

### **From the Campus Executive Director**

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Hello Lebanon Campus!

Providing inspiration, and the belief that one is strong enough to accomplish a goal, are key pieces of being at a community college. Our stories of hope and support are why many of us work at a community college.

This past month, I had the pleasure of spreading inspiration to two different Lebanon County elementary schools as a guest during career days. On a sunny Sunday afternoon, I was inspired as I



Left to right, Laurie Bowersox; Rachel Bair,; Marge Sweeney; Mason Eberly; Kariann Sweeney; and President Ski at the PTK induction ceremony held on March 17, at HACC's Harrisburg Campus.

witnessed 121 of our brightest students earn induction into Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), the international honor society of two-year colleges. Hearing the keynote speaker's story of difficult times, how she overcame those, and how her life has improved thanks to HACC, was extremely inspirational.



Laurie Bowersox, front row, second from right, participates in Career Day at Annville Elementary School.



## Lebanon Welcomes new Campus Director, Student Services

**Shelly Wessner** joined the Lebanon Campus on Jan. 28, as the Director of Student Services. She came to us from Alvernia University where she most recently served as the Assistant Director of Residence Life and Community Standards.

Shelly is a Berks County native and currently lives in Reading, with her husband, Ross, and their two rescue dogs, Buster and Minnie. She is a 2009 graduate from Lebanon Valley College (LVC), where she majored in Psychology. While she was at LVC, she studied abroad in London, England, for one semester at the London Metropolitan University. She graduated from Virginia Tech in 2011, with her master's degree in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies in Higher Education Administration. After she completed her graduate work, she returned to Berks County and has worked several positions in residence life, student conduct, and financial aid. Shelly is very



excited to join the HACC-Lebanon team! She has a deep appreciation for Lebanon county and is thrilled to have the opportunity to serve the Lebanon community. She is looking forward to making a difference and helping all of the HACC-Lebanon students achieve success. Outside of work, Shelly enjoys spending time with her husband, family, and friends, walking her dogs, snowboarding, photography, reading, and traveling. Her two favorite countries that she has visited with her husband are Iceland and the Philippines.



The Campus is very thankful to Briana Legerlotz, who took the role as Interim Director of Student Services while the search was conducted for Shelly's position. Briana did a commendable job in supporting our campus operations from Aug. 2018 through Feb. 2019, and assisting Shelly with the transition after her arrival in January.

Campus staff and faculty expressed their appreciation to Briana, while enjoying some cake, at an event held during her last week in Lebanon.



Pictured left: **Briana**, center, with Lebanon Campus Dean, Academic and Student Affairs, **Colton Bjerke**, and Campus Executive Director, **Laurie Bowersox**.



# Lebanon Campus Update



## **InfoQuest**

What has 10 locks, a bunch of "black boxes" and lots of information about research? It was the first "InfoQuest," a game with locks and codes built around the skills students need to successfully research for a paper or project. The inaugural InfoQuest event was held in the lobby on Feb. 28, 2019.

The game, conceived by a joint effort of the staff from the Tutoring Center and the Pushnik Family Library, asked students to figure out answers to a "codebreaker" quiz in order to open a lockbox. Answers to five quizzes at five different stations were embedded in handouts and information at each station.

The skills presented at the stations included MLA and APA documentation; Websites; Databases; Keyword searches; and Paraphrasing, Quoting, and Summarizing.

When questions were answered, codes deciphered, and boxes opened, the student received a sticker. Five stickers on a "Code Breaker Card" meant that all five stations of information were tackled, and students received prizes. A total of 29 students attempted the activity, although not all of them managed to finish all five stations.

"We tried to make learning about research a fun activity," said Campus Director, Tutoring & Testing, Annette Damato-Beamesderfer. "There's a lot of information that goes along with research skills, and we tried to make learning all that as appealing as possible," she said. "We hope to tweak the activity a bit and try it again next semester."



Above: Student, **Eddie Irizarry**, attempts to "crack the code" and open the lockbox.











