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Report to the Community

# Hagerstown COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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## Hawks have best season ever

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Coach Scott Jennings and pitcher Kyle Chronister proudly display the team's award from the NJCAA Division I World Series.

commitment to excellence by moving their individual sports programs to compete at the national level."

Both the HCC Lady Hawks volleyball team, as well as the HCC Hawks baseball team finished within the top 10 in the NJCAA final rankings. The Lady Hawks finished with the number seven ranking in the nation and the Hawks baseball team finished with the number three ranking.

In honor of their achievements, the Hawks baseball team was honored with the Athletic Director's Award this past April, as well as with a special ceremony at Hagerstown Suns Stadium on June 6. HCC coaches Beth Domenico and Scott Jennings each received the Coach Recognition Award due to the success of their athletic teams this past season.

HCC teams that participated and won the Region XX championships included the men's cross country, tennis, volleyball, and baseball teams. HCC teams that participated and won the Maryland JUCO championships included the softball, tennis, volleyball and baseball teams.

Each year, HCC coaches working with the Hawk Booster Club are able to provide scholarship monies to student athletes that need aid in order to complete their community college education. This past year, more than \$110,000 was made available to HCC student athletes.

For more information about HCC athletics, go to [www.hagerstowncc.edu/athletics](http://www.hagerstowncc.edu/athletics).

## HCC serves a vital role in the community.

- From 2002 to 2007, HCC's credit enrollments grew by 35%.
- 75% of the county's college-bound students choose HCC.
- Approximately 70% of the county's nurses and 90% of radiology technicians trained at HCC.
- This year, 700 area high school students will attend HCC through the ESSENCE Program, allowing them to get an early start on college.
- Since 2002, the number of HCC's credit programs of study has expanded from 37 to 115.

## HCC stimulates the local economy.

- The Washington County economy receives roughly \$15.4 million in regional income annually due to HCC operations and capital spending.
- HCC skills embodied in the regional workforce where former students are employed increase local income by \$125.7 million. Associated direct effects increase income by another \$20.1 million.
- State and local government allocated around \$13.1 million in support of HCC in FY06. For every \$1 of this support, taxpayers see a cumulative return of \$1.80 over the course of students' working careers.

Source: "The Economic Contributions of Hagerstown Community College," EMSI/CCbenefits, Inc., December 2007, and HCC official data reports.

## Campus takes on new look as construction moves ahead

You don't have to spend much time on campus to realize that HCC is undergoing a transformation. An \$18.19 million renovation to the Career Programs Building is nearing completion and while the footprint of the building is remaining basically unchanged, the surrounding area is beginning to look quite different.

"The façade of the building has been extended in order to give more balance to both sides of campus," said Brian Struntz, director of facilities management and planning. "The plaza in front of the building will create a very different look and feel from the road that was there before. It has been designed to provide an attractive outdoor space for students to relax and study."

The adjacent parking areas and roads are changing too. Scholar Drive has been extended to form a full loop around the entire campus. This road provides easy access to the back of campus as well as parking lots near the building, including a new lot which was opened last fall and additional lots that are currently under construction.

Renovation work began in January of 2007 and is scheduled to be complete in late fall. The lower level of the building is home to the Nursing and Allied Health Sciences Division, business and art instructional spaces, Industrial Technology Program, Reprographic Services, HCC's internal IT department, mailroom, and purchasing office. The upper level will house a 15,000 square-foot continuing education conference center, The Valley Eatery, and continuing education offices.

"This is a state-of-the-art career programs facility," said Struntz. "The nursing and radiography lab space is comparable to those seen at select universities. It's also been designed to accommodate further program growth."

## Struggling economy sends more students to HCC

It's not unusual for community colleges to experience significant enrollment growth during an economic downturn. HCC can attest to this, where enrollment for the fall semester is up nearly 10 percent over the same time last year.

"As more people compete for jobs, those with higher skill sets and greater education are more likely to be chosen," said Guy Altieri, HCC president. "We're not only seeing increases in recent high school graduates, but also working adults who want to increase their qualifications."

