



## Career Programs Building Receives New Look

Article contributed by Beth Stull, HCC Director of Public Information and Government Relations



Architect Bushey Feight Morin's conceptual drawing of the renovated HCC Career Programs Building (CP Building) and Memorial Plaza when complete

HCC's largest instructional space, the Career Programs Building, is getting an extreme makeover. Nursing and other health sciences students received the first look at the lower level of the building in January 2008, when the renovated space was opened for spring classes.

"We've been anxiously awaiting this new space," said Carolyn Albright, director of the Division of Nursing and Health Sciences. "It will allow our health sciences program to grow and provide additional opportunities for students in the community to pursue health careers."

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The building's \$18.19 million renovation, which began a year ago, will bring the total square footage from 76,000 to 84,000. Since the building is so large, construction is being completed in phases. The first phase focused on the allied health areas and a few support functions. The second phase will focus on the Information Technology (IT) area, the upper level with the conference center, cafeteria area, and major site renovations including the parking lots and the outdoor plaza.

"By completing the project in phases, we were able to keep the allied health classes going, while preparing the new area," said Brian Struntz, director of Facilities Management and Planning. "If we had not done it this way, we would have been forced to cancel nursing and allied health classes for a semester or more."

The lower level of the building will house the Nursing and Health Sciences Division, business and art instructional spaces, Indus-

trial Technology Program, Reprographic Services, HCC's internal IT department, mailroom, and purchasing office.

The upper level, which is scheduled to open in the spring of 2009, will house a continuing education conference center, The Valley Eatery, and continuing education offices. Just outside the upper level, a new plaza will be created with an outdoor eating area, memorial fountain, and seating.

The roads and parking lots surrounding the Career Programs Building are being updated as well. The new section of Scholar Drive opened in November, completing the full loop around the campus. This road provides easy access to the parking areas adjacent to the building, including a new lot which was opened for the fall semester, as well as access to the rear of campus. The section of Scholar Drive in front of the Career Programs Building is now closed in preparation for work to begin on the upper level and the outdoor plaza.

A building dedication is planned for the spring of 2009.



**Phase II Construction**



## A Message from the President

Dear Alumni and Friends of HCC:

I'm pleased to have the opportunity to inform you about some of the College's recent accomplishments and to assure you that your college continues to honor its founding values to be highly student centered and community focused. In short, we carry on the tradition of providing comprehensive and high quality college services to local residents at an affordable price. As you know so well, HJC/HCC has for 62 years been at the center of post-secondary education for a diverse population of learners. Over the years, the College has become the local gateway for thousands of students who want to enhance their academic knowledge and skills, explore new career choices, take personal enrichment courses, or seek a degree or certification. We are so proud to point out that your alma mater has served over 150,000 learners to date and continues to remain financially accessible to those in need of its services. In fact, HCC's tuition and fees are the lowest in the region.

The College has been successful in securing public funds to make important major facility improvements and add important new courses and programs. We also continue to do well in raising private funds to supplement the public dollars, which are needed to support student scholarships, as well as to fund instructional equipment and employee development programs needed to provide local citizens a first class college education.

In recent years, the College has been chosen for many awards and other forms of recognition for both the quality of its programs and the high caliber of its faculty and staff. We have achieved these honors because others feel we do a superb job of meeting the needs of our students and the communities we serve. Our committed faculty and staff are dedicated to serve all types of students, whether they are new to college, changing careers, seeking skill upgrades, transferring from another college to complete a degree, or returning to school after many years away from formal education.

I'm happy to report that new students who come to us say that the College's courses are challenging, relevant, useful, and fun. They are especially reassured to discover that our faculty possess high levels of competence and very caring attitudes. Whether these students are seeking a two-year degree, completing a career credential in fields like nursing or biotechnology, learning English as a second language, or seeking a computer certification, they find high value in using HCC to transform their lives through education. Today's students very much appreciate the variety of learning options now being offered, which include both high and low tech classroom instruction, various work place learning formats, well equipped labs and resource centers, and online course work.

I like to describe the College as "a place so close that can take its learners so far." Enrollments in recent years have increased substantially, as an ever growing community of learners decide to stay close, as they prepare to go far. As alumni and friends of the College, I hope you regularly visit the HCC Web site ([www.hagerstowncc.edu](http://www.hagerstowncc.edu)) and visit our picturesque 319-acre campus. However you choose to stay connected to your alma mater, you should be pleased to know that HCC continues to change lives for the better.

We deeply appreciate your support and generosity!

