# Gettysburg Campus Update

## Message from the Campus Vice President

Greetings!

As students and faculty finish with final exams, and we head into our commencement activities, I am reminded of how much we accomplished this year, and will continue to accomplish by doing what this Campus does incredibly well: making connections with each other and our students. I want to thank each of you for your hard work on behalf of our Campus and the College. The most important part of that work, of course, is the impact it has on our students.

It has been an extraordinary year, marked by challenges, change and thankfully new opportunities. There were days when it would have been easy to fracture as a Campus. That has not happened, time and time again, I witness a Campus community coming together to provide our students and each other with excellence and support both inside and outside of the classroom. For example:

- Student Awards and Recognition Ceremony More than 100 students were honored, for their academic excellence and co-curricular leadership contributions to the campus. Eleven of these individuals were recognized with an Academic Excellence award for attaining a perfect 4.0 grade point average; 32 were honored with "Rising Star" awards for successfully completing developmental coursework with a high grade-point average. Celebrating the ac-complishments of students is such an important part of the Campus culture (see page 2)
- Student Experience Days Eleven Student Experience days were held this academic year involving 9 school districts, 542 high school students, 319 middle school students, and 1,722 slices of pizza! This level of on-campus engagement for prospective students would not have been possible without Andrea Lazarus and Sara Maines leader-ship of the Student Ambassadors (see page 3).
- **Mechatronics Program Expansion** The addition of a second mechatronics lab and new robotics lab will allow the Gettysburg Campus to expand the Mechatronics certificate program and add the opportunity for students to complete the AAS degree at the Campus. (see page 4).

I am grateful to all of you who gave your time, energy and expertise to these and other initiatives that enhance academic excellence and support student success at the Gettysburg Campus.

Despite the many successes, many challenges remain. We must move forward with a plan to fully operate as One College. With nearly two thirds of all students taking at least one or more courses online or at a campus other than their home campus, we must provide our students with a consistent experience regardless of campus. In order to do this effectively, we will need to come together as a College community focused on providing our students and each other with excellence and support both inside and outside of the classroom.



In the meantime, I hope you enjoy the change in schedule, either the four day work week that will begin, a reduced teaching schedule or the summer off.

~ Shannan

# Student Awards & Recognition Ceremony



# **Student Experience Days**



HACC Experience Days provide an opportunity for middle and high school students to participate in instructor facilitated sessions, take tours, hear from student panels, and enjoy lunch on campus. Funding was provided by the HACC Foundation for this college wide initiative.

Student Ambassadors **Paul Stokely, Quintina Smith, Sierra Blystone, Kaeton Miracle, Shrysthaley Velasquez**, and **Michael Southerly** facilitated the programs, but Experience Days were a success due to every department of the campus jumping in to help serve food, help with room set-up, make name tags and so much more.

Thank you to faculty who volunteered to facilitate sessions this school year:

Sari Bailey Rob Fergesen Lisa Hill Jill Lott Jay Ondrizek Rob Bernini Jennifer Gonzalez Brooke Kaiser Katie McNew Sandy O'Sullivan

Diane Bittle Jim Green Amy Kennedy Connie Miller Cristal Renzo Holly CieriDonneva CrowellBill HartzellRich HebelGeorgeann LaughmanRhonda MorrisonRuth NegleyJason RosenberryCarter Stephen



**2019 Student Ambassadors** 



### MECHATRONICS PROGRAM EXPANSION OPEN HOUSE AT HACC'S GETTYSBURG CAMPUS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2019 from 4:30-6:00 p.m.

John "Skí" Sygielski	President, HACC
Shannon Harvey	Campus Vice President
	HACC's Gettysburg Campus
Danijel Lolic	Engineering Manager
	Rice Fruit Company
Brian Baculik	Plant Manager, Pella Windows
Tyler Knostalid	HACC Mechatronics Graduate
Robin Charles	Qualificat
Robin Fitzpatrick	President
	Adams County Economic Alliance
Dory Uhlman	Campus Dean
	HACC's Gettysburg Campus
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Tours and Demonstrations

Funding for the expansion of the Mechatronics program was generously provided by the HACC Foundation and the Adams County Community Foundation

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### May 2019

### HACC's Gettysburg Campus

# **Outstanding Peer Tutor**



**Corinne Crushong** is the **2019 recipient of the Kimberly A. Shipley Outstanding Peer Tutor Award**. A psychology major at HACC, Corinne has received this award to recognize her dedication, exceptional skill, and professionalism in supporting students and colleagues at the HACC Gettysburg Tutoring Center.