Admissions Director Jennifer Fisher points out that HCC, like other community colleges, is able to offer low-cost, high-quality education with a variety of options. Students can choose to complete a short-term career program in a year or less and be ready to seek immediate employment. Those who want to graduate from a four-year school can benefit financially by starting at HCC and transferring their academic credits.

Funding for the project has come from mixed sources. Approximately 39 percent of construction costs has come from the county and 61 percent from the state. Furniture and equipment expenses have been covered primarily by donations to HCC's Foundation and through the Waltersdorf-Henson Challenge.



A construction worker puts the finishing touches on the exterior of the Career Programs Building.

### The next project

Construction isn't set to stop with the completion of the Career Programs Building. Design work has

already begun on a new Arts and Science Complex. The main purpose of this project is to provide HCC with new classroom and lab space to support the mathematics and science programs and renovated facilities to support some of the classroom, laboratory, and office needs of the English and Humanities and Behavioral and Social Sciences divisions. The ultimate vision is to later expand Kepler Theater and connect all of the buildings into a single complex.

"These buildings are definitely deserving of a renovation," Struntz said. "They have not had any major work done since they were built more than 40 years ago."

The project will be programmed in three phases; (1) the construction of a new, 65,000 square-foot Science Building housing chemistry, biology and physics labs, (2) renovation of the existing 18,688 square-foot Science Building to house a lecture hall, class labs, and a Math, Science and Literacy Learning Center, and (3) renovation of the existing 22,140 square-foot Classroom Building to provide classrooms and an environment to support Math, Science, and Literacy Learning Center activities. The entire project is budgeted at \$26 million, excluding furniture and equipment. Construction may begin as early as the spring of 2010, with a projected completion date of spring 2013.

Longer range plans include the construction of a Performing and Visual Arts Education Center, as an addition to the Kepler Theater. This would be done to accommodate growth in performing and visual arts programs at HCC, as well as anticipated increased enrollment coming from the Barbara Ingram School for the Arts. Planning for this building could begin as soon as 2011, with completion of the entire Arts and Science Complex possible by 2013 or 2014.

assistance for books, childcare, and transportation for those who qualify.

As the cost of gasoline continues to rise, more and more students are choosing online course options. Enrollment in online classes is up more than 40 percent for the fall semester. A hybrid format is also offered for students who want to cut down on driving, but benefit from some face-to-face time with their instructor and fellow students.

"We realize that changes in the economy are affecting our students," said Altieri. "Our mission is to provide options and support so members of our community can get the education and training they need to be successful, especially during difficult economic times."

Beyond what's offered in the classroom, HCC has a number of services available to help students succeed. Three of four HCC students receive some type of financial aid. Displaced workers and single parents can benefit from the Job Training Student Resources program, which offers special advising services, resource information, and financial

Stay close. Go far.

## A Message from the Board Chair



I am extremely proud to have been a trustee at Hagerstown Community College since 1993. During this time I have seen many positive changes on the campus that have enhanced the quality of life in our community. Students who attend HCC have the opportunity to continue their education and follow their careers without leaving the area. That is very important during a time of economic challenge.

Many exciting things are happening on campus. The Career Programs Building renovation is changing the appearance of the campus and providing new spaces for the Division of Nursing and Health Sciences. We eagerly await the completion of the second phase which will include the IT area and conference space.

The return to Fort Ritchie reduces the commute for HCC students who reside in the Cascade area. The Valley Mall location continues to provide convenience for students.

HCC students demonstrate their skills and talents through athletic activities. The past year was full of outstanding achievements. How proud we are of the accomplishments that include NJCAA Regional XX Champions in volleyball, cross country, and women's tennis, MD JUCO Champions in volleyball, women's tennis, women's basketball and softball. The highlight for the baseball

team was winning third place in the NJCAA World Series and being recognized with the NJCAA World Series Sportsmanship Award.

The leadership of the HCC student government is to be commended for their interest in serving the community through the many outreach activities that were sponsored during the year.