Sincerely,

Guy Altieri, Ed.D.  
President

## Remember when?

1954: R. Francis Churchill, Elinor (McHenry) McLeod, Kay Zeigler, Lois (Houpt) Balcer



June 1955: Atlee Kepler and students at Capapon State Park

## “A Real and Worthy Purpose” Scholarship and Capital Campaign Closes in on its Goal



“A Real and Worthy Purpose” Scholarship and Capital Campaign Chairperson Dick Phoebus, joined by the HCC Hawk, kicks off the public phase of the campaign at the Alumni Ball

During Hagerstown Community College’s (HCC) 60th anniversary celebration in September 2006, the HCC Foundation announced its goal of raising \$5 million by conducting “A Real and Worthy Purpose” Scholarship and Capital Campaign. Under the guidance of Campaign Chair Richard W. Phoebus, Sr. and the involvement of a dedicated campaign committee, we are pleased to announce that we are very close to reaching this goal. We thank hundreds of alumni, individuals, businesses, corporations, and foundations that have chosen to support HCC and its students.

Generous donors are helping us prepare to meet future generations of learners. We have secured gifts for the following areas:

1. Furnishings and equipment for the Career Programs Building. Phase I of the renovations is complete to include:
  - a state-of-the-art radiography area with digital imaging equipment;
  - nursing labs furnished with new hospital beds and advanced patient simulators to provide simulation-based education to challenge and test students’ clinical and decision-making skills;
  - an emergency services training area containing a full-size ambulance box for real life rescue instruction;
  - an industrial arts area equipped for HVAC, electrical, and welding classes;
  - computer labs;
  - faculty and administrative offices;
  - a student lounge area; and
  - college support services.
2. The Waltersdorf-Henson Community Foundation Endowment Challenge whereby the HCC Foundation was given the opportunity to receive a dollar-for-dollar match for \$800,000 raised in new money, resulting in a \$1.6 million endowment. Interest earned on this fund will support a Teaching and Learning Excellence Fund for HCC faculty and also student financial assistance.

We completed our commitment with proceeds from the tribute to current Trustee and former Washington County Commissioner Greg Snook on March 28, 2008.

3. Funds for the Foundation’s General Scholarship Fund.

With 73% of HCC students receiving some form of financial support, the HCC Foundation provided 339 scholarships totaling \$255,304 for the 2007-2008 academic year.

4. Dollars to support the Commercial Vehicle Transportation program learning site at the Volvo/Mack plant.

During the 2007-2008 academic year, 140 students completed their Commercial Driver’s License Class A Professional Truck Driver training for tractors and trailers. Additionally, 15 students completed their Commercial Driver’s License Class B Truck Driver training for dump trucks, delivery trucks, and box trucks. This is a new program, which began in September 2007.

HCC is in its 62nd year of service to our area and we are gratified with its accomplishments and growth. We are proud of our teaching and learning excellence as evidenced by the successes of our alumni. We’ve come a long way from our modest beginnings in the basement of the old Hagerstown High School on Potomac Street, and the best is yet to be.

The College has helped more than 13,000 area people realize the goal of graduating from an institution of higher learning and given more than 150,000 people the opportunity to attend college. The future holds endless possibilities for our students and our communities because of the caring and giving hearts of our friends.

To learn more about how you can join our winning team, please contact Lieba Cohen by telephone at 301-790-2800, ext. 213 or by email at [cohenl@hagerstowncc.edu](mailto:cohenl@hagerstowncc.edu).



### Leave a Legacy

The Hagerstown Community College Foundation, Inc. encourages planned giving through bequests, endowments, insurance policies, etc. Call Lieba J. Cohen, director of institutional advancement, at 301-790-2800, ext. 213 or at [cohenl@hagerstowncc.edu](mailto:cohenl@hagerstowncc.edu) to find out about the significant advantages that may result from your thoughtful giving.



## The Value of a Community College Education: To Begin Again

*Valerie Repsher is proof that dreams really do come true. Just ask her.*

Valerie was a student speaker at the College's donor recognition event held on April 23, 2008. She spoke candidly, poignantly, and from the heart. She gave a personal account of her journey in life as well as that of a nontraditional age student in the nursing program.

She began by stating, "Good afternoon. My name is Valerie Repsher and no, there's no mistake. I'm not a member of the faculty or the mother of a member of the faculty. I am, indeed, a student here at HCC and I'm proud to be completing my first year in the registered nursing program and finally beginning to realize a lifelong dream."

Valerie always wanted to become a nurse. But, the opportunity to attend nursing school always seemed like a pipe dream that would never come true. Life circumstances changed, and she was about to enroll at HCC. Like many of our students, she was afraid of the uncertainties. She had been thinking and dreaming about nursing school for 30 years. She was worried she would not be as prepared as the younger students and that she would not be able to do the work. She was certain that the young college kids would outperform her academically.

