

Lebanon Campus Update



From the Campus Executive Director

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Have you ever met an ordinary person that has done an extraordinary thing? I spent some time the past few weeks walking around campus talking with some of you... and these ordinary people exist on our campus. You can find them seated in Hawk's Peak, at the café, in the classroom, the welcome center, bookstore and even in the hallways. There is no cape to identify the

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courageous super hero that exists inside, but the influence they can have on just one person at least once a day can be felt. I realized how extraordinary each of the members of our campus are in the interactions I observe, hear and participate in every day. Thank you for taking time to show our learning community that we care and for giving someone that moment of joy they needed to inspire their day.

I was inspired when I met Freysha Rivera. Freysha drove to Harrisburg for months to participate in Women's Volleyball. Not only did she participate in the athletic team, but she was named a member of the Eastern Pennsylvania Athletic Association's fall 2017 All-Academic team. This meant that Freysha



Left to right, Colton Bjerke, Laurie Bowersox and student athlete, Freysha Rivera.



Dr. Ski, center, joined us at our appreciation event held for **Matthew Goodman** and **Mary Lee Lefever**.

attended college level classes full time, participated in volleyball and had a cumulative GPA of at least a 3.25. What an accomplishment and inspiration. HACC Yeah!

We would also like to wish the best to two extraordinary people who went many extra miles to support the campus and help us when we had a need. Matthew Goodman traveled from the Lancaster Campus to serve as the interim dean, academic and student affairs, and Mary Lee Lefever came from the Harrisburg Campus to assist as the interim coordinator of the welcome center and financial aid while we searched to fill a vacancy. You made a difference and we appreciate it! Thank you!



Lebanon welcomes new Dean, Academic and Student Affairs

Colton Bjerke arrives from Cortez, Colorado where he served as the Regional Director of Academic Services for Pueblo Community College's Durango and Mancos campuses for two and a half years. Prior to this, Colton served in academic advising, student success and retention, and mentoring roles at Cochise College and the University of Idaho. While at the University of Idaho, he was responsible for the coordination of targeted academic and social interventions for first-year students who were identified as at-risk through early intervention programs. Colton also served as a Resident Director which included duties as a student conduct officer, a student government advisor, and oversight of staff and community council programming and student life initiatives.



Colton received his B.S. in Secondary English Education from Northern Arizona University in 2011, and a Master's of Natural Resources from the University of Idaho in 2016. He is currently pursuing a Master's of Education in Educational Leadership with a concentration in Community College and Higher Education. Growing up in a nomadic lifestyle, Pennsylvania represents the 10th home-state for Colton and the list includes Arizona, North Carolina, Ohio, and Texas; Pennsylvania is the first state Northeast state for Colton.

Outside of work, Colton enjoys spending time with his wife (Alison) and daughter (Cedar, 18 months) as well as his furry children Lola (husky mix) and Archie (house cat). He enjoys maintaining currency in higher education trends and news along with binge watching collegiate and professional sports and NetFlix. His favorite shows are Peaky Blinders, House of Cards, and random documentaries about nature and travel. Colton also enjoys spending his time hiking, camping, and exploring historical and cultural sites. Colton's office is located at the Lebanon campus in 316A and he can be easily reached via email at cdbjerke@hacc.edu.

Scarves for Veterans



HACC's Lebanon Campus Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Advisor, **Marge Sweeney**, and Liaisons **Kate Foley** and **Willis Boykin**, coordinated a recent service project making fleece scarves for homeless veterans, Thirty-six scarves were donated to the Lebanon VA Hospital Homeless Programming coordinator for distribution.

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Hurricane Maria Evacuee Resource Fair



In partnership with the City of Lebanon, the PA Department of State, and with the help of sponsor Aetna Better Health of PA, United Way of Lebanon County held a Resource & Information Fair for Hurricane Maria evacuees from Puerto Rico on Tuesday, Jan. 30, at HACC's Lebanon Campus.

The Resource & Information Fair featured more than 50 agencies and employers, representing relevant services throughout the community

and the commonwealth. Collectively, the organizations and businesses in attendance focused on addressing needs related to employment, healthcare, education, housing, transportation, food security, and emergency services.

The event, which was open to the public, was well attended with more than 150 individuals and families seeking services and employment opportunities during the three-hour fair. Throughout the event, organization representatives conducted on-site health screenings, distributed job applications, and provided other tangible services to address the immediate needs of the Puerto Rican community in Lebanon County.

<u> Pizza with the President</u>



Students recently had the chance to enjoy pizza and conversation with President Ski in the campus lobby. Pictured (right to left) at the table with **Dr. Ski** are students **Taylor Fulmer, Ashley Garcia**, and **Oneisha Peres**.

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Greetings from the Department of Public Safety and Security

Did you know that HACC, Central Pennsylvania's Community College's Hawk Response Safety App provides users with an Escort Me function?

This can be found on the apps menu tab and allows the user to set a time while walking on any HACC campus. During that set time the app will monitor their location and if the time expires it will generate a SOS panic alarm to the appropriate campus's Department of Public Safety and Security personnel. The user can still immediately activate an SOS if needed, extend or cancel the virtual escort at any time.

It also gives you the option to add family or friends to your emergency contact list if you would want them to be notified by text or email if you active an SOS.



