



# Virtual Learning Focus

## *Welcome to the Fall 2014 Semester*

This fall semester, HACC's Virtual Learning will help 6,000 students pursue their educational and career goals in over 150 unique online courses and over 520 total online sections. This requires much effort and passion from each faculty member—from the creation and updating of these courses to the online interactivity and engagement throughout the semester. Please accept a sincere "thank you" for all your efforts. Have a wonderful semester. — *Amy Withrow*

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*If you are planning for a year, sow rice;  
if you are planning for a decade, plant trees;  
if you are planning for a lifetime, educate people.*

*- Chinese Proverb*



# Focus on Faculty

## eVolution Online & Blended Training

After a busy summer running three sessions of eVolution Academy and a session of eVolution Blend, we are off and running again. This fall, Virtual Learning will be offering two sessions of Academy and a session of eVolution Blend--led by Josh Rumpff on the Gettysburg campus. I would like to thank all of TTS for helping out in various ways with getting the new Blended training off the ground!

Since we began offering eVolution Academy and Studio just over a year ago, 99 people have successfully passed eVolution Academy. 24 of those have successfully exited out of Studio—with many more to come. What is really exciting is that some of the 99 participants were taking the training as a refresher! That speaks volumes about the dedication and professionalism of our Virtual instructors. The training itself has met with an overwhelmingly positive response. Thanks to all those who have assisted as instructors over the last year, including Lise-Pauline Barnett, Cindy Schanke, Dave Wartell, Amy Withrow, and Cheryl Wilson!

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## **Please Join me in Welcoming Faculty New to Virtual Learning** — Caroline Mellinger

### **Full Time Permanent**

Lori Hockley, Management

Jennifer Hummel, Information Science

(20% of Workload split with Harrisburg)

### **Full Time Temporary**

Linda Beck, Communications

Tamara Girardi, English

Sandra Kroft, PE/Health

### **New Adjunct Faculty (Summer 2014)**

Cherry Bearer, Chinese

Morgan Horton, Humanities

Mallary Kamen, Math

Debra Roberts, Accounting

### **New Adjunct Faculty (Fall 2014)**

Timothy Barshinger, English

Cheryl Batdorf, Management

Maurice Cuffee, Business

Brandon Dragone, Economics

Elizabeth Hager, Humanities

Elfie Hoskins, Foundational Studies

Jennifer Kitchens, Psychology

Bonnie Showvaker, Math

## Take the Swivl for a Spin

If you have ever wished for an extra set of hands to help record your meeting, lesson, or presentation, you will love the Swivl! Recently purchased by the Center for Innovation & Teaching Excellence, the Swivl (shown on page 2) is a handy robotic tool for recording yourself simply and wirelessly using your mo-

bile device. Just plug your smartphone or tablet into the Swivl, place a lanyard around your neck and press record. The Swivl follows the lanyard a full 360 degrees and also has the ability to tilt up and down. It also contains a wireless microphone so you sound great in your videos. An app available

for iOS and Android makes the process of recording, sharing and uploading your video easy for even novices. For more information about what the Swivl can do, check out <http://www.swivl.com/>. If you are interested in taking the Swivl out for a spin, contact your campus TTS member.

## Grant Opportunity

*It's innovation time here at HACC! Do you have a good idea to save money or work smarter? Apply by Oct. 15 for a Seeds of Change mini-grant. The president's innovation team will select winners of \$2,000 to \$4,000 mini-grants. A total of \$20,000 is available. Winners will*

*be announced in mid-November and will have until Dec. 15, 2015, to complete their grant-funded projects. Find the application and full details in the Office of College Advancement channel on the home page of myHACC. This initiative was generously funded by the HACC Foundation.*

## Eight HACC members Receive Desire2Excel Collaboration Award

HACC once again received national recognition when D2L announced the winners of the Desire2Excel Collaboration award. HACC faculty and staff members were honored for their interdisciplinary zombie course, "Zombies in Contemporary Culture." Members of the instructional team are pictured left to right: Dave Wartell (Biology & Instructional Technology), Rick Albright (English), Jason Beaudin (English and Humanities), JuliaGrace Jester (Psychology), Matt Harris (Art and Humanities) and Kathleen Conley (Library). Not pictured are Nicole Ernst (Geospatial) and Cindy Schanke (Instructional Technology).





# focus on Students

## *Desire2Learn Presents New Platform*

On July 14, Desire2Learn (D2L) announced the re-branding of their learning management system from D2L to Brightspace. This re-branding coincides with the announcement of new initiatives that D2L/Brightspace plans for the learning platform. For the immediate future, you will not see any changes in our current D2L system, but you may start to hear the name Brightspace. Virtual Learning and Roger Garber will keep you informed of any changes that might occur in the future. HACC is under contract with D2L/Brightspace through the 2016-2017 academic year.