But despite her trepidations, she took the first step, called HCC, and scheduled an appointment to take the placement tests. Valerie says, "I wasn't sure how I was going to pay for all this or how I was going to do the work or how I was ever going to pass—but I had an appointment."

She was definitely nervous. But, with encouragement from staff and warm smiles, she started on her way. She learned about funding opportunities and scholarships available. Once enrolled, she found a faculty willing to go the extra mile to ensure student success.

Valerie believes that the timing was so right for her. Speaking of the renovations taking place in the Career Programs Building, she states, "Things are moving and shaking (literally some days) here at HCC and the new Career Programs Building is incredible. While much of the money needed to complete this project was funded through the state of Maryland and Washington County, I think it needs to be pointed out that \$1.6 million is coming through benefactors in this community who believe in this institution. We have state-of-the-art labs and equipment that would rival a large university's and it is a privilege to be able to learn there. The quality of nurses graduating from HCC will only continue to improve as a result of your efforts and generosity."

Valerie first expressed her heartfelt "Thank you!" to her scholarship benefactors, the HCC Foundation, the Mr. and Mrs. Nick Giannaris Family, and The John M. Waltersdorf Family, all who have provided her with financial assistance. She said she was astounded that so many people were willing to help her—perfect strangers who believed in her and believed that she was worthy of their support. This kindness truly touched her.

Secondly, the ability to focus on the academic part of school and not the financial part took a lot of stress out of her life, and the most important thing it has done is to further inspire her. "While this money is a gift—no one is asking me to pay them back."

She feels she owes a debt in showing them that their money was well spent. She has strived for excellence and has earned a 4.0 grade point average!



So far as paying back, she plans to pay it forward and wants to help others in our community. She wants to give back by providing dignity, compassion, competence, and knowledge to those in her care. When she becomes a registered nurse, she plans to volunteer her time and services through the Inner Faith Service Coalition in Hancock and her local Hospice.

Valerie is an example of what the community college offers. It provides endless opportunities for all who seek lifelong learning. It changes lives for the better. It inspires our community to give and reap the benefits of an educated workforce. Valerie exemplifies the fact that you can succeed not only by wishing but by actively creating your own destiny.

In the words of local community leader and philanthropist John M. Waltersdorf, "Establishing an endowed scholarship at HCC is one of the best investments I've made. This has been a very rewarding experience." Thank you John and thank you to all our donors for turning the educational dreams of our students, like Valerie, into reality. Thank you for providing them with the opportunity to "begin again."



### MOVING?

Then don't forget to send us your new address information.

E-mail us at [stewartl@hagerstowncc.edu](mailto:stewartl@hagerstowncc.edu), write to the Alumni Office, 11400 Robinwood Drive, Hagerstown, MD 21742-6514, or call 301-790-2800, ext. 346.



## Nursing Program Growth at HCC

Article contributed by Carolyn Albright, HCC Director of Nursing and Health Sciences Division

Hagerstown Community College (HCC) graduated its 27th class of nursing students on May 16, 2008. Thirty-seven registered nurse students and 22 practical nurse students were recognized at a special ceremony where they were presented with the school's pin to mark their successful completion of the program.

In 1968, the College began a two year registered nursing program that worked in cooperation with Washington County Hospital to transition the hospital's diploma program in nursing to HCC. The first class graduated 19 students. Five years ago, we added a practical nurse program, which can be completed in one year. Students in the registered nurse program can earn their degree in two years and one summer once they have completed prerequisite coursework.



HCC nursing students treat a manikin patient in the new nursing lab

In 2007, the College was awarded a \$1 million grant from the Maryland Health Services Cost Review Commission enabling us to double the number of registered nurse graduates by 2013. HCC is now admitting students twice a year—in September and January. Albright states, “We believe that growth of the program is vital at a time when the shortage of nurses in the community and nationally, continues to increase.” Nationwide, there is currently a shortage of about 118,000 nurses. By 2020, the figure is expected to increase to over 500,000.

As the nursing program has grown, so has the need for expanded facilities to accommodate the growth. The renovations of the Career Programs Building offer nursing faculty and students much needed office space and four state-of-the-art simulation labs.

## The Radiography Program's New State-Of-The-Art Imaging Facility

Article contributed by Professor Brenda Hassinger '75, Radiography Educational Coordinator

The HCC radiographic program began in 1973 at Hagerstown Junior College. Initial classes were held in a well-worn chemistry lab in the Career Programs Building. As the years passed, the old chemistry lab evolved into a classroom and an imaging lab with three radiographic units. In 2005, planning started for renovation of the Career Programs Building. Following a three year journey from conception to reality, the students and faculty moved into their state-of-the-art facility in January 2008. For the first time in the thirty year history of the program, students and faculty have a dedicated space specifically designed for radiography. The new floor plan has double the square footage of the previous facility.



