

Gettysburg Campus Update

Message from the Campus Vice President

Building Connections, Builds Success

The Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE) validates the importance of relationships (i.e. connections) among students, faculty and staff to student success and retention. Here at the Gettysburg Campus, we believe that **our campus culture (language and actions) should convey to students our belief in their ability to succeed** and that each and every one of us who works here is committed to facilitating that success. When we say we're "student centered", it means **we meet our students where they are — literally, figuratively, and virtually** — and help them get where they need to be.

One of the ways that we do this is through our **Campus Student Success Committee**. For the past few years, we've promoted our student engagement efforts under the theme "All Students Matter." Each summer, the committee meets to evaluate the prior year's efforts and make plans for the year ahead. While we haven't yet solidified our 2017/18 agenda, some of the **NEW initiatives** we're discussing include:

- Greater engagement of family members
- Expanding emergency aid and resources for vulnerable populations
- "Connection" activities for specific populations (Veterans, Dual Enrollment students, specific majors, etc.)

A student recently shared the following gratitude message with me... "When I was a high school senior, my world was ripped away from me as my sole legal guardian, my Grandmother, passed away, leaving me homeless at 17. After hopping around from couch to couch with friends for a couple years, I ultimately ended up living in a car for a period of several months while pregnant, but later saved up for my first apartment just a few months before my son was born. After his birth, I was inspired to complete my GED at the HACC Harrisburg Campus. I felt so proud after I received my diploma, but had no official plans for college. I continued to work and raise my son, and would later marry, have a daughter, and divorce. Moving forward to the Summer of 2016, I continued to work long hours on third shift in a warehouse, but was exhausted.

I was struggling to maintain my household while keeping the cupboards stocked.

This was when I knew I needed to change my life. I walked into the Gettysburg HACC campus on an open enrollment day. The financial aid office went above and beyond in assisting me in my aid applications. There were many parts to the process where I knew I would've quit had it not been for the staff being at my side to help. Each professor I've had at HACC has been invaluable to me, as well as the many counselors and staff who've aided me.

My assigned counselor has been wonderful, but the advising office doors of everyone have always been open! I feel quite fortunate to be studying here among such a large network of supportive people, where professors and staff exceed standard expectations. Succeeding is easier because of each one of them!"

Please consider joining the Gettysburg Campus Student Success committee. Contact Amanda Hartzel in the Office of Academic Success at amhartze@hacc.edu or stop by her office to learn more.

Shannon

Articulation Agreements Signed



PennState
York



PennState
Mont Alto

< L-R: Penn State York Chancellor David W. Chown, Ph.D.; Dr. Ski, Ed.D.; and Penn State Mont Alto Chancellor Francis K. Achampong, PhD.

On June 26 at the Harrisburg Campus, **HACC officially partnered with Penn State Mont Alto and Penn State York through the signing of articulation agreements.** These agreements allow graduates with a HACC associate degree to enroll in a parallel Penn State Mont Alto or Penn State York program, maximizing the students' transferable credits.

Penn State Mont Alto offers five parallel programs, including Bachelor of Science degrees in business, health policy and administration, human development and family studies, information sciences and technology, and letters, arts and sciences.

Penn State York agreement allows transfer students to move into nine programs: biology, business (including an accelerated option for adult learners), communication arts and sciences, English, human development and family studies, information sciences and technology, psychology (Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science) and science.



Students from LIU 12 / 21st Century Community Learning Center spent 11 days on campus for summer camp activities and extended learning opportunities.

Amanda Hartzel, Erin Rose and Ashana Taylor presented three workshops to the students (High School vs. College Expectations, Career Monopoly, and Why HACC/What is HACC?), **Laura Wukovitz held a research workshop,** and **Brian Miller conducted a tour of the Green Space and geothermal system on campus.**

21st Century Community Learning Center is committed to implementing a comprehensive program that provides meaningful, academically based summer camp activities and extended learning opportunities for children in the district. Their efforts draw on community resources, recognizing that many diverse groups and individuals have important contributions to make.

Circle of Distinction Alumni Award

Local resident Betty Snyder was recently honored with HACC's Circle of Distinction award at the annual HACC Alumni Dinner. Betty, a 2008 graduate of the Gettysburg Campus was one of three to receive the award. HACC offered her the courses she needed to transfer to a four-year college to attain her bachelor degree in social science. She chose HACC to overcome the personal challenges of being a full-time non-traditional student.

Betty went on to earn her bachelor's and master's degrees from Shippensburg University. Betty is employed by TrueNorth Wellness Services as a mental health outpatient manager, and is married to Gettysburg Times columnist, Fred Snyder.



^ Dr. Ski, Betty Snyder, Shannon Harvey

Adjunct Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award



Shannon Davis is the recipient of HACC's 2017 Excellence in Teaching Award. Shannon has taught a variety of biology and foundational studies courses at Gettysburg as an adjunct faculty member since August 2010. Dory Uhlman and Ruth Negley noted on Shannon's nomination form that she is a **dedicated faculty member who exudes compassion for her students and enthusiasm for her curriculum**; has an excellent rapport with her students; is sensitive to her students' learning styles; encourages their active participation in class; is always up for a challenge; demonstrates collegiality by her willingness to share any and all teaching resources that she has prepared to assist other new instructors who are developing courses; among others.

