Lebanon Campus Update

From the Campus Executive Director

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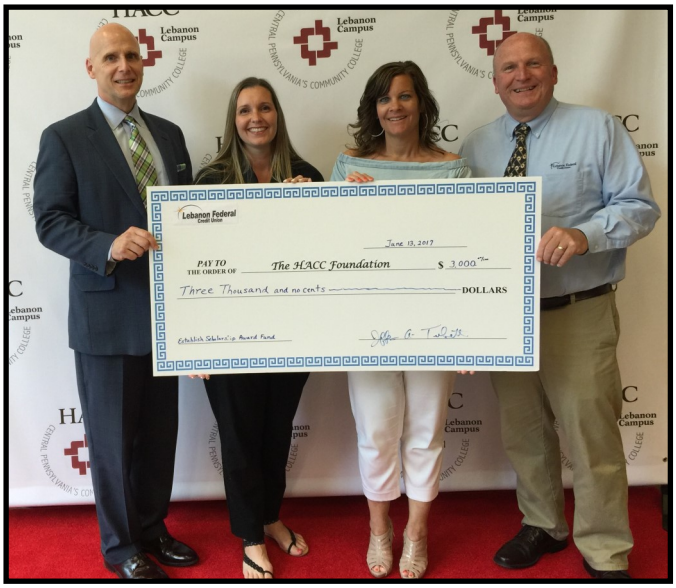
Greetings, Lebanon Campus!

Welcome Back! We are enjoying a wonderful Fall 2017 semester. We are thrilled to see so many students, faculty and staff have returned to the campus after a busy summer. We hope that everyone took time this summer to spend it with family, enjoying hobbies, and taking a much-deserved breather.

This fall there will be a variety of events on campus, opportunities, community building and laughing together. Partnering with local community groups, we will host a Hispanic Celebration on Oct. 12, and a poverty awareness simulation on Nov. 14. Both events are open to everyone in the community and should be a lot of fun. If you need more information, stop by my office or contact me. All of these partnerships and connections show why HACC truly is a great place!



Left to right: **President Ski**; **Laurie Bowersox**; and Lebanon Federal Credit Union's Senior Manager Community and Business Development, **Wendy Kalbach**, and President/CEO, **Jeffrey Trickett**.

Over the past few months we were thrilled to work with Lebanon Federal Credit Union and the Woman's Club of Lebanon County to establish two new scholarships for students residing in Lebanon County. These new scholarships will provide tuition plus books to students at our campus beginning the spring of 2018.

Left to right: **Laurie Bowersox**; Woman's Club members, **Joyce Ceresini**; **Lorraine Long**; **Susan Hill**; **Janna McConnell**; **Mary Ann LeVan**; and **Elizabeth Wentling**.

We continue to work with local companies and organizations to create scholarships and opportunities to meet the needs of our students and local area. If you or someone you know may be interested in donating to an existing scholarship or creating a new scholarship, please give them my contact information. We are all here to support each other and help others find success.

Laurie A. Bowersox

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STEM Summer Day Camp

Every Tuesday and Thursday from June 13 through July 28, the Girl Scouts in the Heart of PA (GSHPA) held a STEM Summer Day Camp at HACC's Lebanon Campus. The camp increased Lebanon County girls' (grades Kindergarten - 5) hands-on experience with science, technology, engineering and math. The program, which was free to attend and included a no-cost 2-year Girl Scout membership, was offered to Lebanon County girls in partnership with the United Way.

United Way had the opportunity to visit a STEM Day Camp session where more than 50 girls had a blast creating their own Play-Doh, building LEGO replicas of famous buildings and roller coasters from straws and popsicle sticks, and playing with virtual reality goggles. Girls also had the opportunity to scope out GSHPA's brand-new STEM Mobile, a mobile lab that brings cutting edge programs and technology to Girl Scouts across the organization's 30 county footprint.

By introducing hands-on engagement in STEM fields at this age group, GSHPA hopes to encourage girls to continue education in these high paying and high demand fields. The Lebanon County Day Camp helped prepare girls for financial stability and successful adult futures by growing their confidence and skills in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Along with STEM skills, Girl Scouts learned crucial team building skills, grew self-esteem, and learned to overcome obstacles. After participating in Girl Scouts, girls are prepared to help tackle community problems to ensure the future success of all in Lebanon County.

To learn more about Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania or to join as a member or volunteer, please visit their website at www.gshpa.org.

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"Best of Show"

Two Lebanon Campus Professors won "Best of Show" rosettes in the 2017 Lebanon Area Fair in July.

Patti Fernsler, adjunct Professor in Math and Foundational Studies, received this honor for her lemon-raspberry cupcakes. Additionally, Patti received ribbons for a number of other items, including first place for shoofly pie. Although she had entered counted cross-stitch projects in the past, this was first time Patti submitted food entries, so it was a wonderful surprise for her to not only place, but to earn the "Best of Show" as well.

