

HCC

IntraNews

The "Ring in the New Year!" Issue

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Despite snowstorm, hundreds attend annual MLK event



HCC held its annual Martin Luther King Day event on January 19, from 1 to 3 p.m., in the Kepler Theater. Despite an unexpected snowstorm that briefly delayed the proceedings, more than 300 people came out to take part in the event.

Musical performances from The Greater Campher Temple Gospel Choir, Natalie and Nathan Stephenson and HCC student Zachary Worthy entertained the audience, along with a step performance by HCC student Linda Adamah; an original poetry presentation by

Larry Ryan entitled, "Just Like You;" a video presentation featuring Dalton Sherman; and a presentation on the poetry

of the Harlem Renaissance by Joan Johnson, chair, English and humanities division.

"The Multi-Cultural Committee worked very well together and created a program that was entertaining and educational for all ages," said Student Activities Coordinator

Heather Barnhart. "It's fun to work with employees from all over campus and get to know co-workers better. I was extremely pleased with the final product that came out of our many hours of brainstorming, and heard nothing but good comments

about the celebration from attendees."

Reverend Darin Mency of the Greater Campher Temple once again gave his dramatic rendition of Dr. King's "I Have A Dream" speech, which many agreed meant even more this year than in years past with the then

impending election of America's first African American President.

"This is our sixth time



holding this event," said Ellen Smith, assistant professor, graphic design technology. "I found it particularly meaningful in that the next day was Barack Obama's inauguration. I would have to say that at least some part of Dr King's dream has been fulfilled."

Every year, Smith chooses a student-designed poster to advertise the event. The above poster features King's quote, "Everything that we see is a shadow cast by that which we do not see," and was designed by HCC student Leah Gillett. The poster on the left features King's quote, "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy," and was designed by HCC student Liz Mentzer.

Events :

Women's Basketball

Wednesday, February 4
HCC Hawks play
CCBC/Dundalk
6 p.m. ARCC

Men's Basketball

Wednesday, February 4
HCC Hawks play Howard
8 p.m. ARCC

Financial Aid Night

Free seminar for high school
juniors and seniors
Thursday, February 5
6:30 to 9 p.m.
Kepler Theater

*Call ext. 473 for more info!

Men's Basketball

Friday, February 6
HCC Hawks play
CCBC/Baltimore
7 p.m. ARCC

Women's Basketball

Monday, February 9
HCC Hawks play Prince
George's
7 p.m. ARCC

Women's Basketball

Wednesday, February 11
HCC Hawks play MC/Rockville
7 p.m. ARCC

MIT Broadcast

Thursday, February 12
7 to 8:30 p.m.
TIC Conference Room 208

-Seminar topic: "A Walk in the
Clouds: Is Cloud Computing
the Future of Enterprise
Systems?"

-Free and open to the public
-Interested participants should
register by February 10

*For more information or to
register, contact Mary Saum at
ext. 399.

Events continued :

Valentine's Dance

Friday, February 13
6 to 10 p.m.

College Center

*See page 5 for more information!

Donor Preview

Thursday, February 26
3 to 5 p.m.

Career Programs Building

*Call Lieba Cohen at ext. 213 for more information.

Career Programs Building Dedication

Friday, February 27
8:30 a.m. to 12 noon

Career Programs Building

*Contact Beth Stull at ext. 265 for more information.

HCC enrollment reaches all-time high in spring 2009

HCC has more students than it's ever had before. For the spring semester, enrollment is up nearly 12 percent, which means almost 400 more students than in the spring of 2008.

"It's not unusual for community colleges to experience significant enrollment growth during an economic downturn," said Jennifer Fisher, Ed.D., director of Admissions, Records, and Registration. "We've watched this trend during the past year, but it's even more apparent now."

Fisher points out that HCC is able to offer low-cost, high-quality education with a variety of options that are especially appealing in a troubled economy. Students who want to change careers can complete a short-term program in a year or less and be ready to seek immediate employment. Those who want to graduate from a four-

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"As more people compete for jobs, those with higher skill sets and greater education are more likely to be chosen," said Guy Altieri, Ed.D., HCC president. "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 these difficult economic times."

