

# Lebanon Campus Update



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#### From the Campus Executive Director

Greetings, Lebanon Campus!

It is the season for giving and remembering that there is more to the holidays than material gifts. Please take time this winter season to care for others and share kindness. The smallest gesture of a "hello" or "good morning" can make a huge difference in someone's day.

Recently, members of the HACC team spread good cheer at the Lebanon Holiday Parade. The streets were packed with members of our community, smiling and waving at us. It might have been the free goodies we were giving away, but we received a lot of cheers during our two-mile trek! We are important to the community and the education we provide is top notch!



From left to right, representing HACC at Lebanon's Holiday Parade: **Dave Spancake**; **Briana Legerlotz**; Santa; **Laurie Bowersox**; **Dave Edwards**; **Laura Nalls**; and student worker, **Faith Smith**.



From left to right, at PTK's 30th Birthday Celebration: Laurie Bowersox, PTK Liaison, Kariann Sweeney and PTK Advisor, Marge Sweeney.

Did you know that the local chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) International Honor Society at HACC turned 30 this year? Well, the Alpha Nu Omega Chapter did turn 30, and it was celebrated in style at the Harrisburg Campus in October. Our local representatives did a great job showing how much fun the Lebanon Campus is, and even lit up the dance floor. Thank you to Marge and Kariann for attending the event!

I hope you all have a safe and wonderful holiday season!

Laurie Bowersox



#### "Pizza with the President"



Dr. Ski listens to students as they share their experiences at the Lebanon Campus during "Pizza with the President" held on Oct. 29. All students were invited for pizza and an informal chat with Dr. Ski during the campus common hour.









### FAFSA Spooktacular!



On Halloween, the Welcome Center hosted the FAFSA Spooktacular event, where students could get help completing their FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Filing the FAFSA early is an important step in helping students get the most financial aid possible, and we are proud to have served more than double the number of students from last year! Student workers and staff were invited to wear costumes and celebrate Halloween by assisting students with the filing of their FAFSA.

Thank you for all who helped spread the word!

#### **President's Roadshow**



In early October, President Ski and members of Cabinet traveled to each of HACC's campuses to provide an opportunity for dialogue about the successes and challenges identified during our Convocation address held in August. Pictured, left, is the Roadshow at the Lebanon campus, held on Oct. 17, 2018.



### **Delayed openings & closures**

As the cold weather is now upon us, it is good to be reminded of the changes for delayed openings due to inclement weather. In the event of a delayed opening, classes will start at 10:00 am and staff are to report at 9:30 am. More information regarding the 2018 weather delays/closings can be found on the following webpage: <u>https://www.hacc.edu/Students/CollegeCalendars/Weather/index.cfm</u>

#### Welcome to Lebanon!

**Richard Van Fossen** joins the Lebanon Campus as the new lead officer for the Department of Public Safety & Security. Rich was born and raised in Lancaster County's Columbia Borough. He now lives in Lancaster County's East Donegal Township with his wife, Jennifer (Jenna), his 6 year old daughter, Lena Rose, and their two fur babies, Megan and MoMo (both cats with polar opposite personalities).

Rich has been a firefighter for 17.5 years, with many of those years as a fire line officer. He enjoys the sense of fulfillment knowing he can help others and save lives, all while having fun with his fire department family. Aside from actual work, he loves to learn and frequently watches documentaries on a broad array of topics, from earth science to history to



psychology. His other guilty pleasure is reading, especially Tom Clancy novels and anything military history.

Rich invites you to swing by the Public Safety office to see him when you have the time.

### Honoring our Veterans



Veterans honored at the Nov. 12 event included: (left to right) Lebanon Campus Veterans Club President, Adam Rios; guest speaker, Col. Doug Etter; Santos Robles; and Dave Edwards.

