

HCC

IntraNews

The Photo-Madness! Issue



**May/June
2009**

Events :

**U.S. Army Training and Doctrine (TRADOC) Command Band
Sunday, June 7**

4 p.m.
Alumni Amphitheater
-FREE Admission
*Contact Lisa Stewart at ext. 346 for more information

**U.S. Air Force Langley Winds Ensemble
Tuesday, June 16**

6 p.m.
Alumni Amphitheater
-FREE Admission
*Contact Lisa Stewart at ext. 346 for more information

**1st Annual Irv Easterday Golf and HCC Hall of Fame Tournament
Monday, June 29**

1 p.m.
Beaver Creek Country Club
-Registration begins at 11:45 a.m.
-\$100 per player
-Hall of Fame ceremony begins at 6:30 p.m.
*Contact Mike Martin at ext. 242 for more information

**U.S. Air National Guard Band of the Mid-Atlantic
Monday, June 29**

6 p.m.
Alumni Amphitheater
-FREE Admission
*Contact Lisa Stewart at ext. 346 for more information

New fountain creates big splash



On Wednesday, April 22, HCC dedicated its brand new fountain outside the Career Programs Building. The Fountain Dedication was held as part of HCC's annual Campus Pride Day and Earth Day Celebration.

The program began at 12:30 p.m. and featured a variety of speakers and performers. Science Learning Center Laboratory Assistant Mylynh Nguyen was first to speak. She talked about the activities that the Science Club had planned for their week-long celebration of Earth Day and made mention of the Earth Day posters that Ellen Smith's Graphic Design class had created in order to promote Earth Day awareness. Those posters are currently on display in the Science Building.

Mother Nature added her two cents to event as the

outdoor celebration was forced to move inside when a heavy downpour began during the end of Nguyen's speech.

The ceremony moved to one of the new conference rooms in The Merle S. Elliott Continuing Education and Conference Center. Adjunct faculty member Jennie Avila performed two earth-inspired songs, including one she wrote specially for the fountain dedication. Her songs in were a big hit and were

English Education.

Following Gist's reading of her poem, the Children's Learning Center performed and HCC President Guy Altieri closed the event with a few remarks about Earth Day. Altieri promised the children that they alone would have the honor of turning the fountain on and the entire party trooped outside to witness it. The children were greeted with yet another surprise from



Above: Jennie Avila performs at HCC's Earth Day Celebration.

extremely popular with children from the Children's Learning Center who attended the event and later performed their own Earth Day song about rainbows.

Following Avila's performance, HCC student Gwendolyn Gist read an original poem that she wrote specifically for Earth Day entitled, "Plight of Gaia." Gist is a double major Business Administration and

Mother Nature when a giant gust of wind swept through the fountain as it was turned on and splashed water over the children. They immediately scattered but remained relatively excited throughout. It should be noted that the children were kind enough to give up some of their nap time in order to perform and take part in event.



Fountain Photo Gallery



Children from the Children's Learning Center take part in Avila's performance by imitating trees and roots throughout the song at Avila's urging.



Children from the CLC scatter when the fountain unexpectedly rains down on them as a big gust of wind moves through the CP Plaza.



HCC Volunteer Larry Longanecker and his dog Molly help break in the new fountain.



The first HCC student to run through the new fountain (and incidentally, one of the HCC Campus Pride Volunteers). We knew it was only a matter of time...



The CLC kids heading off for their well-deserved nap time.



The new fountain going strong a few days after the dedication.



Volunteers take pride in campus

HCC held its annual Campus Pride Day in conjunction with Earth Day on Wed., April 22. Many students, staff, faculty and volunteers pitched in to lend a hand in beautifying HCC's campus for the coming summer months. Groups that participated included 25 campus

volunteers, staff, faculty and maintenance personnel, as well as more than 30 students from areas such as the Radiography Program, Phi Theta Kappa, the Student Government Association and individual students from across campus.



Just Dig It!



"I would like to add my thanks to everyone who took part in our Garden Pride/Earth Day project on Wednesday. It was a huge success and I hope you'll have the opportunity to walk around the campus and look at the grounds/ gardens. I was very impressed with the number of students and the number of clubs that got involved this year. Everyone worked very hard! There were faculty, staff, students and volunteers working side by side learning from one another and helping one another. It was a collaborative effort that paid off in a beautiful campus. Thank you Dr. Altieri for lunch and thank you to the Learning Center children for their wonderful songs."

—Judy Kofoet, Campus Volunteer Coordinator



Hutchins' team takes home award for top fundraiser at Walk MS



Smithsburg. This is the second year that Ivy Farms has donated their time to help Hutchins with her cause.

This year, Hutchins and her team raised more than \$2000 for Walk MS, a feat which earned them the Top Fundraising Team award for 2009.