Altieri expects the enrollment growth to continue, but he's concerned about funding cuts. HCC's funding comes from three sources - the state, the county, and student tuition. The state has already issued cuts totaling approximately \$675,000 to HCC's current budget.

"We're hopeful that the county will continue to give HCC the support it needs to address the substantial increases in our enrollment," said Altieri. "We do not want to turn away local citizens who need an HCC education to secure a good job in these challenging times. We are very focused on providing high-quality and low-cost education, at a time when our students need to prepare themselves for changing job markets."

Myers inducted into Cambridge Who's Who Registry



In December 2008, Robert "Bo" Myers, director, athletics and leisure studies at Hagerstown Community College, was inducted into Cambridge Who's Who Executive, Professional, and Entrepreneurial Registry in recognition of his dedication, leadership, and excellence in athletic coaching and instruction.

Myers has taught health and physical education studies at HCC for the last 12 years. He is

an accomplished coach who successfully trained 87 National Junior College Athletic Association All-American Teams and seven NJCAA national champions.

Myers' interest in athletics extends back to the time he spent as teacher and coach at Williamsport High School, as well as during his years as a captain in the United States Marine Corps from 1968 to 1979 (active duty 1971 to 1974).

Myers received his Master of Science in sports medicine from the United States Sports Academy and his Master of Arts in educational administration from Pepperdine University.

Additionally, Myers was recently named to the International Faculty for the United States Sports Academy and will be teaching for two weeks in Thailand later this year.

Cohen recertified by CFRE



Lieba J. Cohen, director of institutional advancement for Hagerstown Community College, has been recertified

as a Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE) by CFRE International. She joins over 5,000 professionals around the world who hold the CFRE designation.

Individuals granted the CFRE credential have met a series of standards set by CFRE International which include tenure in the profession, education, demonstrated fundraising achievement and a commitment to service to not-for-profit organizations. They have agreed to uphold Accountability Standards and the Donor Bill of Rights. Initially, candidates must pass a rigorous written examination testing the knowledge, skills, and abilities required of a fundraising executive.

Employees ring in the new year on January 9



Left: Recruitment and Operations Coordinator Emily Hollins with Jennifer Fisher, director, admissions, records, and registration.

The annual employee holiday party was held on Friday, January 9, in the lower level of the Career Programs Building. In prior years, the holiday party consisted of an evening of dinner and dancing. In light of recent budget cuts, however, HCC decided to alter the event into a “mix and mingle” cocktail-style party, which allowed employees and staff to drop in at their leisure and enjoy a varied selection of catered food courtesy of GT’s Catering in Cascade, with the option of partaking in a cash bar for those interested in lingering at the event.

The reception lasted from 4 to 6 p.m. and more than 100 College employees attended. A planning committee of seven staff members organized and orchestrated the event, and with the help of the maintenance and theater staffs, managed to transform the atrium in the Career Programs Building into a party-like atmosphere through the use of up-lighting, linen table cloths, a fresh floral arrangement, the addition of artificial trees borrowed from other campus buildings, and a creative rearranging of furniture.



Left: Lisa Stewart, coordinator, alumni relations and annual giving, with HCC volunteer Wayne Taylor. Every year, Taylor helps schedule the military bands that perform in the Alumni Amphitheater during HCC’s annual Red, White and Blue summer concert series.



Left: Jennifer Fisher with Beth Stull, director, public information and government relations



A Captive Audience...

Above: Web and Multimedia Coordinator Stephen Recker “politicks” with SGA President Andrew Smith (left) and Donna Rudy, dean of students.

Donations Needed!

PTK is collecting auction items for Habitat for Humanity’s “Women Build” Bonanza on Feb. 21, at 5 p.m., in the Williamsport Fire Hall in Williamsport, Md.

Suggested items include certificates to the following: restaurants, day spas, jewelry stores, floral shops, tanning salons, and clothing stores. Other recommended items include arts and crafts, baked goods, Longaberger items, gym memberships, and services such as vehicle and home repair, lawn care, and tax services.

Donated items can be brought to the admissions office and given to Enrollment Assistant Sherry Beer. The deadline to donate is Thursday, Feb. 19.

Tickets to the event are \$40 per couple. Fee includes a catered dinner, soft drinks, and keg beer.