## Hawks' Peak Furniture Makeover

The Lebanon campus wanted to create a more practical and welcoming space on campus, and what better way to bring in spring than with new furniture! After considering the votes and opinions of the students, choosing the colors and fabrics, choosing even more colors and fabrics, the Lebanon campus finally has a more modernized Hawks' Peak!

On March 11, students returning from spring break began to familiarize themselves with the new space. The addition of charging docks proved beneficial almost immediately, and the new window seating is something truly unique to the Lebanon campus. It will be a prized spot to study from for a long time! The new



Hawks' Peak adds color, comfortable seating, and an abundance of outlets for students to charge their devices.

Tasked with remodeling the space during the 2018 fall semester, the 2018-19 Student Government Association team (SGA) of Genesis Santiago, Rachel Bair, and Willis Boykin have truly given the campus something special. The new Hawks' Peak is quite possibly the most inviting space on campus. Students now have a great space to have a meal, study, or just relax before their next class begins.

On March 13, President Ski visited the remodeled Hawks' Peak and engaged students in groups and one-on-one discussions about positive things on campus and things that could improve going forward. In the time he was here, conversations about campus life, student needs and goals, and the potential of the Lebanon campus were at the forefront of discussion.



SGA President, Willis Boykin, said "Dr. Ski's visits are consistently a reminder that the staff, faculty and administration have the best intentions for students. This supporting philosophy cascades down from the top and encompasses each of the HACC campuses. We deeply appreciate the opportunity to express our ideas, wants, and goals to a President who is open, engaging, and looking for opportunities to make real changes that make HACC great. We are certainly looking forward to Dr. Ski's next visit!"



## **Transfer Day**



On March 12, HACC's Lebanon Campus hosted the Spring 2019 Transfer Fair in the Lobby. There were 12 colleges that attended, including Penn State-Berks, Lebanon Valley College, and Alvernia University. We had a handful of HACC students attend and speak to the admissions counselors about their specific programs and options to transfer.

Students who participated and spoke to at least three different schools were entered into a raffle drawing. The raffle prize included two Hershey Bears tickets

and a parking pass, a large Starbucks travel tumbler, a HACC Yeah! T-shirt, and an SGC lunch box. Student, Corey Gibson Sr., was the winner of the raffle prize.

Special thanks to Dave Edwards and his team for the event setup and breakdown, Laura Nalls for the raffle prize donation, Jen Reb and Christy Ramos for helping with the sign-in table, and Angie Munoz-Castillo for managing the Welcome Center desk and fielding questions asked by our admissions visitors. Truly a team effort!



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## A Note from our Facilities Supervisor

Hello everyone! Spring is here? I sure hope so! It has been a challenging winter.

Effective April 1, I will be the interim Director of Facilities for both the Lancaster and Lebanon campuses. As of now, my schedule, (subject to change), will have me on the Lancaster campus Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Tuesday and Friday of each week, I will be on the Lebanon campus. Of course you can always reach me by phone (717-270-6366) or email (<u>dledward@hacc.edu</u>). I will have access to all the databases I work with to include TMA, which is the college work order system.

The Facilities staff typically like to have two weeks' notice for any event setups. This is so we can ensure that we have the proper resources to support you, such as time, personnel, materials and



anything special that you may require for your function. We have had several short notice setups in the last few weeks. We even have had a request for an event without the requestor checking to see if the space was available (which it was not). A good way to plan for an event is to first check to see if the space is available on multiple dates, propose those dates to your presenter, lock in a date for the space and the presenter, and then submit the facilities work request for whatever setup you need. This method prevents much confusion.

David Edwards Facilities Management Supervisor

### Update your Outlook Calendars - No Meeting Days 2019-20

HACC's No Meeting Days (NMDs) are days designated in advance to be meeting-free.\* For more information, please go to myHACC > Human Resources tab > Your HR Team and Information >  $\underline{No}$  <u>Meeting Days</u>.

<u>Fall Semester</u> Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2019 Friday, Oct. 4, 2019 Thursday, Nov. 7, 2019 Friday, Dec. 13, 2019 <u>Spring Semester</u> Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2020 Friday, Feb. 21, 2020 Thursday, March 19, 2020 Friday, April 24, 2020

\* Emergency and critical meetings may be necessary on an NMD; however, every effort should be made keep NMDs meeting-free.