Radiography students, technician Meghann Weaver and patient Amy Miller, practice their imaging skills.

Lectures are now held in a 50-seat technology smart classroom. The imaging lab has three radiographic units for positioning and the advanced imaging lab is equipped with a mobile mammography unit, two ultrasound stations, and a mobile radiographic unit. The jewel of the complex is the Fujifilm Medical Systems imaging suite.

Students can study both conventional x-ray film imaging and state-of-art computed radiography and digital radiography imaging technology.

The Fuji imaging suite was made possible through a partnership with Fujifilm Medical Systems USA, Inc. A computer lab equipped with Fuji's proprietary software is housed within the imaging suite. Students can practice and simulate operation of the radiographic unit and enhance their knowledge of medical imaging using manikins and community volunteers. Fuji will be utilizing the facility as a nationwide superuser training center. HCC is the only community college in the United States to have such a partnership with Fujifilm Medical Systems.

The transition to the new complex involved many hours of planning, dedicated work and cooperation among faculty, administration, and industry. The finished product has been well worth the effort. It is every educator's dream to have the resources they need to educate their students. We hope you will be able to visit us and tour our wonderful new facility.

## Volunteers are Important

Article contributed by Judy Kofoet, HCC Coordinator of Campus Volunteers



Volunteer Russ Chew loves working with HCC students

Volunteers at Hagerstown Community College (HCC) are especially important people. They are people who love the College and have some time and energy to help transform it into an even better place for students and staff. Volunteers do not work for financial reward but for the satisfaction of knowing they are contributing to campus life.

Volunteer opportunities exist throughout the campus. Volunteers help to maintain the beautiful gardens that define HCC. They help in the Athletic, Recreation and Community Center greeting and checking people in as they come to use the facility. Volunteers assist with office tasks, tutor students, and help out at the many events held on campus every year.

Larry Longanecker is retired and now is a faithful Garden Club volunteer. He spends every first and third Wednesday morning on campus working under the direction of HCC Head Groundskeeper Ed

Rhone to maintain the campus gardens. This is not Larry's only volunteer effort; he is always on hand when the Garden Club has a special project. Putting the gardens at the Alumni Amphitheater in order for the summer concert series was his most recent volunteer undertaking. Often Larry's faithful dog Molly accompanies him, and she is a favorite of all the Garden Club members.

Russ Chew is also retired and has spent more than 100 hours tutoring students over the past year. Russ is dedicated to the students he helps and says he learns as much from them as they learn from him.

Last year, volunteers like Larry and Russ contributed 7,115.50 volunteer hours to the College community. The value of their time, as determined by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, is \$145,654.28.

If you have a few hours to offer every week or simply want to help occasionally, there are opportunities at Hagerstown Community College. Whatever your expertise or inclination, there is a place for you. Volunteers bring a wide variety of education and training as well as valuable and unique gifts to share. To join this illustrious group, please call Judy Kofoet, Coordinator of Campus Volunteers, at 301-790-2800, extension 217, or e-mail [kofoetj@hagerstowncc.edu](mailto:kofoetj@hagerstowncc.edu).



Garden volunteer Larry Longanecker greets his friend Molly (the dog) as they work at HCC

## New Endowed Scholarships (As of publication print date)

"Named" endowed scholarships are established with a minimum \$25,000 donation to the HCC Foundation. Currently, there are over 125 such scholarships. Gifts can be outright or payable over a number of years. Only the interest income is used for academic scholarships; the original capital remains preserved. Recently named endowed scholarships are listed below:

Steven Howard Alter  
Pauline K. Anderson Foundation  
Mike Callas  
Al Sheaffer ARCC Volunteer Corps (11th)  
—Athletic  
The Alice Virginia and David W. Fletcher  
Foundation (2nd)  
Richard N. Funkhouser Foundation  
Hagerstown Trust Company/Fulton Financial  
Advisors—Athletic  
The Harrison Children Family  
Lois Smith Harrison  
Dr. Richard L. Harrison—Athletic  
Ben and Becky Jones Family

Robert M. and Amy L. Kerstein  
Richard W. and Dale M. Phoebus  
Richard W. and Dale M. Phoebus—Athletic  
Dorothy P. Ridenour  
Karen C. and A. Wells Ridenour—Nursing  
Robert R. Ridenour—Athletic  
Professor Laurence Sharpe—Athletic  
Greg and Ruth Ann Snook  
Greg and Ruth Ann Snook—Athletic  
Mary Katherine Snook Clutz and  
Sarah Ann Snook  
H. Mark Swain—Athletic  
Earl and Gladys Wolf