Walk MS is held at 11 different locations throughout the state of Maryland and is

open to the public. There is no fee for participating in Walk MS, but participants are asked to bring donations and/or pledges to help raise money for the 6,500 people in Maryland living with multiple sclerosis.

To find out more about the Maryland chapter of Walk MS, go to <http://mdm.nationalmssociety.org>.

HCC staff and students recently took part in the annual Walk MS held on Sat., April 18, at Antietam Battlefield in Sharpsburg.

HCC academic advisor Monica Hutchins first formed her team "Baby Steps 4 Mommy" in 2004. This year, Hutchins' team consisted of more than 35 participants, which included HCC staff and students, as well as Hutchins' friends and family.

To jumpstart the campaign, Hutchins' once again incorporated the "Kiss A Pig" fundraiser here on HCC's campus. "Petunia" spent three hours on campus on April 16 and brought in \$100 towards Hutchins' campaign. Students and staff took part in kissing and holding Petunia during her HCC debut. Petunia's owner is Karen Martin of Ivy Farms in



HCC Academic Advisor Monica Hutchins with Petunia's caretakers outside the College Center on April 16. (Photo courtesy of HCC student Xiaochu "Sherrie" Hu).



Above: Bo Myers, HCC athletics director, poses with Petunia outside the College Center.

Right: HCC student cradles a sleepy Petunia near the end of her visit.

(Photos courtesy of Xiaochu "Sherrie" Hu).





Plight of Gaia

by Gwendolyn Gist

Stewards we must be,
 And tend the land with gentle hands;
 Giving back what we have taken
 So that she may give again.
 We must proceed cautiously,
 And right the wrong that we have done
 Lest we mourn one day the ruin
 Of this third jewel from the sun.
 In every language, "mother,"
 Nurturing us all,
 We must treat her with respect and love
 And rise to this, her call:
 "Reach across the mountains,
 Join hands across the sea
 Break the barriers of language
 And raise the flags of peace
 For the wars you fight are trivial
 In the face of what's at stake---
 The sand in which you plant your feet,
 The sun upon your face;
 The air you take for granted,
 Flora, Fauna, Human Race."

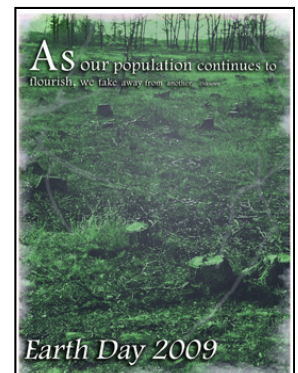
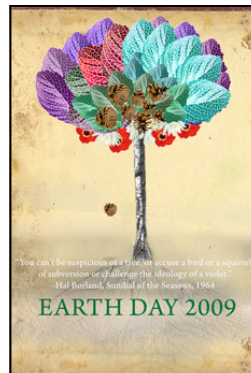
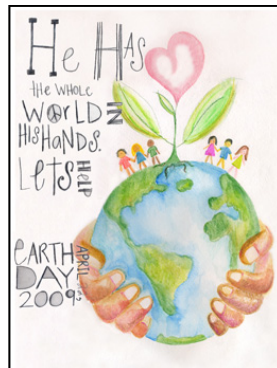
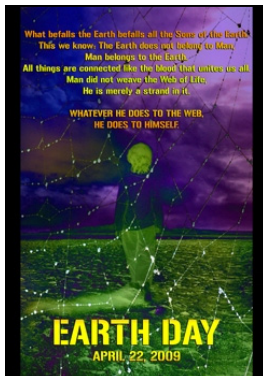


Above: Poster created by Elizabeth Mentzer

Right: Poster created by Leah Gillette

Top (in header): Artwork by Matthew Sharpe

This page features student artwork created specially for HCC's Earth Day celebration on April 22. The artwork includes the poetry of Gwendolyn Gist, which was read at the dedication of the fountain, and Earth Day posters created by Ellen Smith's graphic design students.



Above: Posters created by HCC students. From left to right, the artwork of Crystalynn Molnar, Elizabeth Leitma, Kristian Delacruz, Clayton Robertson, and Heather Lovelace.

Red, White and Blue Summer Concert Series draws near

The Fifth Annual Red, White and Blue Summer Concert Series starts June 7. The schedule of events is as follows:

Sun., June 7 – The U.S. Army Training & Doctrine Command Band (TRADOC) at 4 p.m. (See page # for more details)

Tues., June 16 – The U.S. Air Force Langley Winds at 6 p.m.

Mon., June 29 – The U.S. Air National Guard Band of the Mid-Atlantic at 6 p.m.

Tues., July 7 – The U.S. Air Force Band of Flight at 6 p.m.