## Enrollment Update:

### Virtual Learning Data (September 3, 2014)

- Credit Hours: 29435 +4.96% (from Fall 2013)
- Seats Occupied: 9882 +5.59% (from Fall 2013)
- Headcount (includes cross-enrolled) 6004 +2.63% (from Fall 2013)
- Credit Hours/Student: 4.90 +2.27% (from Fall 2013)

## *Looking for A Few Good Leaders*

The **Virtual Learning Student Advisory Committee (VLSAC)** is looking to identify the best and the brightest among the virtual student body, and we need your help with this campaign!

Being a member of the VLSAC offers students a unique opportunity to engage in activities seeking to further their development as learners and leaders. This is an opportunity for students to have input into their own educational experiences, while influencing improvements in an effort to make online education better for both students and faculty alike.

Since you have firsthand insight in terms of identifying exemplary online students we are requesting your recommendations for poten-

tial VLSAC members and leaders. Nominate a student for VLSAC by contacting Jazmin Simpson at [jbsimpso@hacc.edu](mailto:jbsimpso@hacc.edu) and providing a brief explanation as to why your student should be considered. It only takes a moment to recognize a motivated, dedicated, and deserving student for VLSAC!

You are also welcome to help spread the word about VLSAC by posting a message in your course and/or directing students to our VLSAC Facebook Group titled [Virtual Learning SAC \(Student Advisory Committee\)](#).

Thank you in advance for helping to share this exciting opportunity with your students.

—Jazmin Simpson

### *e*volution ...continued

Since the reorganization of Virtual Learning in the summer of 2012, 139 course demonstrations (training exit, exemption, new prep, load reallocation) have taken place.

Hours and hours and hours of work! Kudos to all of you who have participated as design or content experts. I feel confident that we are making a difference in the quality of our offerings! — *Suzanne O'Hop*

**Desktop/Laptop Update** — The College lease agreement for desktops/laptops was signed a bit later than normal this academic year. Therefore, for those of you due for an updated desktop or laptop, it may take a couple months before you receive your new device. Additionally, finance and OIST are making final decisions regarding the off lease desktop/laptop buy-outs. More information on that will be provided soon.



*Jazmin Simpson (center) and the incoming online students attending her "Jump Start Your Success" session on the Lancaster Campus.*

### Did you know...???

- HACC's Information Technology (IT) unit has been renamed HACC's Office of Information Services and Technologies (OIST).
- Over 200 wireless access points were installed across all HACC campuses this summer to ensure consistent wireless access for HACC students. A special thank you goes out to the Virtual Learning Student Advisory Committee and OIST staff for this collaborative effort.
- Files saved on your HACC PC desktop are not backed up. Make sure you backup any files saved to your desktop.

# Focus on

## Upcoming Events



### ***Virtual Learning Team***

#### ***Faculty Leadership:***

##### ***Full-time:***

Karen Woodring, VCFA Chair  
Lise-Pauline Barnett, VCFA Vice-Chair  
Xiaoqing Zhu, from Operations House

##### ***Shared:***

Mary Jo Keiter

##### ***Adjunct:***

Diane Edmond, from Operations House

##### ***Non-Voting:***

Jason Beaudin, CITE Coordinator  
Tarama Girardi, VCFA Secretary

#### ***Leadership:***

Suzanne O'Hop  
Caroline Mellinger  
Amy Withrow

#### ***Admin. Assistants:***

Elaine Holland  
Joanne McPherson

#### ***Community Development:***

Laura MacNeill

#### ***Student Support:***

Gina Bowers-Miller  
Emily Fox  
Danielle Martin  
Jazmin Simpson

#### ***Technology:***

Melissa Dietrich  
Josh Rumpff  
Cindy Schanke  
Joe Mendrzycki  
Qiquan Wang  
David Wartell

### **Twitter Chats (Wednesdays):**

- \*Sept. 10, 12pm- Learn about Scholarships
- \*Sept. 24, 6pm- Career Services w/Tim Barshinger
- \*Oct. 8, 12pm- Faculty-Led Travel Courses w/ Nancy Hile

*\*To see all #haccvirtual Twitter Chats, visit [https://storify.com/Emily\\_J\\_Fox](https://storify.com/Emily_J_Fox) If you would like to be a Chat guest, please contact [ejfox@hacc.edu](mailto:ejfox@hacc.edu) If you have a Twitter account, your assistance with promoting the sessions is much appreciated.*

### **Webinars for Online Students:**

- \*Tuesday, September 2, 12pm
  - \*Tuesday, September 16, 6pm
  - \*Tuesday, September 30, 12pm
- <http://hacc.adobeconnect.com/knowvirtual/>

### **Virtual Learning Fall Retreat:**

Friday, Oct. 3, 9am-3pm, York Campus

### **Staff Meetings:**

(Fridays, 1-2:30, W-226D or VoicePlus 211301-3016# )  
September 26  
October 24  
December 5

*You are welcome to be a guest at any of our staff meetings and learn more about Virtual Learning, or to share what is happening in your area.*