

HCC

IntraNews

The "Spring is Coming!" Issue

March 2009

Events :

Men's Baseball
Tuesday, March 3
HCC Hawks play Harford at
1 p.m.

Women's Softball
Saturday, March 7
HCC Hawks play Anne Arundel
at 1 p.m.

**Washington County Home
Builders Association
Home Show**
Saturday, March 7 and
Sunday, March 8

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday
ARCC
For more information,
call 301-991-1123.

**National Marionette Theatre
performs "Ali Baba and
the 40 Thieves"**
Sunday, March 8
3 p.m.
Kepler Theater

See page 2 for more information!
**Sunday, March 8 through
Saturday, March 14
Spring Break**
No classes held

**Friday, March 13
HCC closed.**

**The 15th Annual Flower
& Garden Show.**
Saturday, March 14 and
Sunday, March 15

Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
ARCC
*See page 5 for more
information!

HCC dedicates Career Programs Building



HCC held its dedication ceremony for the recently renovated Career Programs Building on Fri, Feb. 27, at 9 a.m.

The event included a brief program, ribbon cutting ceremony, and guided tours through various labs and technical facilities, including the nursing labs, the radiology area, the paramedic emergency services area (home to the infamous "ambulance room"), the industrial technology area, as well as various classrooms, computer labs, conference rooms, and science labs.

Building tours also showcased the new dental assisting area, which will begin offering classes in fall 2010, as well as The Merle S. Elliott Continuing Education and Conference Center. Tour groups were also invited to

view internal facilities such as the Reprographic Services and Information Technology areas.

Prior to the building tour, a panel of speakers offered remarks on the Career Programs Building renovation project. The panel included College President Guy Altieri; John Barr, president, Washington County Commissioners; Jim Cannon, director, Center for Continuing Education and Extension Services; Merle Elliott, trustee, HCC Board of Trustees; Brent Feight, Bushey Feight Morin Architects; Paul Marinelli, president, Associated Radiologists, P.A.; and Richard Phoebus, vice-chair, HCC Board of Trustees.

The renovation of the Career Programs Building was a two-fold project that originally began in January 2007. The

first phase of the building was completed in January 2008 and included the majority of the career program areas in the lower level of the building.

The second phase of construction began in January 2008 and included the remaining portions of the lower level, as well as the construction of upper level

areas such as The Merle S. Elliott Continuing Education and Conference Center, as well as the Valley Eatery. The renovation of the Career Programs Building has increased the building's size from its initial 76,003 square feet to 88,732 square feet. Total cost to renovate and equip the building was \$21.8 million. Of that, \$10.8 million came from the state, \$8.7 million came from the county and \$2.3 million came from the College and the HCC College Foundation.

Originally constructed in 1967, the Career Programs Building was initially known as the Vocational-Technical Center and was operated by the Washington County Board of Education. Hagerstown Junior College began offering classes in the building in 1975.

Events continued :

**Harlem Globetrotters
Exhibition Game**

Monday, March 16

7 p.m.

ARCC

Doors open at 6 p.m.

See page 6 for more information!

Men's Baseball

Tuesday, March 17

HCC Hawks play Northern Essex,
Mass. at 1 p.m.

**Fort Ritchie Anniversary
Party and Open House**

Wednesday, March 18

11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

*For more information, contact

Emily Hollins at ext. 858

**You CAN Afford College!
Seminar**

Thursday, March 19

9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Kepler Theater

-Free financial aid seminar for

WCPS high school juniors

For more information, contact the

financial aid office at ext. 473

Men's Baseball

Thursday, March 19

HCC Hawks play Allegany at
3 p.m.

Men's Baseball

Friday, March 20

HCC Hawks play Potomac St at
2 p.m.

Men's Baseball

Saturday, March 21

HCC Hawks play Cecil at
12 noon

Men's Baseball

Thursday, March 26

HCC Hawks play Chesapeake at
3 p.m.

Women's Softball

Saturday, March 28

HCC Hawks play Cecil at 1 p.m.

Men's Baseball

Sunday, March 29

HCC Hawks play Alfred St at
1 p.m.

National Marionette Theatre to perform "Ali Baba" at HCC on March 8

HCC will host the National Marionette Theatre on Sun., March 8, at 3 p.m., in HCC's Kepler Theater. This year, the world-renowned puppeteer company will perform "Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves," using a cast of hand-carved marionettes and specially designed, hand-painted full-stage sets.