Sun., August 16 – The U.S. Navy Country Current at 4 p.m.

Sun., August 23 – The U.S. Marine Band at 4 p.m.

Sun., Sept. 13 – The U.S. Navy Cruisers Band at 4 p.m.

Sun., Sept. 20 – The 229th U.S. Army Band at 4 p.m.

All concerts are free, open to the public, and will be held in HCC's Alumni Amphitheater. Concessions will be available for purchase. Please note that no outside food is

permitted on the amphitheater grounds.

For more information, contact Lisa Stewart, coordinator, alumni relations and annual giving, at 301-790-2800, ext. 346, or via e-mail at stewartl@hagerstownc.edu.

CREAS mock trauma event a great success

HCC held its Criminal Response Emergency Assessment Scenario (CREAS) training event on April 4.

The event began with a mock shooting at the College Center in which there was one fatality (a manikin did not make it) and one "victim," who was then transported to the Career Programs Building in an ambulance.

At the Career Programs Building, a mock triage unit had been set up that included an emergency room and an Urgent Care unit. In addition to the gunshot victim, a MedEvac was also flown in and a manikin was brought in for treatment.

Administration of Justice students processed the scene at the College Center and interviewed witnesses there before coming to the Career Programs Building to question the gunshot victim and were also on hand for security calls made by the nursing staff in the ER and Urgent Care units.

Through ER and Urgent

Care, more than 100 students posing as patients were treated for various ailments of their own devising. The students playing the victims/patients, were also students in the Radiography, Nursing, Paramedic Emergency Services (PES), and Practical Nursing Programs. They were treated by graduating students in those programs as a final test and practical application of what all of these students will soon encounter in the field after graduating from their programs.

Nursing students worked in conjunction with radiography, CT, and MRI students for those patients that required scans and x-rays in order to properly diagnose their problems.

Ambulances continued to bring in patients throughout the day and there were a variety of walk-in patients that visited the ER and Urgent Care. In the words of Pat Williams, assistant



Above: Ambulance workers load the mock shooting victim in the ambulance to be taken to the emergency room in the CP Building nursing wing.

professor, practical nursing, "It must be a full moon today," in reference to the hustle and bustle that was taking place in the HCC mock triage unit.

HCC faculty oversaw all portions of the event. They were assisted by Hagerstown Police Department and the Washington County Sheriff's

Office, as well as Campus Police. This is the first year HCC has had the CREAS event since 2006 due to the renovation of the Career Programs Building. The intentions are to have this event every year for graduating students in the Radiography, Nursing, PES/EMT, and Practical Nursing Programs.



Above: Administration of Justice students prepare to speak with HCC nurses in training and interview witnesses after a staged mock shooting in the College Center. (Photo by Angie Stoops)



Bottom Left: Radiography students search for unconventional, yet effective means to treat a patient.

Bottom Right: An LPN student tries to soothe a distressed patient.

A message from Austin Rinker, adjunct faculty, PES Program

To all:

This e-mail goes out to all faculty, staff, students, evaluators, etc., that helped to make the college disaster drill a reality. There was much work involved to make this happen. Some money spent, time away from family on a Saturday and then there are always the second thoughts about if all the work is worth it. I was one of those until this morning when I checked my e-mail. If you are looking for a reason to do all of the work to make this happen, I believe this is a good one.....

I received this from a first year paramedic student that participated in the "Drill" on Saturday:

Austin and Kevin,

At yesterday's training drill I was on the unit that had the infant. I have always been uncomfortable treating

children mainly because of a lack of experience. Yesterday Kevin was on our unit and while I was not the primary I had an opportunity of listening and learning.

Well, it did not take long, this morning at 9:30 I got a call for an unconscious 13 month old. Of course I am on my own. This was the real deal, decreased LOC, slow and shallow respirations, unresponsive pupils, the whole deal. I was totally OK with this patient. The reason was what I got from the training session on Saturday. I cannot tell you how stressful it is to be on the scene and not be comfortable with what you are doing.

Austin, thanks for the session, great job. Kevin, more in service training.

Regards,
Harry

HCC pre-engineering students take part in Payload Balloon Project



Above and Bottom Left: HCC students prepare the Payload for launch

Middle: Photos taken from the Payload as it ascends towards the upper atmosphere.

Bottom Right: A photo taken from the payload from the upper atmosphere.