Newly Named Endowed Scholarships Recognized at 2008 Donor Recognition Reception  
Back row l to r: Cathy Lewis, representing Mike Callas; Jenny Fleming and Leah Gayman, representing Kagel/Godlove United Way; Virginia Lefever, representing Al Sheaffer ARCC Volunteer Corps; Cindy Shatzley and Marie Oyster, representing Hagerstown Trust Company/  
Fulton Financial Advisors Athletic  
Front row l to r: Lois Smith Harrison and Dr. Richard L. Harrison; H. Mark Swain; Rebecca H. and R. Benjamin Jones

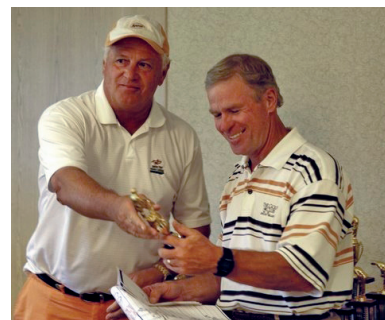




Quilt Winner Receives Prize at the 14th Annual Flower & Garden Show



Wayne Taylor '59, Kathy Stiles '80, Starla Ward, Brian Simmons and Ken Frushhour '56, volunteer at the Amphitheater Concession Stand



Golf Chair Jack Miller & Tucker Brugh '75 Award Prizes at 16th Annual Alumni Golf Tournament

## Become an Alumni Association Member!

2007-2008 has been a banner year for the HCC Alumni Association. As a group, we held a successful Alumni Golf Tournament, Flower & Garden Show, Cash Bonanza, completed our third “Red, White and Blue Concert Series” at the Alumni Amphitheater, held a joint Valentine’s Day Dinner & Dance with the SGA, and also introduced an alumni travel program with trips to New York City and the Philadelphia Flower Show. In June, we paid the last of our debt on the HCC Alumni Amphitheater. Our endowed Alumni Scholarship Fund now exceeds \$66,000 and continues to grow through your Alumni dues. This year, the interest earned from our Alumni Scholarship Fund made it possible for five children of alumni to attend HCC.



Association Board members present the final payment on Alumni Amphitheater at the June meeting of the HCC Board of Trustees. *Pictured (r to l):* Dr. Anton Dabhura, Chairman of the HCC Board of Trustees; Judy Kofoet, HCC Coordinator of Campus Volunteers; Joyce Ott, Amphitheater Building Committee Co-chair; Lisa Stewart, HCC Alumni Coordinator; Kathy Stiles, HCC Alumni Association President; and Dr. Guy Altieri, HCC President.

### Are you a member of the HJC/HCC Alumni Association? If not, now is the time to join.

The HCC Alumni Association is the heart of our College’s heritage and is a strong voice for our alma mater in the community. Through your membership in the Association, you empower our group and make us even stronger advocates for the College. To become or renew your membership in the Alumni Association, just complete the short form on the self-addressed, stamped envelope attached to this newsletter. Be sure to indicate your membership choice: **Single \$25, Joint (husband & wife) \$45, or Lifetime \$250** and make your check payable to *HCC Alumni Association*.

**Thank you for acknowledging the foundation of your education and for giving back to your College by joining the HJC/HCC Alumni Association today! We value your support!**



Volunteers take part in the 2008 Alumni Graduation Tea



Cheryl Gates '81 and John Benchoff '60 enjoy working at the Alumni “Day in the Garden” Raffle winner’s home



Crowds Enjoy the Alumni “Red, White & Blue” Concert Series at the Alumni Amphitheater at HCC



## Hawk Athletic News "A National Program With Class"

Article contributed by Robert "Bo" Myers, HCC Director of Athletics and Leisure Studies



The Hawks Baseball Team finished third overall in the NJCAA World Series in Grand Junction, CO

Great news from the Athletic Department! The Hawks soared during the 2007-2008 academic year! Teams won Region XX and MD JUCO championships in women's tennis, volleyball, men's cross-country, and women's basketball. The basketball teams had 20 win seasons and brought good crowds to the HCC Athletic, Recreation, and Community Center (ARCC).

The Department continues to host Region XX Championships with cross-country, volleyball, men's basketball, golf, and softball finding homes at Hagerstown. We are proud of our facilities and our staff does an excellent job of making every team feel at home.