The National Marionette Theatre has been in existence for more than 40 years and has received numerous national and international awards for excellence in the field of puppetry.

David Syrotiak, the company's artistic director, says



Still photographs taken from this year's National Marionette Theatre production, "Ali Baba and the 40 Thieves."

Above: The tailor brings Nozea her new dress.

Above right: Ali Baba in the enchanted cave of the forty thieves.

that, "Puppetry is a synthesis of the arts: sculpture, design, music, mime, dance, and theater. And the puppet itself...it is at once an 'everyman' with no limitations."

This year's production, "Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves," is intended for families and children of all ages. After the performance, puppeteers will dismantle the set so that interested parents and children can see how the marionettes function.

This event is free and is open to the public. For more information, contact Student Activities Coordinator Heather Barnhart at extension 225.

You can participate in Walk MS 2009!



Held annually all over the country, this year the local Walk MS will once again be held at the Antietam Battlefield on Saturday, April 18.

Each year, Academic Advisor Monica Hutchins and her team, Baby Steps 4 Mommy, participate in Walk MS and are encouraging any interested HCC participants to join them. Last year, more than \$3,000 was raised!

For more information, contact Monica Hutchins at extension 435, or go to <http://mdm.nationalmssociety.org>.

New divisions for a new year:

Nursing and Health Sciences are now two separate divisions



Above Left: The new Health Sciences Division

Front row, from left to right: Michelle McDaniel, adjunct faculty, radiography; Gina Lester, adjunct faculty, radiography; Stephanie Predko, adjunct faculty, radiography, and Brenda Hassinger, professor and educational coordinator, radiography.

Middle row, from left to right: Dawn Nally, instructor, medical assisting and phlebotomy; Linda Walla, adjunct faculty, radiography; Dawn Dingle, instructor, radiography; Colleen Kassman, adjunct faculty, radiography; Mary Ann Mitchell, adjunct faculty, radiography; and Lori Olden, instructor, radiography.

Back row, from left to right: Helen Spurrier, administrative office associate, health sciences; Lance Baker, assistant professor, radiography; Jennifer Preuss, lead instructor, dental program; and Austin Rinker, adjunct faculty, paramedic emergency services.

As of February 2009, the academic division formerly known as Nursing and Health Sciences will now be divided into two separate divisions: Nursing, headed by Director Carolyn Albright, and Health Sciences, headed by Director Angie Stoops.

The new Nursing Division will oversee A.S. degree in nursing (RN), the certificate in Practical Nursing (LPN), and the letters of recognition in certified medicine aide (CMA)

and certified nursing assistant/geriatric nursing assistant (CNA/GNA).

The new Health Sciences Division will oversee the credit programs of radiography, medical assisting and phlebotomy, dental assisting, which is in the early developmental stages, and paramedic emergency services. In addition, this division will also oversee non-credit nursing and allied health science courses.



Above Right: The new Nursing Division

Front row, from left to right: Jan McLaughlin, administrative office associate, nursing; Carolyn Albright, director, nursing; Michele Blash, assistant professor, LPN program; Pat Williams, assistant professor, practical nursing; Susan Lange, instructor, nursing; Lori Manilla, instructor, nursing; and Lynne Hess, lab coordinator/instructor, health sciences.

Back row, from left to right: Susan Clutz, professor, nursing; Sonja Barnes, assistant professor, nursing; Nancy Meikrantz, assistant director, nursing; Karen Hammond, assistant professor, nursing; Deb McClain, instructor, CNA/GNA and Certified Medicine Aide; Mary Beth Pfeifer, assistant professor, nursing; and Teresa Weedon, instructor, nursing.

HCC announces graduates in CNA/GNA program

Hagerstown Community College recently graduated 24 students in the Certified Nursing Assistant / Geriatric Nursing Assistant (CNA/GNA) program. The graduation ceremony took place on Tues., Dec. 16, 2008, in HCC's Classroom Building. Students were presented with certificates and pins by Deb McClain, HCC instructor, CNA/GNA and Certified Medicine Aide

Graduates included Kelly-Anderson, Kendra Apple-Davies, Lindsey Beaver, Kayla Bodnar, Rachael Boon, Alicia Chaney, Breanna Donovan, Candace Huff, Natalie Jackson, Ashley Johnson, Amber McCormick, Megan Meadors, Ashley Myers, Nicole Ritchey, Heather Seek, Shamika Slater, Dionne Smith, Brooke Stine, all of

Hagerstown; Linda Cobb, of Martinsburg; Lindee Harr, of Needmore, Pa.; Amanda Pryor and Amber Stevens, both of Sharpsburg; Carolyn Windsor, of Smithsburg; and Patrick Bowers, of Williamsport.