Congratulations, Shannon!

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Staff News



A Fond Farewell!

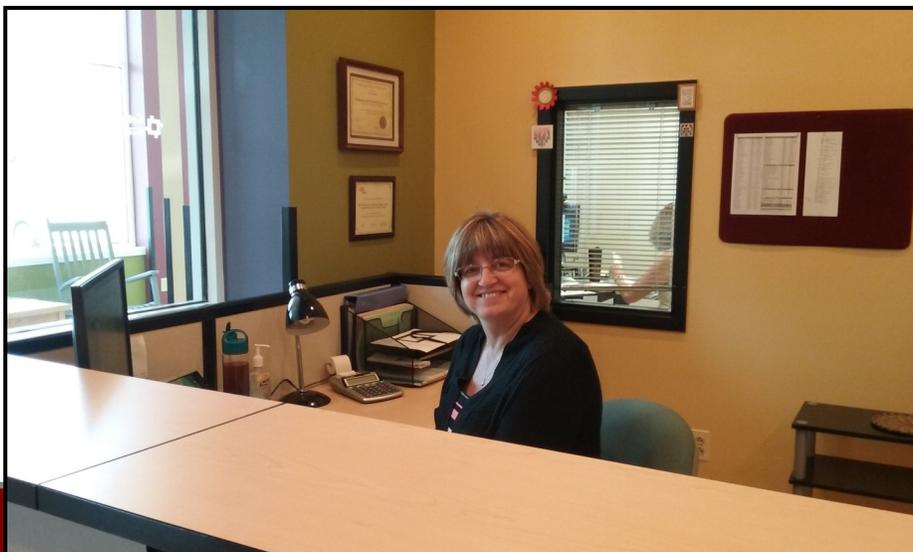
At the June campus leadership meeting, **the Campus bid farewell to Tim Barshinger**, Interim Dean, Student Affairs. Tim accepted the position of Campus Dean, Student Affairs, at the Lancaster Campus.

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Welcome Back, Tracey Smith!

Tracey recently returned to the Gettysburg Campus to fill the position of Campus Dean, Student Affairs.

Tracey has been with HACC since 2005 and has held various positions, including the Gettysburg Campus Director, Enrollment Services, and most recently, Campus Dean, Student Affairs at the Lancaster Campus. >



On August 14, Wendy Kaehler will move to her new position as **Administrative Office Technician in Nursing**, filling the position held by Andree Drake who retired in June. Wendy has been at the Gettysburg Campus of HACC for 15 years.

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Staff News Continued

Another Fond Farewell!

> **Peggy Violette** has accepted a new position as the Director of the **Nittany Success Center at Penn State York**. This position combines managing the Tutoring Center and Disability Services for the Penn State York campus.

Erin Rose will handle the interim duties of current student accommodation letters for fall 2017. New students requesting disability services and accommodations must register by contacting a HACC Disability Services

office as noted: Carole Kemper, Harrisburg Campus; Vicki Van Hise, Lancaster Campus; Lori Shoemaker, York Campus; Deborah Bybee, Lebanon Campus; and Carole Kerper, Virtual Learning.

All other questions or concerns can be addressed by contacting the Gettysburg Advising Office at 337-3855, ext. 119908.



How did you spend Father's Day?



Tom Long, Gettysburg Security Officer, spent it at the York campus so a contractor could work in the Governor George M. Leader building. Way to take one for the TEAM!

The **Classified Employee Organization** would like to thank you for all of your hard work and dedication!!



Nursing Success Seminar

Thirty two nursing students who begin clinicals in August attended the Nursing Success Seminar on June 27. Students were from the Gettysburg, Harrisburg, and Lancaster campuses, as well as students who transferred from other institutions. Tours of the campus and nursing suite took place, activities included a student panel discussion, orientation to the nursing program, discussion on time management, and two interactive activities.

The seminar ended with closing reflections and informing students where to go to reinforce their foundation. Staff coordinating the event were **Amanda Hartzel, Leslie Boon, Dianne Brooks, Kathy Pasewark, Val Bugosh, Caren LaRue, and Jill Lott.**

Student Panel:

Kaci Vaughn, Colleen Bradley, Tammy Winand, Tim Mullen, Brandi Steinour, Janessa Edwards >



Scholarship News



2017 Gettysburg High School graduate, Sean Hosterman (son of Cinnamon & Mike Hosterman), **received a \$4,250 scholarship to attend the Gettysburg Campus Mechatronics program this fall.** The scholarship was made possible by the Adams County Community Foundation-Adams County Dollars for Scholars and the Wolf Family Charitable Trust.

The Wolf Family Charitable Trust has also supported the Gettysburg Campus Nursing program.

^ L-R: Shannon Harvey, Mr. Thomas Wolf, Sean Hosterman, and Emily-Rice Townsend

Community Education Day Held in June

Fifty-one community members as well as staff and faculty attended the **day-long event** that included a light breakfast, boxed lunch, and lots of interesting sessions, a few of which are highlighted here.