Contact Sherry Beer at ext. 325 for more information.

HCC recognizes outstanding adjunct faculty

Hagerstown Community College recognized four of its outstanding adjunct faculty members in early January 2009 for the Academic Excellence in Higher Education Awards.

Four academic divisions nominated one adjunct faculty member in each division to receive an award. Nominees included Audra Haddock Martenot, a digital photography instructor, nominated by Margaret Spivey, director, technology and computer

studies; Richard C. Snyder, Jr., a sociology and human services instructor, nominated by Frances Cade, chair, behavioral and social sciences/business division; Annyce K. Stone, a developmental English and English composition instructor, nominated by Dawn Schoenenberger, director, developmental education and adult literacy services; and Janice M. Sturniolo, a developmental mathematics and college algebra instructor, nominated by Judith Peisen, chair,

mathematics and science division.

In October 2008, HCC recognized adjunct faculty member Ed Gift as adjunct faculty of the year. Gift, a full-time teacher at Smithsburg High School, has been an adjunct faculty member at HCC for the last 36 years. He is currently the longest teaching adjunct faculty member in the history of the college.



Photo Caption: From left to right: Annyce K. Stone, award recipient; Dawn Schoenenberger, director, developmental education and adult literacy services; Janice M. Sturniolo, award recipient; Paula Kessler, assistant professor, mathematics; Audra Haddock Martenot, award recipient; Richard C. Snyder, Jr., award recipient; Frances Cade, chair, behavioral and social sciences/business division; Guy Altieri, HCC president; and Margaret Spivey, director, technology and computer studies.

Congratulations, Dr. Jenn!



Jennifer Fisher, director, admissions, records, and registration, recently earned her doctoral degree in educational leadership from the University of Phoenix.

"I am thrilled and relieved to finally obtain my Ed.D. The journey to obtain the degree was a long and challenging road, but well worth the sacrifice. I had the opportunity to learn about myself, leadership, and the complex field of education. My dissertation provided the chance to interview 20 amazing midlevel women administrators working for Maryland community colleges. Their stories and struggles inspired me to keep working toward my educational goal. I need to say a huge THANK YOU to my ARR staff! They were my cheerleaders and a wonderful support system throughout this process."

HCC Announcements

New Web site set to launch June 2009!

New features include:

- An electronic calendar of events that highlights campus happenings and activities
- An image gallery that features photographs of HCC buildings, students, the campus, and more

Hawk Booster Club News

The Hawk Booster Club is seeking nominations for the 2009 "Class of the Hawk" Booster Club Hall of Fame. Nominations can be sent to Robert "Bo" Myers, director, athletic and leisure studies, at myersr@hagerstowncc.edu. Nominations can be viewed on the HCC Web site at www.hagerstowncc.edu/athletics

The 2009 Hall of Fame inductees will be recognized in a special awards ceremony as part of the annual Hall of Fame Golf Tournament on Mon., June 29, 2009, at the Beaver Creek Country Club.

New Library Hours

*Effective immediately

Monday thru Thursday
7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Friday
7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Saturday
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.





Visitors from Fort Detrick

Left: On Wed, Jan. 7., College President Guy Altieri; Chris Marschner, manager, Technical Innovation Center; and Melanie Ulrich, Instructor, Biotechnology, met with Peter Perini; Noel Williams; and Colonel Judith D. Robinson, Garrison Commander at Fort Detrick, to tour the wet lab facilities in the TIC and discuss biotechnology initiatives.

Recent biotech initiatives at HCC

National Mentoring Program

In December, HCC was selected to take part in a national mentoring program that will allow HCC biotechnology faculty and staff to work directly with faculty and staff at Salt Lake Community College as a mentor college and Miami-Dade College as a fellow mentee college.

BRAC funding

HCC is one of 16 Maryland schools to receive Base Realignment and Closure Higher Education Fund (BRAC) grants. HCC's portion of the funding is \$113,052 and the funds will be used to increase the number of students in the biotechnology program, as well as the professional and internship experiences that are available to them.

Alumni News

The SGA/Alumni Valentine's Day Dinner

The annual Valentine's Day dinner will be held on Friday, Feb. 13, from 6 to 10 p.m., in the College Center.