On Nov. 12, the Lebanon Campus Veteran's Club held an event to celebrate Veteran's Day and show appreciation to veterans for their service to our country. In addition to giving out food, pins and ribbons to veterans and supporters of veterans, the club invited Col. Doug Etter, a Pennsylvania National Guard chaplain who also works as the public affairs officer for the Lebanon VA Medical Center, as a guest speaker. Col. Etter educated our students and staff on the subjects of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and moral injury.



### Student Government Association (SGA) and Student Programming Board (SPB) Happenings

#### <u>Pumpkin Painting Party</u>

The pumpkin painting party was a success, thanks to our Student Programming Board! The event was a pumpkin painting session combined with a SGA/SPB meeting. Students were able to paint, while they received information about upcoming events. At the meeting, voting for the Hawks' Peak's furniture was finalized, the bus trip destination for the spring semester was decided, and local elections were discussed. SGA also went over the "Lunch with Leaders" series and other upcoming calendar events. Events discussed included the FAFSA Spooktacular and the Lebanon holiday parade. Students had an opportunity to express their artistic abilities with painting pumpkins supplied by the SPB.





#### Hawks' Peak Furniture

Hawk's Peak will be getting a face-lift in the spring! Out of 93 votes, 7 students voted no to move forward with remodeling Hawks' Peak and 86 voted yes.

The new furniture will offer a nice study space where students can eat and talk with friends. There will be booths and tables with charging ports along with high top tables with bar stools against the large windows where students can have a nice view of the outside. Overall, the space will be comfortable with more seating options to ensure a better study space. Pictured left is a rendering image.



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### <u>"Let's TACO 'Bout It"</u>

The Student Programming Board started a discussion series titled "Let's Taco 'Bout It" this fall semester. The series has been a success! The basis of the event is to present a hot button issue that is current and informative with a taco bar for students to enjoy while learning from an expert in a particular field.

Three discussions were held this fall:

- 1) Immigration, with a speaker from Church World Services;
- The Truth about Mental Health, presented by our licensed counselor, Ann Burris; and
- 3) Detecting Fake News, presented by Professor John Flavin.



Students listen to **Christine Barr** from Church World Services, as she leads a discussion on immigration at the first "Let's TACO 'Bout It" event held this fall at the Lebanon Campus.

Each event resulted in more participation from students, with the last event bringing in around 50 students.

#### <u>"Tunes at Noon"</u>



The Lebanon community has the good fortune of having many talented musicians living in the area. Beginning this semester, a community partnership was formed with HACC alumnus, Luther Tyree, who is working with local musicians to showcase their work in the Campus lobby over the common hour from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. No classes are scheduled during the common hour, which allows our students, staff and faculty the time to enjoy the uplifting atmosphere "Tunes at Noon" brings to the campus.

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### Safe Ways to Make Online Charitable Donations

When you make a charitable donation, you want to make sure that it is going to the organization of your choice – including the <u>HACC Foundation</u>. Cyber criminals are always looking for ways to steal your personal information and money. They may create fake charities and fake charity websites to appeal to your good nature.

These cyber criminals can be very sophisticated. They will mask their email addresses so it appears the emails are coming from someone you know and trust. They will create mirror websites that look legitimate.

Here are some tips to protect yourself from charity fraud:

- Do not rely on hyperlinks in email solicitations to make a donation. Go to the organization's website and donate from that website.
- Verify that you are donating to a legitimate charity by visiting websites such as <u>Guidestar.org</u> or the <u>Pennsylvania Department of State charity search website</u> or calling the organization.

HACC and the HACC Foundation value your contributions. To ensure that you are donating to the HACC Foundation, please follow these tips:

- When you receive an email inviting you to donate to the HACC Foundation, please ensure that it directs you to this webpage: <u>www.hacc.edu/givenow</u>. HACC will use easy-to-remember website addresses, but the website addresses will direct you to this page to give to the Foundation.
- If you receive a solicitation from the HACC Foundation that seems suspicious, please call 717-780-2321 immediately and forward a copy of the email to Foundation@hacc.edu.

