

Gettysburg Campus Update



GREETINGS!

As each of us prepares for the holiday season, it is important to **reflect on all that we have accomplished this semester as a campus community**. Allow me to share some of the highlights:

- Completion and **opening of our new parking lot** providing an additional 300 parking spaces for students, faculty and staff
- Adoption of the **2014-2017 Gettysburg Campus Master Plan** focused on growth and the expansion of programs and services
- A successful **college-wide two-day Fall Student Leadership Retreat** held in Gettysburg
- **Two new Gettysburg Campus scholarship funds** – The Diane D. and John S. Bittle scholarship fund and The Elsner Engineering Works Family Scholarship Endowment.
- **Exciting new recruitment events** like Taking it to the Streets and Career Discovery Days
- A Campus **student retention campaign focused on “All Students Matter”** that included hallway meet & greets, new student welcome calls, ASK ME buttons, a designated Log-In Lab and advisors and counselors Taking it to the HUB
- A **late start schedule of 15 class offerings that boosted Fall enrollment**
- A student, faculty, staff **wellness initiative with the YWCA** to provide deeply discounted Rec Passes
- **Addition of the Physician Office Assistant (POA) program** to our campus program offerings
- A **Q&A Skype session with Harvard professor Dr. Matthew Killingsworth**, a leading scholar in the field of health and happiness
- **Offering of the campus’ first eVolution Blend training course**
- **Manufacturing Roundtable to introduce HACC’s Mechatronics certificate program** to local manufacturers
- Addition of a **new iPad cart for classroom instructional use**

Please **accept my gratitude for all you do to support the Campus and the College’s mission** of creating opportunities and transforming lives to shape the future —together. In the spirit of the holidays, I extend my best wishes for a wonderful holiday and a healthy New Year!

WELCOME!



The campus bookstore recently welcomed **Brendan Penney** as their **part-time bookstore retail assistant**. You may have seen Brendan in the faculty office serving as a student worker. Brendan plans to graduate in the spring of 2015 with a Business Studies degree. He lives in Biglerville and has held jobs at the Penn State Research Extension Center and Family Dollar. His hobbies include playing video games and hanging out with friends. Stop by and say hello and welcome to Brendan!

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Welcome **Finn Hockley**, son of Justin and Lori Hockley. Finn arrived the afternoon of November 15, weighing 7 lbs. 6.9 oz., and measuring 21 inches in length.



^HACC yoga instructor Ila Vidyarthi

WELLNESS STUDY OPPORTUNITY

A new medical study to determine whether yoga can be physically and/or mentally beneficial when it comes to treating diabetics is under way in Hanover. Ila Vidyarthi, founder and president of the Ahimsa Yoga Research Center, Inc. is teaming up with physicians Kurt Thomas and Oscar Murillo to seek, accumulate, and monitor data for the study. “The study is designed to determine if adding yoga to conventional treatment will improve

established markers of diabetes control.” The group will meet at the Hillside Medical Center in Hanover. For more information on the study visit: "http://www.eveningsun.com/local/ci_26871095/treating-diabetes-using-yoga-new-medical-study-is

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

Efforts to enroll new students began in October with the beginning of new student priority registration. All new students must attend a new student orientation (NSO) session. Making connections is the goal for the day – connections with the campus, with staff and faculty, and with other students. The ‘big payoff’ for the student at the end of the session is the opportunity to schedule classes.

NSO includes information on campus services, academic support, student services, and student success. The enthusiastic Student Affairs team does an excellent job making our new students feel welcome!



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CONGRATULATIONS & RECOGNITION

Ed Baltzell recently received a **Certificate of Excellence** from the Safety and Security Department. Mike Redding stated that “Ed has **consistently performed his duties in an exemplary manner** and his experience and dedication not only to the department but to the HACC community goes above and beyond the norm. Ed is a wealth of knowledge and his willingness to ensure the successful mission of the department makes him worthy of this award.” **Congratulations and thank you Ed for your commitment to providing excellent service** to your colleagues and our students!



^Tom Long, Kyle Cowan, Shannon Harvey, Ed Baltzell, Mike Redding, Ed Dominguez

PHI BETA LAMBDA UPDATE



< On Friday, Nov. 7, several PBL students spent the day in Philadelphia touring the U.S. Mint, exploring the Federal Reserve “Money in Motion” exhibit, visiting the Liberty Bell, the First Treasury of the United States, and the Eastern State Penitentiary.