Corinne demonstrates **outstanding commitment to the Tutoring Center** and is a valuable asset to both students and fellow tutors. Her calm and measured demeanor, combined with her knowledge base in writing, math, and psychology, make Corinne invaluable. As one professional tutor noted, "Corinne is very knowledgeable about her math and always conveys that [knowledge] carefully and at the student's level."

Corinne is **always willing to go that "extra mile,"** making sure tutees genuinely understand concepts. Another professional tutor commented, "I've

seen her create entire sheets with extra problems and examples to accomplish this." Unflappable even while working with four or more students at a time, Corinne fluidly transitions around the Tutoring Center, always smiling and reassuring students.

In addition to her work in the Tutoring Center, Corinne is the president of the Student Alliance For Equality (S.A.F.E.), an organization she was instrumental in establishing and which seeks to promote understanding and respect while breaking down barriers between people. Corinne is also a student orientation leader and a member of Phi Theta Kappa.

Corinne was recently named to the All Pennsylvania Academic Team, and was selected to receive one of two transfer scholarships to a PASSHE school! Corinne will be transferring to Millersville University next spring, and later plans on pursuing a PhD in social psychology.

Corinne offers so much to the HACC community, best summarized by her continued role as a model of acceptance, knowledge, and commitment, serving overall as a prime example of what makes HACC so special.



# **Donor & Scholarship Recognition Event**

On March 26, HACC Foundation board member and Gettysburg Campus nursing alumnus **Gary Laabs**, Dr. Ski, student speaker **Iris Harvie**, donor speaker **Lewis Jones**, and HACC Foundation grant recipient **Caren LaRue** recognized Gettysburg Campus student scholarship recipients and thanked donors who support the HACC Foundation.

In 2017-18 the HACC Foundation provided over \$1.6 million dollars to support students and foster student engagement through scholarships and non scholarship funds. Due to the generosity of HACC donors, over \$2.5 million dollars was contributed to the HACC Foundation to support students and foster student engagement.





# **ALL PA Academic Team**

Two outstanding Gettysburg Campus students were honored recently at the 25th annual Pennsylvania Commission for Community Colleges All-PA Academic Transfer Team Awards and Recognition Dinner in Harrisburg. Corrinne

**Crushong** and **Blasia Drumm** were among 47 outstanding community college scholars from across the state who were recognized.

The All Pennsylvania Academic team awards, building from the National All-USA Academic Team for two-year colleges, recognize an exceptional group of community college students who have achieved excellence and demonstrated a commitment to their colleges and communities. To be eligible for nomination students must have completed at least 36 credits and earned a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher. Pennsylvania's community college presidents may submit no more than two nominations per campus for this award.

The majority of the All-Pennsylvania Academic Team members will graduate with the intention of continuing their education at baccalaureate degreegranting colleges and universities. Corrinne plans to attend Millersville University in the Spring of 2020 and Blasia plans to attend Mont Alto in the Fall of 2019.

> Shannon Harvey, PTK advisor Kathleen Heidecker, Blasia Drumm & Corrinne Crushong



# **High School Math Contest**

The HACC Mathematics department celebrated Mathematics Awareness Month with the Annual Math Con-



test! Participating school districts included Dover, Gettysburg, New Oxford, Northern, Shippensburg, and Spring Grove.

Contest events included speed rounds, individual rounds, and team/group rounds. Top awards were given for both individual and team scores. Each school team consisted of three students, with no more than one senior. Thank you to **Jason Rosenberry**, **Patarin Hoffman**, **Scott Decker**, and **Doug Docimo** for organizing the Gettysburg Campus location.

### HACC's Gettysburg Campus



**Congratulations** to the following Gettysburg Campus staff who will be recognized at the Employee Recognition Ceremony on May 3, 2109.

### **30 Years of Service**

Martin Yespy, Sociology Faculty

**15 Years of Service** 

Matt Rose, Security Supervisor

### 20 Years of Service

Aimee Bollinger Smith, Human Services Faculty

### **10 Year of Service**

Ashley Baer, Nursing Faculty Tenley Fridinger, Facilities Management Brian Miller, Facilities Supervisor



Adjunct Faculty Excellence Award Dr. Carter Stephen, Biology Faculty Dr. PJ Verrecchia, Sociology Faculty

# Welcome Tim Hough

The Department of Public Safety and Security at Gettysburg Campus is pleased to announce a new member to their team. **Tim Hough (pronounced Huff) is the full time evening patrol officer**. Tim joins HACC after 18 years at R H Sheppard in the electronics testing and calibration field. He also has 20+ years experience working part time in the security industry.