Heidi (Devlin) Berg, associate professor in Biology, won her rosette in photography for a black-and-white photo of a great blue heron taken at Chincoteague Island. Like Patti, Heidi also received numerous ribbons for other entries, including other photos, cakes (pound, chiffon, yellow, white and chocolate), coffee cakes, breads, pickled peppers and apple butter.

Heidi (Devlin) Berg (left) and **Patti Fernsler** with the Lebanon Area Fair "Best of Show" rosette.

Heidi and her husband, Dan, have donated canvas prints of some of her other photos to the Lebanon Campus. They can be seen on the third floor near the library as well as near the faculty offices on the ground floor.

Welcome to Lebanon!

Stephen Irvin recently accepted the position of Assistant Professor of Mathematics. Stephen earned his Master's degree in Mathematics from Villanova University, and a B.S. in Secondary Mathematics Education from Penn State University. Before moving to the area, he had been teaching a variety of Mathematics courses at Cuyahoga Community College in Ohio. Stephen lives in Palmyra with his wife and their two sons. He enjoys spending time with his family, watching and playing sports, attending games, and discovering new music. Please feel free to stop by Stephen's office (Room 106G) to say hello and welcome him to Lebanon!

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Bucknell Scholars Named

Twenty-five students applied for HACC's 2017 Bucknell Community College Summer Scholars program. The following six students attended the program at Bucknell University this summer:

- **Benjamin Byler**, International Relations, Harrisburg Campus
- **Myles Breisch**, Environmental Science, Lancaster Campus
- **Kate Greenwood**, Environmental Science, Lancaster Campus
- **Lindsey Smith**, Psychology, Lebanon Campus
- **Alexander Jonovich**, Art, Lebanon Campus
- **Sara Mohamed**, Civil Engineering, York Campus

Left to right: Bucknell scholars **Kate Greenwood**; **Sara Mohammad**; **Lindsey Smith**; **Alex Jonovich**; **Ben Byler**; and **Myles Breisch**

The program consists of a six-week summer session where a select group of community college students (known as Bucknell Community College Scholars) will take two Bucknell courses while living on campus at Bucknell University. The entire summer program, including credits earned while attending, is at no cost to HACC or the students. The summer program is followed by mentoring and support for each Scholar who decides to apply for admission as a transfer student to Bucknell. Those who are granted admission and enroll in the University will receive a full-tuition scholarship, along with individual plans tailored to their needs, assistance with transfer of credits, and mentorship. Students returned to HACC at the end of this summer to complete their associate degrees.

Over the past ten years, HACC has seen 67 students attend the summer program and over thirty students go on to attend Bucknell full-time. We estimate that Bucknell University has invested over 4 million dollars in HACC students over the past decade.

To find out more about the Bucknell Community College Scholars program please see the Bucknell University webpage: http://www.bucknell.edu/CommunityCollegeScholars.xml

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An update from our Facilities Supervisor

Your Lebanon campus Facilities Team was very busy over the summer. We completed the following projects that made the campus better for you:

- Replaced some of the stair treads in the west stairwell that were installed years ago as replacements and did not match the color of the other treads. Fifteen new treads now match the existing and make walking safer in the stairwell.

- Completed renovations in the Tutoring and Testing Center. Changes began in the spring with new paint on the walls to make the area better for testing by brightening up the room, followed with new carpeting and wall base in the Tutoring Center. The project was completed in early summer, prior to the start of classes, with the installation of a new bookshelf and whiteboard.

- Completed a "Porous Pave" project near the outside front entrance steps. This material allows water to seep through it into stone and on into the ground water. This process does a few good things for the environment. First it recharges the ground water instead of the water running off through the storm sewer system. That is good for the Chesapeake Bay because our area drains to that location. Because the water seeps through the surface of this new pavement instead of running off, ice will not form during the winter months, making the area safer from slips and falls. If this product performs well, we plan on creating additional areas of this type pavement around campus.

- Painted the toilet partitions in the third floor women's room. Future plans include updating all the restrooms with new paint.

- Stripped all classrooms and hallways of old wax, scrubbed and new wax placed. All carpeted areas were shampooed. This becomes a challenge coordinating the areas we have to work with the daily operations of the campus, summer classes and the work hours that the custodial team have available. However, our team is very good at coordinating the work needs with the users of our campus, to get the job done!

In order to provide superior services to our campus, I stress education and training. Your Facilities team attended annual facilities training at the Lancaster- Lebanon IU-13 workshop. The training was hosted by the Cornwall-Lebanon School District. Some of the topics included: floor care, safety, blood borne pathogens, fire safety, energy savings, arc-flash protection and automated controls maintenance.