# Lebanon Campus Update



# Women's History Month

In the Month of March, we celebrate women. On the evening of March 14, the Sexual Assault Resource and Counseling Center (SARCC) presented a movie screening of a black woman's rape story in the 1940s, *The Rape of Recy Taylor*. This is the story of a wife and a mother who has the courage to speak up about being gang-raped by six white men, potentially putting her family's and her life in danger. The screening was held in the Lebanon Campus multipurpose room, followed by an awareness presentation by SARCC representative, Kaity Nordoff.



On March 26, women all over campus joined together to perform *The Vagina Monologues*, a play written by Eve Ensler. The play, which was open to the community and presented in the multipurpose room, explores several topics through the eyes of women of various ages, races, sexualities, and other differences. All proceeds benefited SARCC. Throughout the month of March, the Lebanon Campus has seen its women, staff, faculty, and students, come together as one to share the life of being a woman.



# Free, Fun Yoga for Students and Staff

Take some time for you and enjoy stress-reducing Yoga! This class will be a gentle Vinyasa Flow and excellent for both beginners and advanced practitioners.

By taking some time to reduce stress and practice Yoga, which engages the body and the mind, <u>you can increase your focus and confidence</u>.

Wednesdays, 12:30 -1:20 p.m., Lebanon Campus, Room 115 April- 4/10, 4/17 and 4/24 (more possible dates to come)

Questions- Contact- Wendy Gillman-Instructor- wsgillma@hacc.edu

This class is FREE; donations will be accepted to benefit the Back in Black Dog Rescue.

What do you need? Comfortable clothes and a positive attitude! You are encouraged to bring your own yoga mat, but there are some available if you need to borrow one.



### Tim DeFoor is #OnFire4HACC

Tim DeFoor is the elected Dauphin County controller, proud HACC alumnus and HACC Foundation Board chair. As a longtime friend and supporter of HACC, Tim started his road to success when he first stepped foot on HACC's Harrisburg Campus. And ever since then, he has been #OnFire4HACC.

Tim wants to show his support and dedication to HACC and our students by spending 24 hours camped out on the roof of HACC's Drill Tower, a 50-foot building and then using a 79-foot ladder to climb down the building.

On April 9 at 10 a.m., Tim will begin camping out on the roof of HACC's Drill Tower as part of his

#OnFire4HACC campaign. On April 10 at 10 a.m., Tim will climb down from HACC's Drill Tower using the ladder our <u>Fire Training</u> <u>Program</u> students use!

Tim is raising funds for the heart of the Harrisburg Campus – the Bruce E. Cooper Student Center. HACC students look to the Bruce E. Cooper Student Center as a community gathering space that enriches their academic experience, provides social offerings and extends the College atmosphere beyond the walls of the classroom.



"The Cooper Student Center really is the heartbeat of the campus and it is where we test new ideas, engage with students and strive to enrich their college experience."

~ Megan Kopitsky

Students like Megan benefit from the various services offered, engage and collaborate with students and faculty and connect with the college community.

Tim wants YOU to join him in supporting current and future HACC students!

The #OnFire4HACC crowdfunding campaign begins on April 8 and concludes April 12. Please join Tim in investing in current and future students by making your gift <u>today</u>. Thank you!





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### **Please Join Us in Celebrating the Arts!** "Eclectic Metamorphosis"

HACC's Lebanon Campus will be joining LVCA's First Friday Art Walk, April 5, from 5 to 8 p.m., by hosting *Eclectic Metamorphosis*, a collaborative exhibit that celebrates the artistic growth of the diverse art students and alumni of HACC's Lebanon Campus. The works highlight transformative artistic growth spanning from early teens up until current professional work—and range from drawing, painting and sculpture to photography and digital artwork. Current Lebanon Artist Guild members and Lebanon art students who will be showcased include Grace Capobianco, Artist Guild President; Khaleelah Corbett, Artist Guild Secretary; HACC alumni Amanda Downs, Sarah Kelly, Vandon Tricamo and Danielle Shaver; Lebanon art students



Painting by **Grace Capobianco**, Lebanon Campus Artist Guild President

Ashley Carroll, Anthony Gonzalez, Ashton Haulman, Doroteo Pratt and Clever Tassi.

