

**Happy New Year!** I hope the holiday season was a time of rest and renewal for you.

Each new year starts with new resolutions — small but meaningful expressions of hope that motivate us to achieve important goals. What resolutions should we make together as a campus community? Please take a minute to drop me a message at <a href="mailto:ssharvey@hacc.edu">ssharvey@hacc.edu</a> to let me know what resolutions you think we should make together to improve our campus for our students.

I'm starting this new year resolving to offer more thanks more often for all of the great work each of you do for our campus. As 2014 drew to a close, I took some time to recall our many accomplishments during the last 12 months:

- Adoption of a 3-year campus master plan
- Five new campus specific scholarships
- New faculty and staff
- A new parking lot
- Two new community partnerships bringing additional fitness and food services

These accomplishments and many others, prompts me to extend thanks, once again, for your efforts in working TOGETHER to advance our mission to create opportunities and transform the lives of our students.

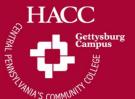
2015 dawns with new opportunities. This fall will mark the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Gettysburg campus serving the Adams/Hanover community. This year will also present new opportunities for the campus to expand our program offerings and partnerships with our secondary schools:

- Discounted tuition (\$100 per credit hour) for high school students enrolled in Early College Academy or as Early Admission students.
- Addition of the Mechatronics certificate program to address manufacturing employment needs.
- Addition of the Biology transfer degree program to respond to increased high school focus on S.T.E.M. curricular pathways.

I'm confident that by working TOGETHER we will accomplish these initiatives and identify additional opportunities. **Don't forget** — **send me your emails suggesting resolutions we can make together this year to improve our campus for our students**. Best wishes for a prosperous and successful new year.

#### EARLY COLLEGE ACADEMY NIGHT - WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28 AT 6:00 P.M.

The campus will host an **information session for high school juniors and their parents** to present opportunities for high school students to take college-level classes through HACC's Early College Academy or Early Admission program. **HACC's new and reduced Dual Enrollment tuition is the lowest in Central Pennsylvania, at just \$100 per credit hour.** Please encourage high school students and parents you know to attend!





### $50^{\text{th}}$ Anniversary Celebration comes to a close

It seems like only yesterday that HACC was preparing for its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Now, it's over, but 2014 was a terrific year for HACC! The College celebrated by hosting brand new events, raising money to support our students and capturing the memories from past and present employees, board members and students. We hope you will take a few minutes to enjoy and relive a few moments of HACC's history and the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations by visiting <a href="https://www.hacc.edu/50">www.hacc.edu/50</a> to view:



- An online scrapbook that highlights the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary events, testimonials (video and written) and how much support the College has received in one year
- A 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary online history book that showcases HACC's history since 1964
- An oral history video about the life at HACC over the last 50 years



### SEEDS OF CHANGE MINI-GRANTS ANNOUNCED

Seven HACC employees recently shared almost \$20,000 in Seeds of Change mini-grants for 2015. Generously funded by the HACC Foundation, the minigrant program supports innovative ideas to collaborate, engage students, save money or generate new revenue. **Ruth A. Negley, associate professor of biology, received her mini-grant for "Essential Anatomy" Application of 3D Anatomical Models.** Students in Biology 121, anatomy and physiology often struggle to learn anatomical structures, names and locations. Retention rates and class average scores on lab exams are lower than desired. The 3D "Essential Anatomy" anatomical models will serve as a learning resource to improve student retention and grades in this course. **Congratulations Ruth!** 

The Hauser Estate Winery recently presented \$601 to the HACC Foundation to support the Helen Hauser Memorial Scholarship, providing assistance to a student enrolled in HACC's viticulture and enology program. The funds were raised during the HACC and Hauser Moveable Feast at the winery in October 2014.



^ Pictured, from left, are Hannah Hauser; Melinda Davis; Shannon Harvey and Jane Patrono.





#### STUDENT AFFAIRS INCUBATOR GRANTS

With the support of \$20,000 in Strategic Planning dollars, the Student Affairs Incubator Grant project was launched in September 2014 as **a means of supporting the ideas and initiatives of Student Affairs team members in the areas of enrollment, student success, and assessment**. The Gettysburg Campus submitted two proposals, both of which were awarded:

#### • Degree Completion Support

Wendy Brubaker, adjunct instructor, and Mary Arnold, faculty counselor, will target students who are within 15 credits of degree completion but who stopped attending within the past four years. The goal of the outreach program is to enroll 20% of the targeted population in six or more credits in the fall of 2015 to help students reach degree completion.

#### • Rolling out the Red Carpet

Submitted by Sara Ridley, Tracey Smith, and Lisa Graham-Herrick, this project will enhance the overall appearance of the Welcome Center and Advising areas to add a "personal touch' to the enrollment experience. Uniform, comfortable furniture, a snack/water area, and other environmental enhancements will promote a student-focused atmosphere to inspire immediate connection to HACC. Funds will also support the training of a student worker to focus on the needs of prospective students and families. Assessment will be conducted through voluntary survey participation.