Our softball and baseball teams sit atop the MD JUCO standings and this is a record year for Hagerstown Community College in athletics. Our men's baseball team took part in the NJCAA World Series, in Grand Junction, CO, finishing third overall. Additionally, our athletes excel in the classroom with 14 Hawks earning outstanding student-athlete awards at our recent athletic awards reception.

We carry our theme, "A National Program With Class," in everything we do. Our coaches are meeting the challenge and our athletes are succeeding. Our expectation is that each student-athlete will gain a positive experience at Hagerstown Community College that will serve them well their entire lives.



During the Reunion of the First 15 Graduating Classes of Hagerstown Junior College, former faculty member and alum Harold Boyer '56 relives a moment from the past with Yvonne (Harsh) Williams '57 as they pose with their photo from days gone by.



### Good Luck

to HCC Alumnus **Allen C. Pettner, '05** who is hoping to be part of the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games as a competitor in the javelin throw. Allen earned a B.S. degree in Wildlife Science from Penn State in 2007, where he threw the javelin for the college.

Allen's Olympic try outs will be held in Eugene, Oregon, in early summer 2008. We will be rooting for you Allen!

Make us proud!

## DEATHS

*Hagerstown Community College is sad to note the passing of our special friends and colleagues (as of publication date).*

### Former Faculty and Staff Members:

**Pearl Bobbitt**—Emeritus Professor of Economics

**Gilbert Hull**—Emeritus Associate Professor of Social Science

**Jane Humbertson**—Director of Library Services

**E. Louise Gearhart Lynch**—Instructional Assistant

**Lela Wright**—Associate Professor Humanities, English

### Alumni:

**Clarice (Liinch) Rogers '47 & '48**

**A. Caroline (Olson) Glick '48**

**Frank Newcomer '48**

**Thomas Boyd '49**

**Thomas Hicks '49**

**David Shirey '50**

**Harold Price '53**

**John Patterson '54**

**Margaret (Whorton) Everly '55**

**Terrence Donegan '66**

**Budd Moore '67**

**Dorothy Gurath '69**

**John Zombro '74**

**Craig Bakner '75**

**Clinton Crampton '77**

**Roy Cave '79**

**Debbie (Johnson) Mulligan '79**

**James King '80**

**Barry Thomas '81**

**Larry Reuter '82**

**Bradley Cottrill '84**

**Elizabeth Deal '85**

**Barbara (Delauney) Woolard '86**

**Arlene Baer '88**

**Mary Albaugh '93**

**Philip Jenkins '94**

**Michael Martin '95**

**Dane Robinson**

**Jan (Parks) Bikle**

## HCC Paves the Way for Biotechnology in Washington County

Article contributed by Beth Stull, HCC Director of Public Information and Government Relations

As the biotech industry moves up the I-70 corridor, Hagerstown Community College is preparing Washington County to meet the demands head-on. In February, state and county officials helped dedicate the new biotechnology labs addition to the Technical Innovation Center (TIC) at Hagerstown Community College. The 4,000 square-foot facility includes 11 private wet labs and one common lab for lease by start-up biotech and life science firms.

“We’ve done this to respond to the increased demand for biotech workers as the biotechnology expansion saturates Montgomery and Frederick counties and reaches Washington County,” said HCC President Guy Altieri. “HCC will help grow the area’s biotech workforce and provide assistance for start-up businesses, which will bring more high-skill, high-wage jobs to the county.”

Greg Grillo, president of Nanolytics, LLC, signed the first lease agreement following the dedication. Since then, three additional clients have signed leases and moved into the space. They are Protein RST, LLC, Ambay Immune Sensors and Controls, and Toxpath Specialists. Chris Marschner, manager of the TIC, continues to work on the recruitment of qualified clients for the facility.

Funding for the \$1.3 million project came from the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development (DBED), the Maryland Technology Development Corporation (TEDCO) and the Washington County Board of County Commissioners. Construction began in July 2007 and concluded in February.

“This extraordinary facility is the cornerstone in building the economy of tomorrow in Washington County,” said David Edgerley, secretary of the Maryland DBED. “The county commissioners, the college, and the Hagerstown-Washington County Economic Development Commission should be commended for supporting this impressive project.”

To further assist in the effort, HCC officials developed a related biotechnology curriculum that began in the fall of 2007. Students have the option to earn a certificate or degree in biotechnology at HCC and participate in internship opportunities available in the new wet labs facility.

Dr. Melanie Ulrich is the lead faculty member of HCC’s biotechnology program. She came to the college from Fort Detrick in Frederick, where she was a research microbiologist with the U.S.