You may sign up for Hawk Response, the free app for smartphones that lets you immediately contact public safety and security personnel on any HACC campus here: <u>Hawk Response</u>

Sign up today!



#HottestCCInTheUniverse!

Help Spread the Word: \$100 Amazon Gift Cards and HACC Yeah T-Shirts

We need your help! Sometimes, community colleges get a bad rap, and we need to set the record straight. We want our students to tell others why HACC is the #HottestCCInTheUniverse!

The Office of College Advancement (OCA) is conducting a social media campaign until June 2018. **To encourage student participation, OCA is giving away six \$100 Amazon gift cards and #HACCYeah T-shirts to current HACC students only.**

Please visit <u>hacc.edu/WhyHACC</u> for all of the rules and guidelines. Then, encourage your students to submit fun videos, so they can have a chance to win!

Recruitment Event





The Recruitment Event, held in February, was sponsored by the Student Government Association (SGA). Active clubs and organizations were able to represent their passions at the tabling event. Students traveled around the lobby visiting with members of several of the campus' clubs.

A collaborative art activity joined everyone together! The Artist Guild assisted by creating a large coloring page which was completed and prepared to be hung on campus. We are excited about our newest club, Gaming Club, and the many clubs students are interested in creating and supporting in the future!

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Black History Month

Black History Month was recognized on HACC's Lebanon Campus during February in several ways. SPB (Student Programming Board) inspired students to share their dreams for the future just as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. did. A whiteboard became covered in amazing thoughts students contributed to the project.

A screening of the short film, "Carry Me Home", written about the life of Harriet Tubman, was viewed by both students, staff and faculty members. The writer/producer/director, Josh Henry, spoke about the film which was shot in South Central PA. He spoke to the historical accuracy of the movie and answered questions during a time of discussion.





Culture Day 2018

One of our favorite days of the year at HACC's Lebanon Campus is Culture Day! It gives us all the chance to appreciate each other just a little bit more.

On March 22, clubs and departments took part in the day, hosting stations around the campus which represented particular cultures. Anime, Puerto Rico, and Venetian Masquerade were just a few of the themes. Food and interactive opportunities made learning fun, and delicious!

Pictured is **Peter Meyer**, on behalf of the Artists Guild, representing Venetian Masquerade.





A note from our Facilities Department

YOUR facilities staff was very busy during mid-term break. In addition to the normal cleaning of classrooms and bathrooms, we were able to get some projects completed. The second floor hallway was stripped and waxed. It made a BIG difference! In addition, some of the base molding was repaired. All of the first floor administrative offices were cleaned and most of the bathroom stalls were painted throughout the campus. We also purchased new mats for the lobby with a really nice logo!

On April 20, from 9:30 until 11:30 a.m., we will be holding the annual campus cleanup day. We will focus on the exterior of the building by planting flowers, pulling weeds, cleaning the windows and general cleanup. Those who participate will be treated to a cookout at 11:30.









HACC's Day of Giving Update - Exciting Things are Being Planned!



HACC's Day of Giving is less than a month away! Are you ready?

Please:

- 1. Save the date April 18
- 2. Visit <u>hacc.edu/HeartHACC</u> to view the list of fun activities scheduled
- 3. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter
- 4. Use #HeartHACC in your social media posts
- 5. <u>Sponsor</u> the event

6. **Promote the Day of Giving** and encourage YOUR friends, family and co-workers to contribute on April 18

The money raised on the Day of Giving will support our **Funds for Excellence**, which support innovative initiatives and projects to benefit HACC students and our community.

HACC has given thousands of people in our community a chance to change their lives through a high-quality, innovative and affordable education. Please help us to continue creating opportunities and transforming lives to shape the future - TOGETHER.

Please stay tuned for more information about the Day of Giving.

Thank you!





Lebanon Community Walks - A step up to healthier living

WALK WITH THE MAYOR TUESDAY, MAY 15, at 6 p.m. Meet at the City/County Municipal Building (Police entrance) 400 S. 8th Street Lebanon, PA

The Lebanon community is invited to join Mayor Sherry Capello on a a walk through the City. Participants will learn some Lebanon history while adding steps into their day, and receive FREE pedometers (while supplies last). Information on healthy steps will be provided by Lebanon YMCA Healthy Living Coordinator.

The walk will be highlighted by a stop at WellSpan Good Samaritan Hospital, where participants will hear from hospital President, Tom Harlow, on "Investing in Personal Wellness = Lower Health Care Costs".

WALK WITH A COP SATURDAY, MAY 19, at 10:30 a.m. Meet at the Lebanon Valley Family YMCA 201 N. 7th Street Lebanon, PA

Youth ages 6-12 are invited to join Lebanon City Police Chief Todd Breiner on a fitness walk that will focus on bicycle safety tips. Youth will receive a free t-shirt that says "I Walked the Beat" and a safety book.

The walks begins at the Lebanon Valley Family YMCA and will be highlighted by a stop at the Lebanon Farmers Market. At the Lebanon Farmers Market, the kids will receive a healthy snack from Market vendors and then join "Police Read to Me," where bicycle safety will be the book topic read by a police officer.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR BOTH WALKS. Registration forms can be obtained on the City of Lebanon website at <u>www.lebanonpa.org</u>. For questions, contact: Michelle Remlinger at 717-272-6611.

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