The diversity at HCC is expressed throughout the educational programs. The ESSENCE program for high school students who desire to get an early start on college, the Adult Education Program, the continuing education programs, and the certificate programs provide opportunities for life long learning.

I want to express my personal thanks for the commitment from the Board of Trustees to maintain affordable education for the students who attend HCC. The educational programs offer opportunities to students of all ages and abilities. President Altieri, the faculty and staff are to be commended for the care, attention, and quality of education that students receive.

I look forward to another successful year at Hagerstown Community College.

*Carolyn A. Brooks*

Carolyn Brooks  
Chair, HCC Board of Trustees

## HCC marks return to Fort Ritchie



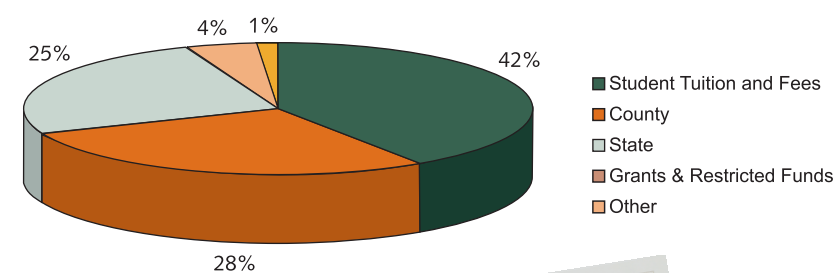
Business leaders, elected officials and others were on hand for the recent dedication of HCC's extension site at Fort Ritchie. In March, HCC began offering courses at Fort Ritchie and now offers a wide range of credit and non-credit classes each semester. HCC previously operated a branch campus at Fort Ritchie from 1969 to 1997 when it was an Army base. In its return to Fort Ritchie, HCC was one of the first businesses to be established in the redevelopment of the property under the management of Corporate Office Properties Trust.

Pictured at the ribbon-cutting ceremony are, from left, Donald Munson, Maryland state senator; Guy Altieri, HCC president; Rand Griffin, president and CEO of COPT; Carolyn Brooks, HCC board chair; William Hofmann, COPT property and environmental services manager; John Barr, president of the Washington County Commissioners; and George Griffin, PenMar Development Corporation chair.

### HCC Board of Trustees 2008-2009

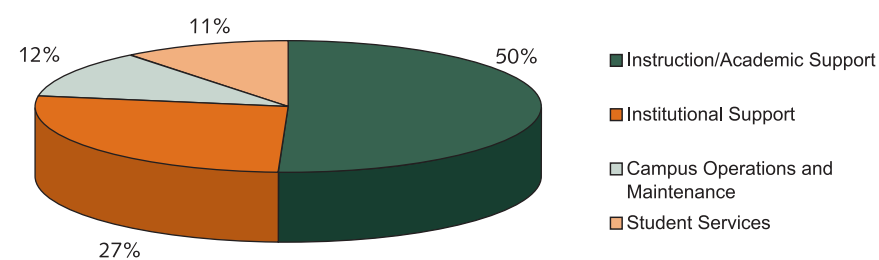
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### Who pays for an education at HCC (FY09)



Student Tuition and Fees	40.65%	\$12,462,527
County	28.37%	\$8,697,128
State	25.18%	\$7,719,578
Grants & Restricted Funds	4.37%	\$1,340,830
Other	1.44%	\$441,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$30,661,063</b>

### How the money is spent (FY09)



Instruction/Academic Support	50.55%	\$15,499,941
Institutional Support	26.97%	\$8,269,120
Campus Operations and Maintenance	11.84%	\$3,630,399
Student Services	10.64%	\$3,261,603
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$30,661,063</b>

## Scholarship and Capital Campaign Update

The HCC Foundation is closing in on its goal to raise \$5 million through its scholarship and capital campaign, "A Real and Worthy Purpose." Under the guidance of Campaign Chair Richard W. Phoebus, Sr. and the involvement of a dedicated campaign committee, hundreds of alumni, individuals, businesses, corporations, and foundations have chosen to support HCC and its students.