#### COMPUTER ROLL-OUT COMPLETE



Our campus **IT department recently replaced 130 computers and/or laptops** as part of HACC's four year computer lease rotation cycle.

Individual employee computers are replaced on a rotating schedule based on a lease schedule. HACC's Office of Information Systems Technology recently adopted a "One Device" policy providing employees the option to choose a desktop or laptop computer with the next replacement of your workstation. Companion devices (tablets, etc.) are excluded from this policy.

#### UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN RESULTS



Congratulations and thank you to the campus community for a very successful United Way campaign. During November and December, our campus raised \$5,454.09 for the United Way of Adams County. Congratulations to Darwin Laughman and Andree Drake who both won a "free day off" in the drawing for first time payroll deduction and repeat gift! A

special thanks to all who participated in the many opportunities to give to those less fortunate.





#### THANK YOU FROM DR. SKI

During the campus forum on December 4, **Dr. Ski was presented with a holiday "Gettysburg" gift basket.** The basket was an auction item from our United Way campaign and contained the following:

- Six tickets to the Gettysburg Visitors Center
- Four civil war related books
- Abraham Lincoln knowledge cards
- "Saving the Battle of Gettysburg Cyclorama" DVD
- Gettysburg Address Witness Tree Pen crafted by local woodworker William Hewitt.



Dr. Ski sent the following note to be shared with the Gettysburg campus:

"Shannon and Gettysburg campus, thank you for the gift basket of Gettysburg goodies and for your donation to United Way on my behalf. Most importantly, THANK YOU for all you do to help our students succeed."

#### **HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS**

Employees of Tommy Hilfiger partnered with the Keys program at both the York and Gettysburg campuses to purchase gifts for 30 less fortunate HACC Keys families. Lisa Graham-Herrick, administrative office assistant in Student Affairs and a Hilfiger employee, stated they were given a wish/need list to personalize each gift.





December 23<sup>rd</sup> was a day of campus collegiality and sweet treats! Winners of the ornament contest were Scott Decker, Betty Kopp and Howard Alexander. >

< Christmas trivia ace was Tom Long. We did get manage to get some work done that day, but we sure ate a lot of sugar (hot chocolate, cookies, ice-cream, etc.)!









< Winners of the **Ugly Sweater Contest** at the recent CEO holiday breakfast were **Lisa Graham-Herrick, Sara Ridley and Jessica Knouse** – first, second and third place respectively.

The campus Ski/Board Club chaperoned by club advisors Lisa Hill and Ruth Negley traveled to Canaan Valley Lodge & Ski Resort in W.V. for three days in early January. They skied on more than eight inches of fresh snow, enjoyed excellent food, accommodations, ski time and friendship.



# NOREEN NEITZ MEMORIAL RUN AT THE ROCK AND SUFFICIENTLY RADICAL WALK

On the Sunday before Christmas, hundreds of runners gathered for the **second annual 5K run/1 mile walk to raise funds for the Noreen Neitz Scholarship Fund.** The funds are awarded to students who show service to the community and are active members of the St. Francis Xavier parish and its youth group, of which Noreen was the spiritual leader.

Noreen was a part-time advisor at the Gettysburg campus who lost her battle with cancer on July 10, 2013. Noreen's son, Jack, in the Santa suit posed with Scott Simmonds, Shannon Harvey and Cristal Myers who were handing out water to runners on the course. >





#### NURSING FACULTY PRESENT AT CONFERENCE





Nursing faculty Val Bugosh, Caren LaRue and Arletta Molnar attended the Elsevier Faculty Development Conference in Scottsdale, AZ earlier this month. Val Bugosh presented the poster "Study Abroad in Haiti: A Cultural Immersion Experience." Caren LaRue presented the poster "Disaster Day: An Interdisciplinary Experience." Both poster presentations highlighted unique learning experiences for HACC nursing students. The Elsevier conference was an excellent opportunity for faculty to learn from nurse educators who are making an impact on student and program outcomes, and to meet colleagues from across the nation working with similar challenges to find innovative solutions for our institution.

#### STUDENTS CAN APPLY FOR HACC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS!



More than 200 HACC Foundation scholarships are <u>available</u> to HACC students!

Students can receive scholarships for tuition and books for the 2015-16 academic year by simply completing one online application through HACC's online scholarship management system, <u>AcademicWorks by April 3, 2015</u>. The system will automatically match students to scholarships, and most scholarships awarded are \$1,000 for the academic year.

A video tutorial of the application process is also available on <u>HACC's YouTube site</u>. Seven flyers featuring HACC's "Scholarship Spotlights" are available <u>online</u>.

For additional assistance, view the HACC Foundation Scholarships help page.



### SPRING FACULTY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY



Instruction begins when you, the teacher, learn from the learner; put yourself in his place so that you may understand . . . what he learns and the way he understands it.

.....Soren Kierkegaard