Watch for information on the next Community Education Day scheduled for Friday, October 13, 2017.



Genealogy Research Lab ^

Instructor Cristal Renzo led a hands-on session on researching one's family tree.



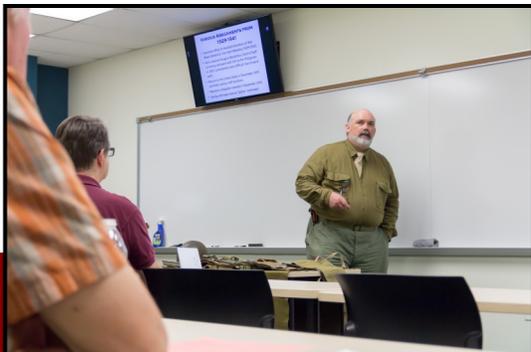
< Get Published! A General Overview of Literary, Small Press, and Agent-Facilitated Publishing Resources

Instructor Tara Stillions Whitehead
Event registrants examined different publishing resources available to writers of all genres, and the many avenues and processes involved in getting that work published.

- *Celebrating What is Right with the World >*

Instructor Ruthmary McIlhenny

This session not only celebrated what is right with the world, but discussed how you can make the world right.



< A Gettysburg Resident's Role in D-Day

Instructor Michael McCloskey discussed General Dwight Eisenhower and his role in the planning and execution of D-Day.

New Student Orientations



Ongoing student-led **New Student Orientations (NSO)** are a way for new students to connect with their peers, meet their advisor, review the syllabus and discuss expectations. A self-guided campus tour is also part of the event. Please **welcome these new students to campus** as they navigate the campus tour.

Wellness Events Scheduled

Dianne Brooks, wellness counselor, is planning the following wellness events for fall 2017:

- ◆ **Monday, Sept. 11 - "Let's Talk" Suicide Prevention** presented by TrueNorth Wellness Services
- ◆ **Thursday, October 26 - BYSTANDER Intervention** presented by Survivors, Inc.
- ◆ **Thursday, November 9 - "Student Safe Zone Awareness"** presented by Ann Burris
- ◆ **Date TBA - Understanding Grief from a Student's Perspective** presented by the Highmark Caring Place
- ◆ **Spring 2018 - Resiliency Summit** presented by Children's Resiliency Initiative of Adams County

Other events scheduled at various dates and times:

- ◆ **Recess from Stress**
- ◆ **"Be Who You Are Workshops"**



Event times and locations will be on fliers posted around campus, as well as the events calendar on the website!

Mechatronics Donation

Students in the Mechatronics certificate program will have a new piece of equipment to utilize this fall. Utz Quality Foods, the largest independent privately held snack brand in the United States, recently donated a piece of equipment valued at \$9,000. The different applications of the equipment will provide real work-related scenarios for students, including:

- OSHA 30—Opportunity to demonstrate the equipment's many safety features
- Motors and Controls— Inspection of the drive units and how they work
- Sensors—Set up of different types of sensors on the equipment
- Fluid Power— Examination of how the system uses air in its operation

Thank you to **Rich Hebel and Dory Uhlman** for facilitating the donation of such an important piece of equipment to enhance our student's learning experience.



REMINDER....

You're Invited to the
Gettysburg Campus Fall Campus Day Event
A Look into the Future: Will We Be Ready?
 August 23, 2017 at 5 - 8 p.m.

PICK TWO SESSIONS

#1. A Look into Classroom Technology of the Future: this session will be held in our new collaborative teaching classroom, and attendees will see demonstrations on the new technology and experience collaborative teaching techniques.

#2. Navigating Our NEW Academic Monitoring System: Starfish has been replaced by a new reporting system called Navigate, and attendees will be trained on how to use this new system to send academic progress reports to students and send academic referrals.

#3. Preparing for a Future Full-time Faculty Position: should you be interested in a fulltime faculty position in the future, this session will provide strategies for applying and interviewing for a competitive national search.

To **CONFIRM** your attendance **and** **SELECT** your **TWO** breakout session choices, please email Wendy Kaehler at wakaehle@hacc.edu **NO LATER THAN Monday, August 7th**.

If you have any specific dietary restrictions, please contact Wendy.



Just a reminder to consider downloading the **HAWKresponse, the college's emergency reporting app** to your cellular device. This free app will allow you to send an **SOS** which will simultaneously send your exact location to campus security. The app also provides you with access via your cellular camera to communicate with security personnel and provides you with the ability to report other non-emergency concerns.

To sign up, visit: <http://www.hacc.edu/AboutHACC/PublicSafetyandSecurity/HAWKResponse.cfm>

Then, click on the tab "Sign up NOW for Hawk Response" located on the right hand side of the webpage.

How to Handle Freedom of Information Inquiries

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

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1. Forward the email to righttoknow@hacc.edu (this email address is also listed on <http://www.hacc.edu/AboutHACC/Administration/RighttoKnow/index.cfm>)
2. Do not respond to the writer

Upon receipt of these telephone and email inquiries, the Office of College Advancement team will handle them and confer with the necessary individuals.