Tim is a proud grandfather to four active grandchildren and loves to spend every free minute with them. He is excited to begin a new career in higher education security. Please join us in welcoming Tim to the Gettysburg Campus.



# Jack Hubley Celebrates Earth Day at HACC









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### HACC's Gettysburg Campus

# **YWCA Discounts**



As a YWCA Hallmark Sponsor, HACC staff and faculty have the opportunity for the following discounts at the YWCA of Gettysburg & Adams County:

- 20% off rec pass membership (unlimited)
- 20% of outdoor pool memberships (3 available)
- 2 week free membership (unlimited)

To take advantage of any of these discounts, please email Judy Redding at jareddin@hacc.edu or stop by the administrative suite (Rm 127)

# AAA Central Penn Proud HACC Supporter!

Commencement is a tremendous milestone for our students and their family members and friends.

<u>AAA Central Penn</u> has been a proud Commencement sponsor for the last three ceremonies! Once again, they are a sponsor for our spring 2019 Commencement ceremony!





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# **GP201 & Better Angels**



Throughout the Government and Politics 201 course, instructor Stephanie Wells challenges her students to look at issues caused by polarization, the influence of media sources, moneyed interest and grassroots efforts on politics.

To more fully focus on these issues, she recently invited <u>Better Angels</u> to engage her class in discussion. Better Angels is a citizens' organization uniting red and blue Americans in a working alliance to depolarize America. Launched in 2016, Better Angels is a citizen's movement to unify our divided nation. By bringing red and blue Americans together into a working alliance, they're goals are to build new ways to talk to one another, participate in public life, and influence the direction of the nation. For more information, here is a <u>link</u> to the Better Angels website.

^ David Lenig, Stephanie Wells, Anastasia Rega, Chad Collie, Shannon Harvey, Kerr Thompson Darcy Maier, & Dr. Ski

# **HACC Athletic Banquet**



The HACC Athletics program has six varsity intercollegiate teams and one club team. The varsity intercollegiate opportunities at HACC are:

- Men's & Women's Basketball
- Golf
- Soccer
- Men's & Women's Cross Country
- Women's Volleyball

Men's Volleyball is currently a club team. It participates in the Mid-Atlantic College Volleyball Conference (MACVC).

On April 29, an Athletic Banquet was held in the Cooper Student Center where two Gettysburg Campus student athletes were recognized. Joseph Flake who was a member of the Cross Country and Bailey Neveker, a member of the Men's Golf team.

Bailey Neveker recently scored a 70 for the team, setting a new record for lowest individual score for HACC Golf. If you see Bailey, please wish him good luck. The team will travel to New Jersey for the Regional Qualifier on May 7 and 8.



<sup>^</sup>Cross Country Coach Jeannette Wingert, Joe Flake & Shannon Harvey



^ Golf Coach Tim Birney, Bailey Neveker & Shannon Harvey

# Thank YOU for Supporting Students

For those who gave on our annual Day of Giving on April 11, thank you for supporting YOUR favorite community college and our students! Hopefully, you also participated in some of the fun activities at one or more of the campuses and online.



To view Day of Giving photos, videos and to see how much money was raised in support of our students, please visit <u>hacc.edu/HeartHACC</u>.

### If you missed the opportunity to give on April 11, please consider making a gift today.

With YOUR generosity, HACC is able to help its students by:

Supporting innovative projects Improving services and accessibility Providing money for those facing unexpected financial burdens

Your investment in HACC students is an investment in our communities. HACC is grateful to the many donors who gave on April 11 and to our <u>2019 sponsors</u>, including <u>WHTM abc27</u> (media sponsor) and <u>Barley</u> <u>Snyder</u> and <u>Capital BlueCross</u> (presenting sponsors). Locally, to <u>C.E. Williams Sons, Inc</u>. (I GAVE sponsor) and tuition give away sponsors Adams Electric Cooperative, Knouse Foods, Arlene Utz Hollinger Foundation, Gary & Eileen Laabs and Thomas B. Ritchey.

Together, we CAN make a difference!



# **2nd Annual Car Show**

**Diane and John Bittle** and **SGA/SPB hosted the 2nd Annual car show and flea market** as part of <u>HACC's 2019 Day of Giving</u> in support of the Diane D. and John S. Bittle Scholarship Fund and the Student Success Fund for Excellence at HACC's Gettysburg Campus. **Fifty – seven cars registered to participate**. The most **amazing part of the day was that one of the car owners decided to initiate a scholarship** to support HACC Gettysburg Campus students. Thank you Diane and John and all those who volunteered to help make the day a success!