On Wednesday, Nov. 12, PBL students attended the Gettysburg Adams Chamber of Commerce Breakfast featuring Phil Clemens, CEO and Chairman of Clemens Family Corp. and Hatfield Quality Meats. >



^Prof. Pratt, Kathy Thompson, Mr. Clemens Stacey Tate, Yatna Sanchez

GIVING THANKS



< Biggerstaff’s Catering provided the annual **SGA sponsored Thanksgiving luncheon**, serving about 400 students, staff and faculty. The meal included turkey, ham, stuffing, mashed potatoes, corn, gravy, dinner roll and drink. The meal was a huge success and was enjoyed by all! **Thank you to Jessica Knouse and the Student Government Association** for providing an opportunity for the campus community to come together in recognition and celebration of our many blessings!

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Throughout the month of November, **Beth Evitts, Amanda Hartzel, and Scott Decker** coordinated weekly “Thanks!” activities to show appreciation for the staff in the Learning Commons and the service they provide to students. Expressions of thanks included the distribution of warm cider and homemade cookies, the delivery of soups at lunchtime and the always appreciated “Thank you for what you do” comment.

What a generous way to build a sense of community and appreciation for each other!



GIVE BACK HACC



^Sandy Negro & Kathryn Quinn packing the boxes

Because of your generosity in donating food, money and gift cards, we were able to serve **26 students and 61 members of their families, including pets as part of GIVE BACK HACC**. Additional contributions came from Weis Markets, Giant Food Stores, SGA’s cupcake and pumpkin decorating events, and The Preserves Active Adult Community in Gettysburg. Fifty plus hours were put into the project by faculty, staff and members of the Student Government Association.

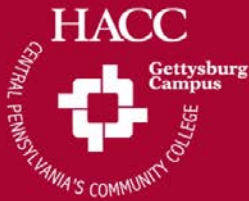
Thanks and special recognition to Kathryn Quinn for coordinating the 2014 Give Back HACC program!

ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB CLEAN-UP EFFORTS

On Friday, Nov. 21, the campus Environmental Club cleaned up a two mile stretch of Route 34 just outside of Gettysburg as part of the Adopt-A-Highway program. Participating in this effort were Professor Ruth Negley, Isela Mendez, Mike Gelner, Jen Roberts, Brandon Parr, Liz Caples, and Cierra Lipnis,



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CONSUMERISM CONFERENCE AND FLASH MOB ZOMBIE WALK



Professor Cristal Renzo's ENGL 101 classes presented their research on consumerism and post-consumerism in American society. Students worked collaboratively to present their topics, which included women and consumerism; life-cycle analyses of Smartphones; recycled art; Black Friday; and the importance of small business to the US economy. The students used a variety of communication tools to present, including tri-fold posters, videos, brochures, power points, art tutorials, games, and quizzes. Students were available during their class times to deliver live oral presentations to visitors.

Leading up to the "Conference on Consumerism," Professor Renzo received help from George Muschamp's Theatre 101 class to present a Zombie Walk. The zombies helped advertise the event by playing "mindless consumers." The zombies represented those who blindly believe materialism is the key to happiness.

The ultimate message of the project was not anti-consumerism, but conscious consumerism. To prepare for the presentations, students conducted rhetorical analyses of television commercials and watched video tutorials on written and visual persuasion in advertising. They also read the book Affluenza and discussed the influence of cultural messages, like the American Dream, on the consumer psyche. Before presenting collaboratively, each student submitted an individual research essay on a chosen topic.

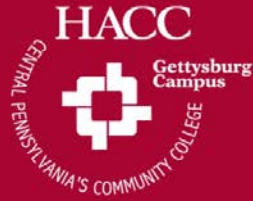


NURSING PROGRAMS

<On November 18th, the Junior and Senior level Nursing students attended a very moving lecture on Sepsis presented by Dr. Charles Marley, Vice President of Medical Affairs at the Gettysburg Hospital. Dr. Marley's experience as an emergency room physician brought forward the need to rapidly identify the signs and symptoms of sepsis so that immediate treatment is started. To highlight the devastating effects that sepsis can have both physically and emotionally, Dr. Marley introduced Paul and Shelley Miller to the audience. Paul had

recently experienced sepsis and as a result, lost both arms and legs to this aggressive, systemic infection. Their personal impact was very moving and influential in the overall educational process of our nursing students. Thank you to nursing faculty Jill Lott, Caren LaRue, and Ronda Morrison for inviting Dr. Marley to present to our nursing students.