Dignitaries take part in the Biotech Labs Ribbon Cutting on Feb. 12, 2008. From left: John F. Barr, president of the Washington County Commissioners; David Edgerley, Department of Business and Economic Development secretary; John Wasilisin, vice president and COO of TEDCO; Tony Dahbura, HCC board of trustees chairman; Guy Altieri, HCC president; Melanie Ulrich, HCC biotechnology instructor; and Greg Grillo, president of Nanolytics

Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases.

“The ability to provide students with internships on campus is a big benefit,” said Ulrich. “Internships are key to getting jobs in this field.”

The program of study has been designed for technicians-in-training who plan to enter the biotechnology industry directly after completing their certificate or associate degree and/or to proceed to four-year colleges and universities. Technicians working in the biotechnology field typically perform tasks related to medical and pharmaceutical research, biomanufacturing, quality control, forensics, and many other types of research and product development.

A wet lab is a facility designed to safely permit the execution of scientific experiments that require the use of chemicals in a controlled environment. They are designed to have sinks, running water, compressed air, vacuum apparatus, hoods to evacuate volatile organic compounds, and storage for flammable and oxidizing chemicals and compounds.



### *Best Wishes to the 2008 HCC Retirees!*

**Margaret “Connie” Devilbiss**

*10 Years of Service*  
Professor Of Sociology

**Askold Skalsky**

*40 Years of Service*  
Professor English and  
Foreign Languages

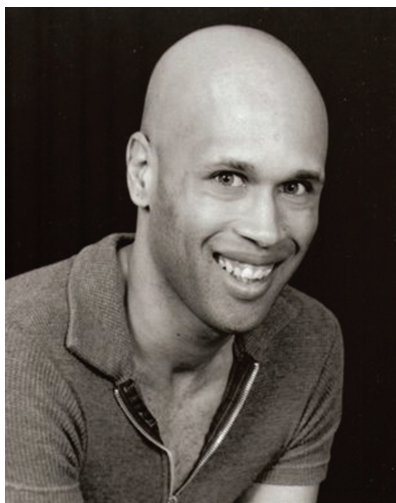
**Beverly Yeagle**

*33 Years of Service*  
Professor of Business and  
Computer Information Systems



## spotlight on alumni

### Daniel “Danny” F. Henderson, HCC Class of 1992



Danny Henderson graduated from Hagerstown Community College in 1992. But, his love of education did not stop there. He went on to Frostburg University graduating in 1995.

Danny likes to say his life is divided in three parts. “First there is school.” But, when Danny says, “school,” he means Williamsport Elementary School where he teaches 5th grade and has spent

most of his 12 year teaching career. “I really enjoy teaching.”

Danny’s second passion is his work with the international creativity and problem solving organization known as Destination ImagiNation, Inc. “In Destination ImagiNation teams learn to work together, to create a solution to a Team Challenge, which can have a focus that is theatrical, structural, improvisational, scientific, or technical.”

“Our program promotes three critical life skills for learners: creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving. We help young people learn

in a fun and supportive environment and it gives them skills that will help them for a lifetime.”

Danny serves as the Western Maryland Region Director for Destination ImagiNation. He is also a Board member on the state level and a “Challenge Master.” Additionally, he works on the international level as a “Challenge Developer.” “I love working with Destination ImagiNation and I travel to Knoxville, TN, each year, to officiate at the finals there. It is lots of fun.”

When asked what life lessons Hagerstown Community College taught him, Danny said, “At HCC I learned a lot of things that benefit me now. I learned team work, getting along well with others, and my work ethic. I credit a lot of what I learned to my involvement in the HCC Student Government Association, where I served as secretary, and also to my work with the Robinwood Players. I did four plays at HCC and loved it. My Robinwood Players days helped lead me to the last of my three most important parts of my life, which is my love for musical theater.”

Danny has been actively involved in musical theater for 23 years. His affiliations include the Apollo Theater in Martinsburg, WV, The Fredericktown Players in Frederick, MD, The Washington County Playhouse in Hagerstown, MD, just to name a few.

So, if you visit Williamsport Elementary School, observe a Destination ImagiNation competition or attend a local theater performance, be on the lookout for HCC alum Danny Henderson there—he might just be doing one of his three favorite things.

## HCC Begins Annual Fund Tradition

In November of 2007, Hagerstown Community College began a new tradition. It was our first effort at hosting what will be known as our Annual Fund Drive to benefit the College.

The event involved a team effort between the HCC Alumni Office and the HCC Foundation, Inc. Forty-six members of the Alumni Board, Foundation Board, HCC faculty, staff, and students volunteered and made calls, over seven nights, asking alumni to make a donation to HCC to be used for student scholarships or equipment needs for the new Career Programs Building.