The dinner is free to HCC students and staff, as well as to alumni and guests. Dinner will be served buffet-style and music will be provided by a DJ.

This event is limited to 115 participants. To reserve your spot, contact Student Activities Coordinator Heather Barnhart at ext. 225, or via e-mail at barnharth@hagerstowncc.edu.

Sponsored by the Student Government Association and the Alumni Association.

Bus trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show

Tickets are now available for the Alumni Association's annual bus trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show on March 4.

The theme of this year's show is "Bella Italia." Tickets are \$70 each and include admission to the show, bus transportation from HCC, snacks, and door prizes.

To make a reservation, contact Lisa Stewart at ext. 346.

New full-time HCC staff and faculty



Terry Hughes, ext. 219

Position: Assistant Professor, Business
Education: B.S. and M.S., Mississippi State University; Ph.D., Texas A&M University



Elizabeth Mahler, ext. 557

Position: Director, Grants Development
Education: B.A., History, Susquehanna University; M.A., Instructional Systems Development, University of Maryland; Ed.D., Human and Organizational Studies, George Washington University



Robert Kerr, ext. 581

Position: Instructor, Industrial Technology and Facilities Maintenance
Education: A.A.S. Thomas A. Edison State College; B.S. Thomas A. Edison State College



Dawn Nally, ext. 389

Position: Instructor, Medical Assisting and Phlebotomy
Education: B.S., Nursing, Mountain State University

Facilities Update

Greetings from the Facilities Management and Planning Office! With the new year, we would like to take the opportunity to review some of the projects completed in 2008, update you on current projects, and provide a look ahead to some future projects. As most of you are aware, the Facilities Office has been busy with the Career Programs Building renovation. After just over two years, we are wrapping up the final phase of the Career Programs Building. Major furniture installation occurred in early January and we are preparing for occupancy in early February. While we missed the opening for Spring 2009 classes, we are still three months ahead of the contract completion date. We are looking forward to the completion of this project and would like to thank everyone for their patience during the renovations. In 2008 the facilities department completed several significant projects, which include:

- Construction of a new parking lot
- Major parking lot resurfacing
- Construction of a new storage shed
- Renovation of the ATC restrooms
- Renovation of the restrooms at the athletic field
- Installation of new baseball scoreboard
- Installation of a new chiller in the central plant

In addition, HCC's running track is being resurfaced. Major work was completed in December 2008 and the synthetic running surface and lines will be added in the spring.

This spring the skylight in the ATC will be replaced. Anyone who has been in the ATC during a rainstorm is aware of the ongoing leaks around the stairwell. The skylight replacement will address the leak problem and provide a new look to the ATC entrance.

As the Career Programs Building renovations wind down, the facilities staff is shifting its focus to the next major construction project, the Arts and Sciences Complex. Design development is underway for the first phase of the Arts and Sciences Complex, a new multi-story mathematics and science building. Ultimately the Arts and Sciences Complex will include the new building, a renovated science building, which will house the campus learning center, and a renovated classroom building. The new building will be located between the existing classroom and science buildings and will be built into the hill overlooking parking lots K and L. Following closely behind this project is a separate plan that renovates and adds space to the Kepler Theater. HCC is currently preparing the necessary documents to request funding for the Kepler Theater work.

-Submitted by Brian Struntz, director, facilities management and planning, and Sandi Polm, aide, facilities management and planning

Student Success Center News: Spring 2009 Activities

ESL Chat

Monday – Thursday from 8:30 to 10 a.m.

Practice English listening, speaking, and writing skills in a friendly environment. No sign-up necessary—just show up with pencil and paper!

Weekly Workshop

Every Wednesday from 3 to 4 p.m.

These informal workshops cover a variety of topics such as time management, study skills, and English writing tips.

Upcoming weekly workshops

January 28 - Open House!

Visit the SSC, meet some of our staff, and hear tips on utilizing HCC services. We'll also play some of the games that will be featured during our Game Days.

February 4 - Session with Bo Myers on "Time management and scheduling."

February 11 - To be announced

February 18 - To be announced

February 25 - Session with Jaime Bachtell on "Success tips for students with learning disabilities."