The CNA/GNA program is a seven-credit-hour program that awards students with a letter of recognition upon completion. Course content includes disease processes, systems review, nutrition, and infection control. Successful completion of the program allows students to be registered with the Maryland Board of Nursing as a certified nursing assistant. Students who have completed the program are also eligible to sit for the state exam for geriatric nursing assistants.



Above: One of three sections of CNA/GNA students who graduated this past December. The ceremony was held in the Classroom Building, CLR-111, and was presided over by Deb McClain.

HCC to hold second annual Guitar Mini-Fest



Hagerstown Community College's Center for Continuing Education will once again host its second annual Guitar Mini-Fest on Saturday, April 4, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon, in the Merle S. Elliott Continuing Education and Conference Center at HCC.

The HCC Guitar Mini-Fest will feature a host of musical workshops by several outstanding musicians including Kathrin Murray, Steve Herberman and Tobias Hurwitz. HCC instructor Candice Mowbray will host the event.

Kathrin Murray is a seasoned guitarist that has performed all over the United States and abroad. A much sought-after teacher, Murray has served on the guitar faculties at a variety of schools, and currently heads the classical guitar studies at McDaniel College in Westminster, Md.

Tobias Hurwitz has been avidly playing rock guitar since 1977. Each summer, he works for the National Guitar Workshop and has been widely published in a variety of guitar magazines including *Guitar Player*, *Guitar One*, and *Guitar*. Hurwitz is deeply involved in

the Zen Guitar movement, and has authored many books for The National Guitar Workshop and Alfred Publications. For more information, visit his Web site at www.tobiashurwitz.com.

Steve Herberman is a 1988 graduate of the Berklee College of Music and has been a guest artist and clinician at several esteemed music schools and camps throughout the United States including the Maryland Summer Jazz camp. To date, Herberman has recorded three CDs as bandleader and has been featured in *Guitar One*, *20th Century Guitar*, and *Just Jazz Guitar* magazine. For more information, visit his Web site at www.reachmusicjazz.com.

HCC instructor Candice Mowbray earned a master's degree in classical guitar performance from Shenandoah Conservatory in Virginia

and is currently pursuing a doctorate in musical arts. She performs 50 to 70 recitals, concerts, and private engagements each year and was named one of the "Top 5 People To Watch" by *Hagerstown Magazine* in 2007. To find out more, visit www.candicemowbray.com.

Participants are encouraged to bring their own guitars, pencils, and folding music stands. Availability is limited to 40 participants only. For more information, contact the Center for Continuing Education at extension 236.



HCC holds annual Valentine's Dinner and Dance on February 13



The 5th Annual Valentines Day Dinner and Dance was held on Friday, Feb. 13, from 6 to 10 p.m. in the College Center.

Sponsored by the Alumni Association and HCC's Student Government Association, more than 90 people attended the event, including HCC employees, students, and alumni. Attendees were treated to a free lasagna dinner, commemorative photo, and dancing, with music provided by DJ Todd.



Guitar Mini-Fest Schedule of Events

Participant Check-In

8:30 to 9 a.m.

Classical Workshop:

9 to 9:50 a.m.

Kathrin Murray leads participants through warm exercises and basic classical/fingerstyle guitar techniques.

Rock Workshop

10 to 10:50 a.m.

Tobias Hurwitz teaches advanced rock guitar skills including picking techniques, sweep picking, and much more.

Jazz Workshop

11 to 11:50 a.m.

Steve Herberman discusses basic improvisation skills associated with jazz and blues performance.

*All events are held in one area.

*Artists will have CDs and books available for purchase. Cash or check only.

For more information, call 301-790-2800, ext. 236.