Calls were placed to graduates from the classes of 1948 through 1997. Over 3,998 calls were made to alumni telling them about happenings at the College, updating their College records, and inviting them to give to the Annual Fund. Our phonathon not only helped raise needed dollars for the College, but also allowed us to revise our database and find incorrect phone number and address information and bring them up to date. So, we want to thank each of you who donated and who took the time to speak with us during our event.



Volunteers make calls to HCC/HCC graduates during the College’s Annual Fund Phonathon

If you did not receive a call during the Annual Fund Phonathon and would like to make a gift to HCC, please use the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope to send your gift today. We thank you for giving to Hagerstown Community College.



## Satellite Campus Returns to Fort Ritchie

HCC returned to Fort Ritchie this spring when classes started March 17, 2008. Initial offerings include general education classes for credit as well as a few non-credit, continuing education classes. More classes are being added as demand increases.

HCC's site is located in the former religious education building. The facility includes three classrooms, a computer lab and office space. HCC operated a branch campus at Fort Ritchie from 1969 to 1997 when the property was used as an Army base. The base closed in 1998. It is now being redeveloping by Columbia-based Corporate Office Properties Trust.

### Ways You Can Give to HCC

**Cash**—Outright cash donations provide an opportunity to make an immediate impact on the College.

**Pledges**—Donations may be made in installment payments over a mutually agreed upon number of years allowing you to give more generously.



**Securities**—Appreciated stocks, bonds, and mutual funds can yield additional tax savings by allowing you to deduct the current market value of the security and eliminate a capital gains tax.

**Real Estate or Personal Property**—These gifts, as approved, may provide immediate savings of both income tax and capital gains tax.

**In-Kind**—Donations of tangible items, such as books, computers, software, equipment, etc., as approved, may be of benefit to the College. The amount of your deduction will depend on a written appraised value, which you obtain.

**Matching Gifts**—Double or even triple your gifts with a matching employer gift. Visit your company's human resource office to obtain a matching gift form.

**Bequests and Life Insurance**—You can designate the HCC Foundation as a beneficiary in your will, life insurance policy, IRA, or pension plan. This can significantly reduce your estate taxes and may provide other tax advantages. It will allow you to make a larger gift than might otherwise be possible.

**Estate Planning Gifts**—There are other planned giving vehicles you can use, such as charitable trusts and annuities. These often provide you with income and can also benefit the College.

*We encourage you to discuss potential tax advantages and other aspects of charitable giving with your attorney, tax advisor, or financial planner.*



Join Us For

## The 17th Annual HCC Alumni Association Golf Tournament Friday, September 26, 2008

**12 Noon Shotgun Start**  
**Black Rock Golf Course,**  
**Hagerstown, MD**  
**Cost: \$100 per player**

### **GOLF PACKAGE INCLUDES:**

Cart & Greens Fees, Cart Lunches, Abundant Beer & Soda, Buffet Dinner following the Tournament, Individual & Team Prizes, Chances to win: New Automobile, Cash, Cruise & Airline Tickets, Bahamas Vacation, Gift Certificates, Golf Equipment & More. Ladies Welcome!

**For Information on Playing or Sponsoring  
the HCC Alumni Association Golf Tournament,  
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**HCC Calendar of Events**

We invite you to join us for:  
**The 4th Annual HCC Alumni Association  
"Red, White and Blue" Concert Series, HCC Amphitheater,  
Free Admission**

- July 13, 2008** Hagerstown's Own "New Horizons Band"  
4:00 p.m.
- July 18, 2008** 307th U.S. Army Reserve Band  
6:30 p.m.
- Aug. 10, 2008** U.S. Army Material Command Band  
4:00 p.m.
- Aug. 16, 2008** HCC SGAs Lollipopalooza (Children's Concert & Event)  
11:00 a.m.
- Aug. 17, 2008** U.S. Navy Cruisers (Oldies Music)  
4:00 p.m.
- Sept. 21, 2008** U.S. Army Training & Doctrine Command Band (Rock)  
4:00 p.m.
- Sept. 28, 2008** U.S. Navy Country Current (Country Music)  
4:00 p.m.

**Other Upcoming Events**

- Sept. 26, 2008** 17th Annual HCC Alumni Association Golf Tournament,  
12:00 p.m. Black Rock Golf Course
- Nov. 21 & 22, 2008** HCC Foundation Art Show, HCC Kepler Theater,  
Free Admission
- March 14 & 15, 2009** 15th Annual HCC Alumni Association Flower & Garden  
Show, HCC Athletic, Recreation and Community Center
- March 27, 2009** HCC Foundation's Hetzer Tribute Gala, HCC Athletic,  
Recreation and Community Center

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