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***Thanks for the memories!***

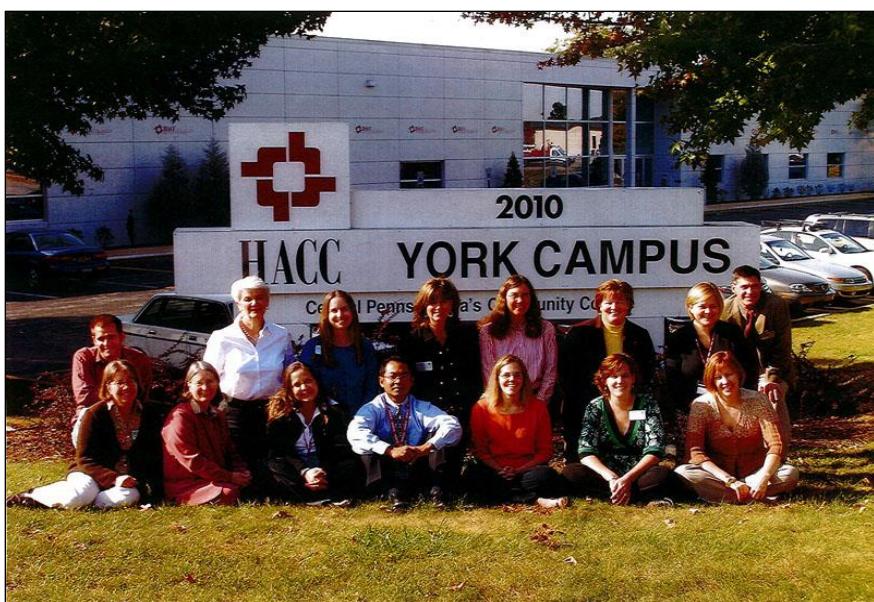
## FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CAMPUS VICE PRESIDENT

Dear Colleagues,

It seems a bit surreal to be writing a farewell message to the York Campus after all of these years, but that's my task this month as I prepare to exit the college for my next career opportunity. I have to say I've been completely blown away by the touching responses of so many. You've reminded me all over again what an incredible group of colleagues I work with.

I have so appreciated your hard work, kindness, loyalty, humor, compassion and support over the past 11 ½ years. Working at HACC will be a highlight of my career for those very reasons.

I feel fortunate to have worked with so many amazing people at HACC. **Dr. Mike Klunk was my mentor-extraordinaire and his entire team took on the challenge of a start-up campus without any complaints.** That impressed me right from the start. Can you imagine being charged with opening a brand new campus while still doing your regular jobs? Lancaster employees did that, and with enthusiasm, which is a great indicator of what a special college HACC is. Their expertise was invaluable to me. We stand on their shoulders even today.



*Celebrating campus status in 2007*

And, of course, I have to mention The Pioneers and those employees who joined us when we first moved to Pennsylvania Avenue. **This is my heartfelt apology for working you so hard!** Look at the payoff, though. I hope you drive down this road every so often and say to yourself, "I made this." Because you did. Without the Jill, Shelly, Michele, Randa, Shelley, Margie, Cathie, team—HACC York wouldn't be where it is today.



HACC York 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon 2012

Those start-up years were amazing, but they were only the building blocks for where we are today. **I want to say thank you to every employee** on campus today as well as those who moved on from HACC through choice or circumstance. We have had such a good time together. I love your willingness to explore, engage, play and DARE GREATLY. HACC York has become an example to the rest of our community of an inclusive, diverse and supportive place to work. It's a special place and don't think for a moment that I take that for granted. Please continue to celebrate the differences and look for what makes each person unique. Let your light shine.

Who else would join me in dressing up so outrageously for Halloween and battle so aggressively during Office Olympics? **Those crazy Yorkers.** Very special memories. I still have permanent scars from the time we used pizza boxes to move the ping pong balls around 119. You are so competitive!



*Sunshine Club Office Olympics 2011*



*Halloween Hippies 2008*

Unless you open your own business, you'll just never have the chance I had which was to be able to hire the first 45 employees myself. This doesn't even include the first faculty pioneers! Those of you who started with me back when you were teaching classes in the high schools with very limited resources are ROCK STARS.