Dave Edwards
Facilities Management Supervisor

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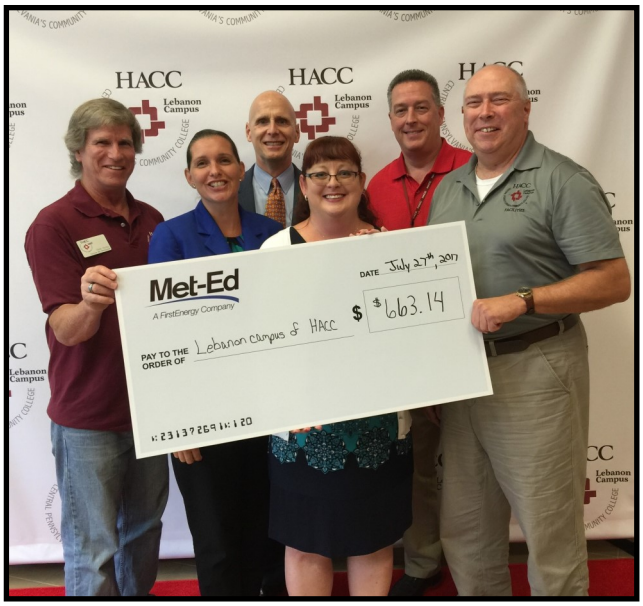
Our Facilities Team in Action

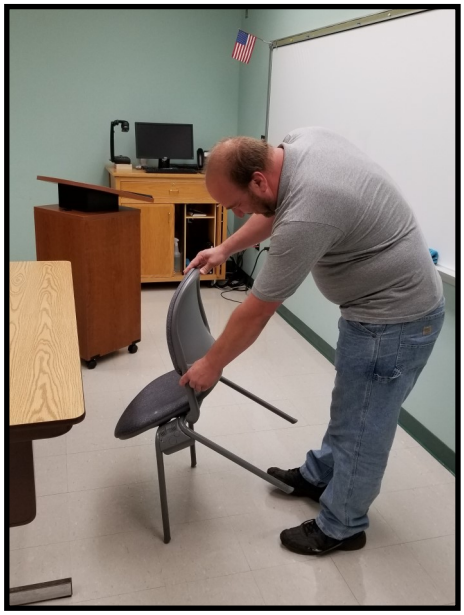


From left are **Dale Hardy**; **Laurie Bowersox**; **Dr. Ski**; **PollyAnne Bonning**, Met-Ed representative; **John Corrigan**; and **Dave Edwards.**

The Lebanon Campus received a rebate from electricity provider Met-Ed in the amount of $663.14, for a light-emitting diode (LED) project completed in the west stairwell. This rebate money comes from PA Act 129 of the Pennsylvania Utility Commission and is an incentive to invest in new money savings technology. The LED technology is replacing the fluorescent light fixtures on campus. The old fluorescent light fixtures were on full power 24/7/365. The LED fixtures have an occupancy sensor that dims the lights to 50% when no motion is detected for 15 minutes. LEDs last longer and are less expensive to operate, saving money on our electric bill. Future plans include updating all light fixtures to LEDs.

Dale Hardy

Ashley Klug



Dave Spancake

The Facilities Team

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Faculty Participate in Campus Day Event

On Wednesday, Aug. 23, faculty on all campuses had the opportunity to participate in "Campus Day" events on their home campus as part of the Week Zero activities. Lebanon faculty were welcomed back to kick off the fall semester by Dr. Matthew J. Goodman, who is serving as the Interim Dean of Student and Academic Affairs. The evening started with social time and a meal of pizza, salad and cookies for all to enjoy.

There were several break-out sessions offered over the course of the evening on topics such as Financial Aid, Student Wellness, EAB – Navigate training, Library-Information Literacy and a Student Research Conference, and What Students Need to Succeed. The program ended with a session geared toward current adjuncts, explaining the process of navigating through HACC's hiring process to move to a full-time position.

Chief Raymond J. Barry, III

A special thank you goes out to all of those who presented for the evening, including **Vicki Angell**, **Melissa Albright**, **Ann Burris**, **Wendy Gillman**, **Heidi Brubaker**, and **Kim Grotewold**. The evening would not have been as enjoyable and informative without their help.

Prior to the official start of the program that night, Chief Raymond J. Barry, III, was memorialized. Ray served as an adjunct instructor of Criminal Justice from August 2000 through May 2017. Ray unexpectedly passed away on Monday, July 31. Those who knew Ray, knew him as a warm, kind hearted, caring person who loved teaching at HACC and made a huge impact on hundreds of students over the past 17 years. "Chief" will be dearly missed by all of his Lebanon colleagues, friends, and students.

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

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

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.