Game Day

Second, third, and fourth Thursdays of each month from 2 to 4 p.m.

Play a variety of English and Math games, and strengthen your skills at the same time... fun, fun, fun!

SSC Operating Hours

Monday – Thursday

8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Friday

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

From study halls to skill labs in English and Developmental Math to "open lab" sessions, the SSC provides a variety of services to help all HCC students improve academic performance (including drop-in tutoring). Knowledgeable staff members and peer tutors are available.

For more information about any of these activities, contact the SSC at 301-790-2800, ext. 560

English/ESL: Sonjurae Cross or Marti Grahl

Developmental Math: Inara Grashoff or Paul Fulk

Email: StudentSuccessCenter@hagerstowncc.edu

January & February Anniversaries

January Birthdays

January 1- Vaughn Crowl
January 1- Jennifer Szczesniak
January 6- Donald Reiff
January 6- Jackie Taylor
January 7- Louise Wine
January 8- Heather Barnhart
January 8- Michele Blash
January 8- Helen Spurrier
January 10- Tish Mehalow
January 14- Christopher Lewis
January 14- Lisa Mowen
January 16- Carole Clark
January 16- Michelle Shank
January 17- Donna Marriott
January 19- Cindi Hull
January 19- Andrew Keyser
January 21 – Elizabeth Mahler
January 22- Henry Gautney
January 22- Heather Oden
January 30- Lisa Stewart
January 31- Joseph Marschner

Remember to stop by the Hilltop Grill for a free cup of coffee on your birthday!

To submit information for next month's newsletter, [click here](#).

For Board of Trustees meeting notes and information, [click here](#).

February Birthdays

January 2- Susan Clutz (23 years)
January 2- Debra Daley (7 years)
January 2- Cynthia Dove (7 years)
January 2- Donna Marriott (1 year)
January 2- Stephen Recker (1 year)
January 2 - Alex Seward (1 year)
January 2 - Jeffrey Smith (1 year)
January 3- Michele Blash (4 years)
January 3- Joan Bontempo (3 years)
January 4- Michelle Shank (16 years)
January 5- Carolyn Albright (15 years)
January 5- Daniel Dell (15 years)
January 8- Melinda May (2 years)
January 8- Loretta Thornhill (12 years)
January 9- Elaine Ashby (24 years)
January 10- Thomas Beecroft (25 years)
January 10- Nettie Schubel (3 years)
January 14- Ann Clark (6 years)
January 16- Mary Mock (8 years)
January 16- Anisoara Cumpata (2 years)
January 16- Deborah Power (2 years)
January 17- Kevin Crawford (3 years)
January 17- LuAnn Fisher (9 years)
January 24- Liz Stull (8 years)
January 26- Monica Hutchins (5 years)
January 29- Kenneth Keyes (24 years)
January 29- Jeanne SanGiovanni (2 years)
January 30- Zachery Nave (20 years)
January 31- Carol Rowland (26 years)

February 1- Jodi Karlin (8 years)
February 3- Warren Sipes (1 year)
February 5- Mark Maxwell (1 year)
February 6- Kristina Martin (3 years)
February 9- Lance Mulligan (24 years)
February 14- Alice Yang (9 years)
February 18- Leigh-Anne Mauk (1 year)
February 19- Lisa Mowen (6 years)
February 20- Peggy Hutson (20 years)
February 21- Jason Buhrman (3 years)
February 25- Sandra Harrison (7 years)

February 2– Terrie Angle
February 3– Jackie Simmons
February 4- Lance Baker
February 4– Jodi Karlin
February 5– JoAnna Shank
February 7– Danny Dell
February 8– Maria Spinnler
February 9– Dan Bock
February 9– Kim Mullins
February 11– Michael Riley
February 12– Mida Clipp
February 14– Lois Sarno
February 14– Lori Spessard
February 17– Monica Hutchins
February 18– LuAnn Fisher
February 18– Fonda Franklin
February 18– Jeffrey Smith
February 20– Jodi Coode
February 22– Trudy Gift
February 22– Mary Saum
February 24– Ann Clark
February 24– Susan Mosher
February 24- Amanda Skjeveland
February 27– Ardyce Ketterling