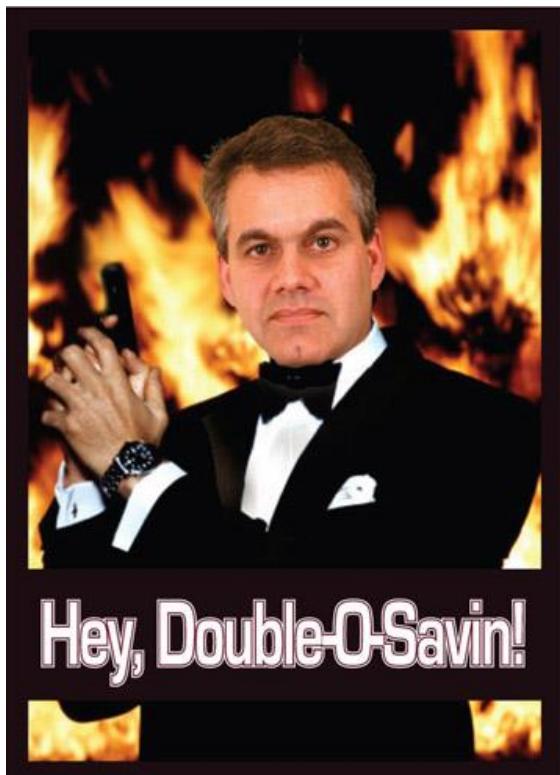
**I love that so many of you are still here.** I remember interviewing you and thinking how great you were going to be. You were selected from a large group of applicants for your expertise and knowledge, but also for your resilience and caring attitudes. HACC faculty go the extra mile and I knew you'd run with the best of them.



The bond between a CVP and her executive assistant is hard to describe. **Mrs. Mitzel has been invaluable to me.** She's saved my behind many, many times. No one can be more on top of things than she is. Jill's attention to detail mirrors my own and she also has a big heart. The student food drive and the 5K race never would have been as successful without her. I've found it gratifying to watch her develop as a professional. And I think she's ready to train a new CVP and whip him or her into shape!

*Jill and Tim at her 10-year Anniversary Dinner 2012*

I also had the opportunity to work with the incredible peer team of Jennifer Weaver, Kathy Kramer and Stuart Savin. Fortunately, we all knew how special our working relationship was as it was happening. That helped us live in the moment and relish that time. With Jennifer's passing, I was so glad we savored those years together. This is a poster we made for the sendoff party we gave Stuart in Baltimore when he left the college. It still makes me laugh.



You will be in very capable hands. **I've had highly accomplished campus administrators and leaders to work with** in Margie, David, Kathy, Patrick, Kelley, Will, Joan, Paul, Andrea, and Al. The current team will work with Dr. Ski and Cabinet for a smooth transition. I didn't need to be reminded of this, but my well wishes from other campuses and central have consistently mentioned how strong and committed the leadership team in York is. That means they better not screw things up...

I don't know who your next CVP will be, but I do know that she or he will be blown away by your dedication to HACC students. **HACC York is well positioned for the future and I think you'll enjoy having a new leader to acquaint with the campus and the York community.** The current campus chief administrators are energetic and creative and I can't wait to see HACC York have someone just like Shannon, Victor, Dory or Laurie to take the helm. I know that Dr. Ski will bring a CVP equally as great as they are to York and that all will be well.



On a personal note, I must thank my husband, Steve Baker. He is both my anchor and my soft place to fall. You cannot do a job like this one without solid support behind you. No one makes me laugh harder. No one challenges me more to be a better person each and every day. And wasn't he a wonderful co-chef for our United Way dinners? They were epic.

**You have been a generous, open-hearted group.** Our very first employee scholarship campaign raised double the amount Lise Levin and I had projected. The number of people and organizations you have supported over the years is impressive. I hope you continue to make community service a hallmark of HACC York and look for ways to have an even stronger presence where you are most needed.

#### *UW Italian Dinner 2011*

The stories of our students resonant so clearly with each of us and it's the main reason we do what we do. We're in the goose bump business. They are awe-inspiring and I love that you never give up on them and travel their journeys with them side by side. I hope they know how lucky they are. **I feel that I've been lucky, too, having had this incredible experience at HACC since 2003.** Fortunately, I'm not going far, so please stay in touch and "friend me" or connect on LinkedIn. I'll carry these memories with me forever.

*Jean*

PS If you haven't noticed, I never speak at farewell events, because I always get teary. So this will have to suffice as any public speech you might be expecting. There's just not enough Kleenex in the world...