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Rising Stars

Reading instructor **Kathy Felty**, left, joins students **Ashlee Likes**, **Hector Dieppa**, reading instructor **Marge Sweeney**, and students **Theresa Schlaybach**, **Morgan Fern**, and **Tasandra Simon** after the Rising Star awards ceremony held earlier this month. Each students was presented with a certificate for their achievement.

Ten HACC students were honored during early Sept. as part of the Rising Star program here on campus. The program recognizes those students who have outstanding grades in English 001 and 002, stepping stone developmental courses for many.

Campus Executive Director **Laurie Bowersox** greeted the students and their guests and spoke of about the perseverance students need to have to achieve good grades. Certificates of recognition were presented by reading instructors **Kathy Felty** and **Marge Sweeney** who had many of the students in their previous classes. Marge gave remarks representing the faculty, who see the students daily. She mentioned the recent eclipse and said that the students who are the stars in this program shine much longer than the news-making, 2-minute eclipse.

The awards ceremony recognized students who successfully completed Eng 001 or 002 with a GPA of 3.0 or greater during the Spring '17 semester. Students who achieved the goal for one semester were recognized as Rising Stars; students who met the goal for two semesters received the Shooting Star designation.

English Department News

The English Department at HACC is proud to announce that we will embark upon an evaluation of our textbooks this year for both ADA compliance and cost. English faculty are committed to ensuring equal access to materials and will work to select materials that are both universally accessible and economically reasonable. Many thanks to Academic Technologies, the library, and the disability coordinators for their support of this endeavor.

Reminder: No Meeting Days

Mark your calendars! NMD's for the 2017-2018 academic year are as follows:

Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2017

Thursday, Oct. 26, 2017

Friday, Nov. 10, 2017

Friday, Dec. 8, 2017

Thursday, Jan. 25, 2018

Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2018

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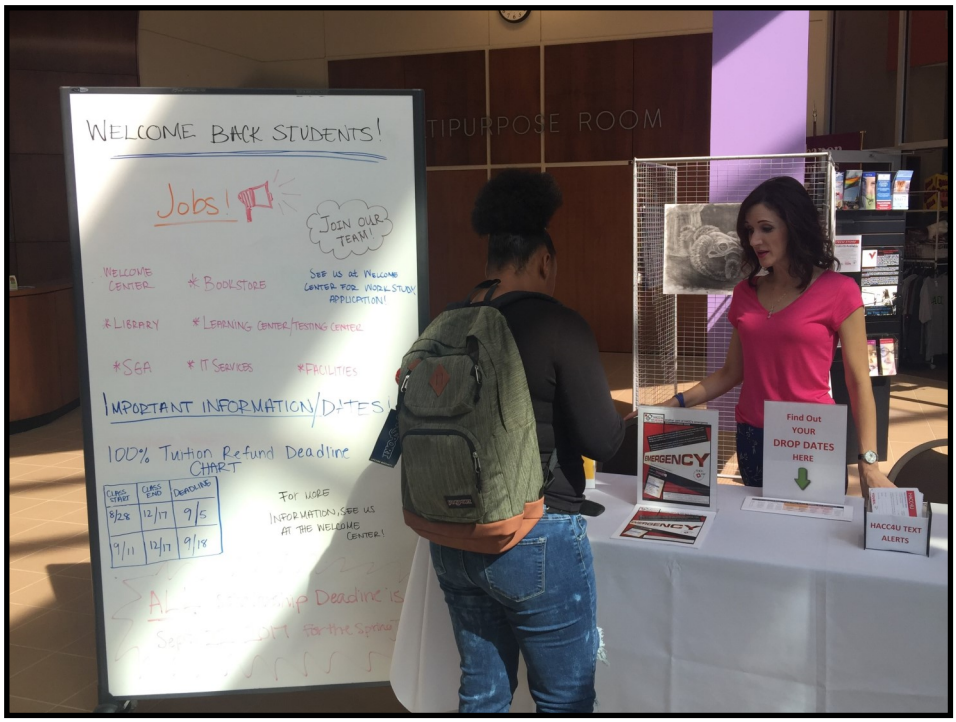
Students Welcomed Back with a Piece of Cake!

Above: SGA President, **Taylor Fulmer**, greets students with a piece of cake.
Below: Interim Director, Student Development and Multicultural Programs, **Heidi Brubaker**, shares helpful information with students.



SGA (Student Government Association) members welcomed new and returning students with a piece of cake as they walked through the lobby doors, letting them know "this semester is going to be a piece of cake." As wonderful as the cake was, the day had to come to an end, but the SGA and Student Programming Board (SPB) members are busy planning many more events for students to enjoy throughout the semester.

SGA welcomes all students to their social meetings the third Wednesday of every month, in Room 208, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. These meetings are designed to let students share their ideas and suggestions with the SGA.