#### "Life by the Water" by Danielle Shaver

Danielle Shaver, HACC Alumna and Artist in Residence, shared a little bit about her photography and her current exhibit, *Life by the Water*, in Hawk's Peak on the second floor at HACC's Lebanon Campus:

"I don't remember how old I was when I received my first camera; I just always remember having one. In high school, I joined the journalism program and got my first digital camera. As I got older, I liked the images I was taking less and less. I started a photography program online and did okay for a little while before I failed out of the



Photography by **Danielle Shaver**, HACC Photography Alumna

program. I found HACC and talked with some people here and decided to take another chance. It truly was one of the best decisions I have ever made in my life.

"Everyone I encountered while at HACC went above and beyond to help me. The professors here truly only have one goal—to help students succeed. I never had anyone who was able or willing to take the time to teach me to draw and paint as I was growing up. For me, the most challenging classes at HACC were Drawing and 2D Design. With the help of two amazing professors I made it through and learned a lot in the process. These two classes taught me how to look at my photographs differently and to think about the image a little more before I hit the shutter. The foundation art studio and art history courses are extremely important in helping beginning photographers to see things in a new way, and these classes help students experience where photography came from. The photography professors really helped me to not only hone my craft and teach me to not be so critical of myself, but they helped me realize my true passion in this business. I turned to photography as a way to clear my mind and document the natural world around me. This program has taught me so much about life, being more patient, being more aware of what's around me."



## The Business of Creating

A Presentation by Vandon Tricamo, HACC Art Alumnus Tuesday, April 23 from Noon to 1:00 p.m. HACC's Lebanon Campus, Second Floor in Hawk's Peak Join Vandon Tricamo for a one-hour interactive presentation which is designed for anyone seeking to realize their creative potential—and discover how it can be applied to solutions in management, leadership and individual creativity. He will lead participants in a unique look at why the cultivation of a noble approach to one's work brings greater value.



A 2016 graduate, Vandon shares, "My experience at HACC was paramount in moving my life into a more successful and positive direction. My art professors were inspiring, diverse in their

*The Color of Music,* by Vandon Tricamo, HACC Art Alumnus

knowledge, and gifted at being able to share their trade. The challenges set before me were always balanced with equal encouragement. HACC opened up not just growth in me as an artist but also as a human being."

Vandon is a painter, guitarist, martial artist and former General Manager at Brushstrokes on Canvas. He and partner Tanya Ehlert are owners of Zen Cat Creatives—a business which provides artistic events for social gatherings, including public and private parties, fundraisers, team-building events and creative workshops.

# Lebanon Community Walks - A step up to healthier living

<u>WALK WITH A COP</u> SATURDAY, APRIL 27, at 10 a.m. Meet at Lebanon Valley Family YMCA 201 N. 7th Street Lebanon, PA

Children ages 6-12 are invited to join Lebanon Police Chief Todd Breiner on a walk through our City. The Chief will talk about safety along the walk and then talk about theft, explaining why stealing is wrong and the consequences. All children will receive a FREE neon colored t-shirt that says "I Walked the Beat," a safety book and snacks provided by local businesses! The walk is limited to the first 30 children. WALK WITH THE MAYOR SATURDAY, MAY 4, at 9 a.m.

Meet in lobby of Lebanon Valley Family YMCA 201 N. 7th Street Lebanon, PA

One of Lebanon's best kept secrets is THE COOPER SPA! Let Mayor Sherry Capello be your tour guide and join her for a walk to THE COOPER SPA. You will learn about other businesses along the way, plus add some healthy steps to your day. At THE COOPER SPA, you will receive a grand tour of the building and hear about services offered, including the health benefits of massage. A drawing will be held for a FREE COOPER SPA GIFT CERTIFICATE.

**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.