started as a casual security officer at the Gettysburg campus and transferred to the York campus as full-time officer in January 2014. Mike is a 2012 graduate of HACC earning a degree in Criminal Justice (with highest honors). Mike is a Vietnam Veteran and served as a Vietnamese translator with the U.S. Army Security Agency, and is a certified NRA Law Enforcement Handgun/Shotgun and Patrol Rifle instructor. Currently he is serving his third term as a Pennsylvania State Constable.





Dr. Tammy Bakalarski is our newest associate professor of nursing. Tammy has taught clinical nursing at Duquesne University; her clinical experience includes trauma, medical-surgical, and cardiac nursing. Tammy became a registered nurse in 2008, holds a doctorate in nursing practice from Duquesne University, a master's degree in nursing education from the University of Phoenix, and a bachelor's degree from Chatham University.



Where in the world is HACC?

History faculty member **Troy Harman and his wife Lisa** recently **attended a ten day teacher's convention and tour in China**. They visited the Great Wall, the Terracotta Warriors, Tiananmen Square and many other attractions. Troy said "it was a great educational experience visiting and interacting with many teachers. I'm refreshed, inspired and filled with new perspectives." If you're traveling with family or friends consider joining the "Where in the world is HACC" campaign. All you have to do is **take a picture wearing your favorite HACC gear** (Troy & Lisa forgot their HACC wear!) and **post it on HACC's college-wide Facebook page or tweet your photo** to @HACC_info and use the #HACC50 in your tweet!



More Food & Fun to Come- Campus Potluck Luncheon - August 20, 2014



[^] Kia Harris & Trustee Jeff Shaffer joined us for Pop-Up Pancakes

Pancake chefs Scott Simonds, Amanda Hartzell, Kia Harris and Monica Bajaj kept the hotcakes coming.>

On Wednesday, Aug. 20, student worker training will be held from 9 a.m. - noon, followed by a campus-wide potluck lunch from noon – 1:15 p.m. in the Robert C. Hoffman Community Room. All staff and faculty are invited to attend the potluck luncheon. Bring your favorite appetizer, main dish, salad or dessert to share, drinks and paper products will be provided.





New Scholarships

Thank you to **Diane & John Bittle** for their commitment to establish the **Diane D. and John S. Bittle** scholarship fund to benefit Gettysburg Campus students enrolled in HACC programs in CIS, Computer Networking Technology (CNT), Computer Information Security (CIS), or Web Development and Design (WEB).

Thank you to **Dr. Beverly Stanton** for her bequest to establish the **Beverly A. Stanton scholarship fund**, the **Charles Marshall Frealing scholarship fund and the Beatrice L. Frealing scholarship fund**. Charles and Beatrice were Beverly's parents. All three scholarship funds are designated to benefit Gettysburg campus students.

Elsner Engineering, Inc., a Hanover based company, has established **the Elsner Engineering Works Family Scholarship Endowment** at HACC. The endowment will provide financial assistance to a student enrolled in one of HACC's Business, Marketing and Management or Engineering and Engineering Technology programs.

United Way Day of Caring – September 13, 2014 As part of HACC's 50th Appiversary Celebration, we ar

As part of HACC's 50th Anniversary Celebration, we are partnering with Gettysburg Campus Phi Theta Kappa, Student Government Association, HACC Alumni Association, Gettysburg College and The Gettysburg Area Recreation Authority in hosting a **Red**, White & Blue 5K Color Run event.

There are two ways to participate in the event:

- 1. Volunteer to register runners, direct traffic, coordinate water tables and oversee stations along the course.
- 2. Participate by running the 5K! The color run will start at the Gettysburg Rec Park at 10:30 a.m. Pre-register online at <u>www.active.com/gettysburg-pa/running/races/red-white-and-blue-5k-color-run-2014?int</u>

A portion of the race proceeds will benefit the Wounded Warrior Project. Please contact Vanessa Larson at ext. 113509 or <u>vvlarson@hacc.edu</u> to volunteer.

Starfish Retention System



Our appreciation goes to many faculty for their early use of **Starfish...HACC's newest student** success tool!

Starfish is accessible via a single sign-on in myHACC and provides a platform for early identification of student performance concerns, seamless integration of services, and convenient

feedback loops to help us facilitate student success. Faculty may raise a flag when there is a performance or academic concern, or send kudos to a student for excellent effort in class. A **special thank you goes to Virgil Gibson** and **Tara Whitehead**, who are **both top users of Starfish**. Additional training for faculty and staff is forthcoming in August and September.



Taking it to the Streets

Sara Ridley and the *Taking it to the Streets* **team** recently participated in both the **Chambersburg Chamber Fest and Hanover Dutch Days**. Their information table included HACC recruitment materials and a prize wheel; giveaways included water bottles, cinch bags, ear buds and other small items. The **next recruitment event is scheduled at the Gettysburg Heritage Festival on Sunday, Sept. 21 from 12-5 p.m.** at the Rec Park. **Volunteers are needed** from 10:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. Please contact Sara Ridley if you are able to help. No experience necessary!



CollegeNET Room Scheduler System

^Scott Simonds and Sara Ridley test the prize wheel

On July 1, we began using CollegeNET system to schedule any non-academic rooms (rooms used for events, meetings, video-conferences, external group events, etc.) The link to CollegeNET can be found on myHACC> employee tab>HACC Applications>CollegeNET.

Instructions and short videos on how to use CollegeNET are available under myHACC>Employee Tab>OIST Channel> User References and Guides>CollegeNET

Seeds of Change Mini-Grant

It's innovation time here at HACC! Do you have a good idea to save money or work smarter? **Apply by Oct. 15 for a Seeds of Change mini-grant.** The president's innovation team will select winners of \$2,000 to \$4,000 mini-grants. A total of \$20,000 is available.

Winners will be announced in mid-November and will have until Dec. 15, 2015, to complete their grant-funded projects. Find the application and full details in the Office of College Advancement channel on the home page of myHACC. This initiative was generously funded by the HACC Foundation.

D2L becomes Brightspace

On July 14, Desire2Learn (D2L) announced the rebranding of their learning management system from D2L to Brightspace. This rebranding coincides with the announcement of new initiatives that D2L/Brightspace plans for the learning platform. For the immediate future, you will not see any changes in our current D2L system, but you may start to hear the name Brightspace. Virtual Learning and Roger Garber will keep you informed of any changes that might occur in the future. HACC is under contract with D2L/Brightspace through the 16-17 academic year.

No matter how many years I ve been teaching I still get excited when I see the "Back to School" supplies out in the stores.