Alumni News

Flower & Garden Show

The Alumni Association recently announced its seminar schedule for the 15th Annual Flower & Garden Show to be held in the ARCC on Saturday, March 14, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, March 15, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Demonstrations will be held throughout both days. In addition, Saturday's seminars are:

9:30 a.m. - "Rain Gardens," by Annette

Ipsan, extension educator, horticulture, Maryland Cooperative Extension, Washington County

10:30 a.m. - "Vegetable Gardening: In the Beginning" by Gary Fulmer, Washington County master gardener

11:30 a.m. - "Vegetable Gardening: Getting to Harvest" by Gary Fulmer

12:30 p.m. - "Growing Backyard Vineyard," by Dick Penna, Antietam Vineyards

1:30 p.m. - "Rainwater Harvesting," by Jennifer Willoby, Potomac River Commission

2:30 p.m. - "How to Build a Salad Box," by Bob and Anne Courtemanche, Washington County master gardeners

3:30 p.m. - "Container Gardening," by Gordan and Janet Bartels, Washington County master gardeners

Sunday's seminars are:

11:30 a.m. - "Vegetable Gardening: In the Beginning," by Don Knode, Washington County master gardener

12:30 p.m. - "Vegetable Gardening: Getting to Harvest," by Don Knode

1:30 p.m. - "Using Alternative Products: Our Effect on the Bay" by Lynn Little, extension educator, family and consumer sciences, Maryland Cooperative Extension, Washington County

2:30 p.m. - "Hard Scraping vs. Green Scraping: Why Have We Forgotten The Green?" by Ed Rhone, Hagerstown Community College grounds manager

For information on the flower and garden show, contact Lisa Stewart, coordinator, alumni relations and annual giving, at extension 346 or via e-mail at stewartl@hagerstowncc.edu.



HCC and Frostburg sign Dual Admissions Agreement

Officials at Hagerstown Community College and Frostburg State University recently met to discuss and develop a dual admissions agreement between the two schools. The agreement is designed to make it easier for students who start at HCC to transfer their academic credits to FSU to complete bachelor's degrees.

"We've long enjoyed a very positive relationship with

Frostburg State University," said HCC President Guy Altieri. "I'm excited that this new agreement will make student transfer to FSU even smoother and more complete than in the past."

"I'm gratified that Frostburg State University is continuing to build closer ties with Hagerstown Community College," said FSU President Jonathan Gibraltar. "By making a student's transition between

our institutions as seamless as possible, we are enhancing Western Maryland's educational opportunities in multiple ways."

Pictured at the signing, are, from left to right, FSU Provost Stephen Simpson, FSU President Gibraltar, HCC President Altieri, and HCC Vice President of Academic Affairs Judy Oleks.

New HCC staff and faculty



Judith Kephart, ext. TBA

Position: Operations Assistant, Continuing Education

Education: Administrative Assistant Certificate, Customer Service Letter, Hagerstown Community College



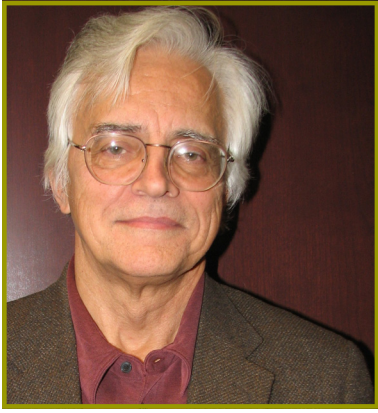
Jennifer Preuss, ext. 507

Position: Lead Instructor, Dental Program

Education: A.A.S. Allegany College of Maryland; Currently attending Westmoreland County Community College and pursuing Expanded Functions Dental Assistant Certification. Also attending the PA College of Technology and pursuing a B.S. in Dental Hygiene.



Former full-time faculty member receives \$1000 grant



Former full-time English and Humanities Professor Askold Skalsky recently won a \$1000 grant from

the Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC) for the Individual Artist Award in Poetry.

The MSAC is a state-funded agency first created in 1967 for the purpose of encouraging and investing the advancement of the arts in the state of Maryland, as well as to support artists and art organizations in their pursuit of artistic excellence, to ensure the accessibility of the arts to all citizens, and to promote statewide awareness of art resources and opportunities.

To obtain the grant, Skalsky had to submit between 10 and 15 poems that had been written over the course of the last five years to the MSAC. A panel of jurors reviewed all submissions and selected Skalsky as one of eight poets in Maryland to receive the Individual Artist Award.

This is the second time that Skalsky has received this particular award, the first occurring in 2005.

Skalsky officially retired from Hagerstown Community



College in June of 2008 after teaching at the College for more than 40 years. He is now teaching English 102 part-time at HCC.

To find out more about the Maryland State Arts Council, go to www.msac.org.

Upcoming Spring Transfer Visits

HCC's Academic Advising Department recently announced its upcoming schedule of spring transfer visits from area colleges and universities. Through these transfer visits, HCC students will be given the opportunity to meet with representatives from Frostburg University, Shepherd University, Shippensburg University, and University of Maryland, Hagerstown, in order to ask questions, discuss options, and determine the best means possible for transferring from HCC to a four-year school.