For more tips, please read the Federal Trade Commission's article, "Before Giving to a Charity."

#### **Share the Excitement!**

Do you know someone graduating from HACC this December? Would you like to congratulate them publicly for a job well done? Here's your chance!

- <u>Complete this online form</u>
- Submit a photo of the graduate (optional)
- Submit payment of only \$10 (all funds received go toward the President's Fund for Excellence!)

That's it! Your congratulatory message will appear on <u>www.hacc.edu/</u> <u>CongratsGrads</u> in a few days!

Please note that by submitting a photo and/or message to be displayed on <u>http://www.hacc.edu/CongratsGrads</u>, you acknowledge that you have the authorization and explicit permission from the individual(s) in the photo to do so. Graduates have the right to email <u>webmas-</u> <u>ter@hacc.edu</u> to remove their photo, if applicable. All photos must be appropriate for public display. HACC reserves the right to remove any questionable photos. Refunds will not be given.



Your message here!

Your message to a HACC graduate will display here! <u>#HACCproud</u>





### HACC is Spreading Cheer!

HACC's Lebanon Campus is excited to share with you some great things they are doing this holiday season and information on how YOU can help!

#### First....

Hats, mittens and other warm items for kids.... this year we are having our 5th Annual Collection for all things warm. Professor Martha Thompson and her students will distribute all donated items to Lebanon area elementary schools. Please feel free to drop off any donations in the Holiday Train (located in the 1st floor lobby) by **Monday Dec. 3**.



#### Second....

The Artist Guild is collecting activity items to donate to Bethany Children's Home in Womelsdorf. Items donated may include: art & craft kits, coloring books, paint-by-number, tie dye kits, yarn and crochet and knitting needles, board games, paint brushes, stress balls, coloring pencils, crayons, scrapbook paper, etc. Donations may be dropped off in the red box outside the Student Life Office on the second floor (Hawks' Peak). Please feel free to drop off any donations in by **Dec. 14**.

#### Third, but not least....

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society (PTK) and the Student Government Association (SGA) invites you to join us for the 1st Annual Cookies, Carols and Conversation with Seniors! Saturday, **Dec. 8**, we will be at Stone Ridge Popular Run Retirement Living Community in Myerstown from 2—3:30 p.m., spending quality time with seniors at this community. All HACC students, faculty, and staff are welcome! If you want to read a story, bring your favorite holiday story; if you want to play an instrument or sing, please do; if you just want to provide company and chat, that's okay too. Bring a friend or family member along, the more the merrier. **Please RSVP to Laura Nalls at** <u>lfnalls@hacc.edu</u> **by Dec. 5**, **so we know how any people to expect that day.** 



### 2017-18 HACC and HACC Foundation Annual Report is Now Online!

The 2017-18 HACC and HACC Foundation annual report is now available <u>online</u>. This year's report features ways that we make college possible by helping students get started, fostering student engagement and an inclusive and accessible environment and making attendance affordable.

For 2017-18, did you know?

- Our youngest student was 15 years old, and the oldest was 81.
- The full-time student to full-time faculty ratio in fall 2017 was 15:1.
- Donors contributed **\$2,557,407.89** to the HACC Foundation to support students and foster student engagement.

In this report, you will read and view stories from current students and recent graduates like Cecilia:

"My greatest personal achievement is graduating debt-free with a 4.0 GPA." Cecilia Dean, HACC student

The annual report also includes updates on the *Invest. Impact. Inspire. Campaign for* <u>*HACC*</u> and special initiatives and events that were made possible through HACC Foundation funds.

Please read more in our interactive annual report.

#### **Looking for new opportunities?**

HACC, Central Pennsylvania's Community College, is seeking a high-performer to join the Office of College Advancement's Grants and Corporate Relations team as a development officer for organizations. If you would like to be a part of a dynamic team, please consider applying at <a href="https://jobs.hacc.edu/postings/13150">https://jobs.hacc.edu/postings/13150</a>.

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