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< A **Transgender Health Panel** provided nursing students the opportunity to ask questions about how to provide the best possible nursing care for transgender clients. The panel also **provided information on specific healthcare issues and concerns for transgender clients.** Nursing faculty Dr. Ashley Baer noted that “as nurses, we always need to be advocates for our clients and respect their autonomy. Being able to discuss

issues surrounding transgender health truly opened up lines of communication for the students and the community!”
Thank you to nursing student Petra Wiesneski Hayes for organizing this event.

HACC'S GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY COMES TO A CLOSE

With the conclusion of the year-long 50th anniversary celebration fast approaching, you are encouraged to view the **50th Anniversary Video** at <http://youtu.be/RVPfk94QBK0> The video is 13:52 minutes long and features current and past faculty, staff, and students.



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUESTS

When you receive **telephone** inquiries related to Right to Know or Freedom of Information Act requests, please do the following:

1. Direct the caller to our website: www.hacc.edu
2. Ask the caller to type in “Right to Know” in the search function to find the Web page about the Right to Know process (Note: This is the direct link to the Web page: <http://www.hacc.edu/AboutHACC/Administration/RighttoKnow/index.cfm>)
3. Ask the caller to follow the detailed instructions on the website
4. Tell the caller that his or her request will be handled when he or she follows the detailed instructions
5. Do not engage in any conversation beyond this, because it might be used against the College later – especially if you share erroneous information with the caller

When you receive **email** inquiries related to Right to Know or Freedom of Information Act requests, please forward the email to righttoknow@hacc.edu . The Office of College Advancement team will handle all requests.

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SAFETY AND SECURITY WINTER TIPS

Winter will be fast approaching and the safety committee and security department would like to remind you to be prepared for a safe and accident-free winter. The following list of precautions for your vehicle may help you avoid dangerous winter situations:

- Keep your vehicle winterized especially with proper antifreeze, good wiper blades, good battery, and snow tires or chains
- Keep the gas tank as full as possible
- Carry a winter car kit including matches and candles, first aid kit, shovel, jumper cables, sleeping bag or blankets and even kitty litter for traction
- Keep your cell phone fully charged
- Dress appropriately for the weather conditions and outdoor temperatures

Walking on ice and snow can be challenging. Snow and icy conditions account for many slips and falls during inclement weather. There are ways to help prevent falls and ensure your safety by following safety tips;

- Plan ahead! Give yourself time to prepare for the weather so you know what to expect.
- Wear proper footwear and anticipate your steps.
- During hours of darkness, wear a bright coat or scarf to be easily seen. During daylight hours wear sunglasses.
- Be aware of black ice and approach with caution. Sun will melt during the day and freezes again at night causing icy conditions. Black ice can be deceiving as it is common to mistake it for a wet surface.
- Place your entire foot on the surface of the ground.
- Walk slowly, hold on to hand railings when walking on steps; secure your feet firmly on each step. There is no need to rush, especially if you plan ahead!
- Be aware of your surroundings when walking in an icy or snowy condition.
- When entering a building, be careful because your shoes may be wet and can cause you to slip or fall.
- Be alert while walking on ice and snow
- Watch for hidden hazard areas like melting ice draining from downspouts onto walking areas, creating an icy walkway, snow covered parking berms and curbs, and ice patches in shaded areas.
- **REPORT ANY HAZARDS TO SECURITY OR FACILITY DEPARTMENTS**

E2 campus alerts: Sign up for e2Campus, HACC's free, collegewide alert system. Be informed quickly when the College has immediate announcements, such as weather-related closings, delays, cancellations or emergencies. Sign up at <http://www.e2campus.net/my/hacc/signup.htm>

You can check your status easily by going to this web address: <https://www.e2campus.net/my/hacc/index.htm> Login with your credentials and enter your cell phone number to determine if you are registered.

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Holiday Party



I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year. ~Charles Dickens