Upcoming transfer visits include:

- Tues., March 3** – Frostburg University, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (appointment required)
- Thurs., March 5**- Frostburg University at Hagerstown, Early Childhood Education majors, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Thurs., April 9** – Shippensburg University, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (appointment required)
- Mon., April 13** – Shepherd University, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (appointment required)
- Tues., April 14**- Frostburg University at Hagerstown, Early Childhood Education majors, 9 a.m. to 12 noon
- Thurs., April 16**- Frostburg University at Hagerstown, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (appointment required)
- Wed., April 22** – Frostburg University at Hagerstown, Early Childhood Education majors, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

All transfer visits are held in room 702 in the ASA Building, unless otherwise stated. A transfer representative from University of Maryland, Hagerstown will be at HCC on alternating Tuesdays and Wednesdays, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the College Center. No appointment necessary.

For more information or to make an appointment with one of the other schools, please contact HCC's Academic Advising Department at extension 240.



Harlem Globetrotters come to HCC!

The Harlem Globetrotters exhibition game will be held on Monday, March 16, at 7 p.m. in the ARCC. Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$23 each for general admission in bleachers (first come, first served); \$27 each for first and second row in bleachers (first come, first served); \$69 each for chairs on the floor (only 100 seats available; first come, first served).

Tickets are available at the HCC Bookstore or through Ticketmaster. Call 301-790-2800, ext. 271, to purchase tickets through HCC. Only 3000 tickets will be sold. Any tickets unsold by the HCC Bookstore and Ticketmaster will be sold at the door prior to the event.

For more information, contact Heather Barnhart at ext. 225.



Congratulations, Fonda!



On February 1, 2009, Fonda Franklin was promoted to position of Manager, Human Resources. Franklin will be responsible for the day-to-day operations in the Human Resources Office and will continue to coordinate and lead HCC employee benefit maintenance and improvement efforts.

Franklin holds an Associate of Art degree from Hagerstown Community College and a Bachelor of Science degree from Towson University. Franklin has been employed at the College since 2002.

March Birthdays

March 13—Chris Poffenberger
March 14—Elaine Ashby
March 15—Shelley Leshner
March 17—Rachel Parks
March 18—Melinda May
March 22—Brenda Hassinger
March 23—Paula Kessler
March 23—Wendy Roberts
March 24—Deb McClain
March 25—Brad Shepard
March 27—Judy Edwards
March 29—Mike Harsh
March 29—Judith Peisen
March 31—Tamara Stenger

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

Please note that if you choose to partake of your complimentary cup of coffee, you must go to the Hilltop Grill on your actual birthday and you must notify the cashier when you do so that Food Services can keep track!

Thank you and enjoy!

March Anniversaries

March 4—Heather Barnhart (7 years)
March 9—David Baker (1 year)
March 10—Cynthia Golem (1 year)
March 13—Jackie Simmons (9 years)
March 14—Chris Baer (4 years)
March 18—Chris Marschner (13 years)
March 21—Judy Kofaet (4 years)
March 24—Richard Vanderau (23 years)
March 28—Sandy Krieger (32 years)
March 31—Nancy Meikrantz (1 year)
March 31—Mary Saum (3 years)

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

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

Wedding Announcements



Shannon Routzahn, HCC athletic trainer, was united with J. Sean Cameron in a private ceremony on January 3, 2009.

The ceremony took place at St. Marks Lutheran Church in Smithsburg, Maryland and the reception was held at Duffy's on Potomac in Hagerstown.

Congratulations, Shannon!

Annual Tribute to be held Friday, March 27

A tribute honoring William and Margaret Hetzer for their service to Washington County and HCC will be held in the ARCC beginning at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$125 per person. Proceeds benefit HCC student scholarships.

For more information, contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at extension 348.

Upcoming Career Days and Transfer Fairs

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Career Day

Friday, March 20

HCC will hold its first ever STEM Career Day for Washington County Public High School students from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call Robin Thomas at ext. 268.

Spring Transfer Fair

Tuesday, March 24

The annual spring transfer fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on HCC's main campus. Location to be determined. For more information, call Chris Baer at ext. 575.

Commercial Vehicle Transportation Career Day

Friday, March 27

HCC will hold its annual Commercial Vehicle Transportation Career Day from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Mack/Volvo site. For more information, call Janie Spielman at ext. 449.