The following gifts have been secured:

- Furnishings and equipment for phase I of the renovations to the Career Programs Building 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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. In addition, 15 students completed their Commercial Driver's License Class B truck driver training for dump trucks, delivery trucks, and box trucks.

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. To learn more about how you can help HCC and its students, contact Lieba Cohen at 301-790-2800, ext. 213, or [cohenl@hagerstowncc.edu](mailto:cohenl@hagerstowncc.edu).

## A Message from the President



President Altieri takes Maryland Lt. Gov. Anthony Brown on a campus tour.

As I reflect back on my six years at the helm of Hagerstown Community College, I recall with great appreciation all the assistance that has been provided over this time to make HCC one of the fastest growing colleges in the quad-state region. Government, business, and community leaders have given generous support because they know the importance of HCC's role in providing educational opportunities beyond high school. They know that affordable and high quality post-secondary education is an absolute necessity for the continued economic and cultural development of our County and the surrounding region.

Last year, HCC served over 16,000 different students in credit and continuing education courses. As area citizens, health care and government entities, as well as local businesses, have demanded more of HCC, it has responded with an ever expanding curriculum, including developmental, academic, university transfer, occupational, and continuing education offerings. In addition, the College maintains a business development incubator, convenient extension sites at Volvo, the Valley Mall, and Ft. Ritchie, as well as a rich array of student activities that include many student clubs and 14 intercollegiate sports.

I'm pleased to inform local citizens that HCC is as committed as ever to providing a wide variety of high quality community-centered programs and services that produce excellent student outcomes as assessed by employers and universities who receive its graduates.

This very basic goal I'm proud to say continues to be reached in a very cost-effective manner, since HCC maintains one of the lowest collegiate costs per student in Maryland. In short, our passion is high, our quality is excellent, and our price tag is low.

HCC's expansion in support of the County's growth will continue to include high-skill, high-wage career programs, which prepare people for jobs that demand rigorous post-secondary education. HCC's rapidly growing nursing and other health science programs require extensive math and lab-based science education, as do the College's new initiatives in the STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) occupations of biotechnology, pharmacy, and engineering. New science and engineering instructional spaces are now being planned, including a 65,000 square-foot science education building which is scheduled for completion in 2011. This project will have a major impact both on the future education of local citizens and, with the ability to attract more high-paying STEM jobs, on the continuing economic transformation of the County. There has also been very strong enrollment growth in humanities, business, information technology, and social science courses and programs. Consequently, our facilities master plan calls for expanded instructional spaces in these areas as well.

Hundreds of local citizens remain active participants in the ongoing success of the College as well as its Foundation and Alumni Association. Again this past year, well respected, knowledgeable, and involved citizens continued the long tradition of coming forward to unselfishly give their time and money to assist the College. In addition, hundreds of local individuals serve as adjunct faculty, members of program advisory committees, and campus volunteers.

HCC is about the business of fulfilling the dreams of local citizens through high quality and financially accessible higher education. As we begin another year, I want to say "thank you" to all who have generously helped HCC maintain its unbroken record of success.

*Guy Altieri*  
 Guy Altieri, Ed.D.  
 President

## Hawks have best season ever

This past season, the Hawks have had their most successful athletic year in HCC history. The accomplishments include four regional championships, four Maryland JUCO championships, one district championship, national qualification and participation in 12 of 14 sports, and a 95 percent eligibility rate for all HCC student athletes.

After winning the Eastern District Championship and the Region XX tournament in May, the HCC Hawk baseball team went on to compete in the NJCAA Division I Baseball World Series in Grand Junction, Colorado and succeeded in capturing a third place victory, the second highest finish by a Maryland JUCO school. At the World Series, the Hawks were also awarded the Sportsmanship Award, an award given to the team that displays the greatest degree of character and integrity while participating in the championship series.

"This has arguably been the finest year in athletics at Hagerstown Community College," said Robert "Bo" Myers, director of Athletics and Leisure Studies at HCC. "Each of our coaches has demonstrated a

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