(Photos courtesy of Tim McCollum)

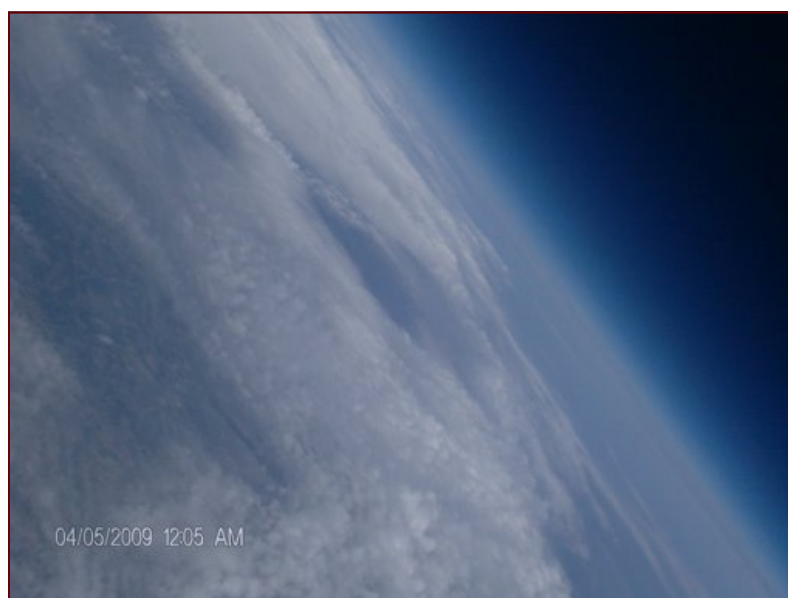
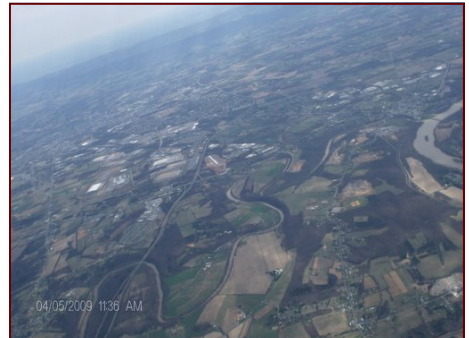
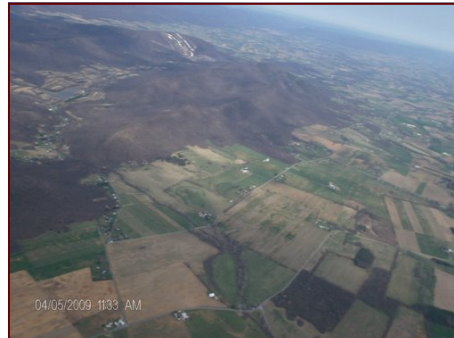
Four HCC pre-engineering students recently took part in a near space balloon launch through the Maryland Space Grant Consortium's Balloon Payload Program.

The balloon launch was part of an independent engineering study in collaboration with the Department of Aerospace Engineering at University of Maryland College Park. The study consisted of using a weather balloon to lift a small sensor package, which had been previously constructed by HCC engineering students, to the edge of the Earth's atmosphere at approximately 65,000 feet; a place where space-like conditions exist in terms of pressure, temperature, and radiation environment.

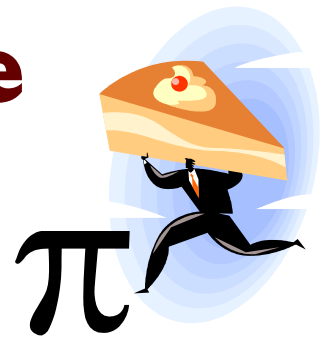
"The Balloon Payload Program is a great opportunity

for students to gain experience with a hands-on engineering project," says Tim McCollum, instructor, engineering and mathematics. "I'm very proud of the commitment they showed, as well as the quality of the experiment they constructed."

HCC team members included Matthew Griffith, of Boonsboro; Karilee Grossnickle and Blaine McLeod, both of Hagerstown; and Dave Thoenig, of Clear Spring. The students designed, constructed, launched, and recovered the sensor package, as well as conducted post-flight analysis of the data obtained during the flight. The payload was launched from Clear Spring Elementary School and was recovered a few miles south of Westminster, Md.



Math Mania hits home



Top Left: Assistant Mathematics Professor Joe Mason in the aftermath of his “Pi” attack.

HCC’s Math Club held its first annual Math Mania event the week of April 6. Math Mania events included Math Club bake sales, the Amazing Math Race, and in particular, a Math Mania day that included Math Cab, Mathmetician Match, a “Pi” eating contest, and most notably, a “Pi” throwing contest.

Organized by Math Club students with the help of Mathematics faculty and

Instructional Assistant Rebecca Kendrick, the event overall was a huge success. Several HCC staff and faculty participated in the “Pi” throwing contest, including Joe Mason, Heather Barnhart, Paula Kessler, Rich Campbell, Tom Crawford, Jennifer Szczesniak, Melanie Ulrich and Cindy Dove, although some found themselves the object of pie-like affection more than others.



Above and Bottom Right: Assistant Mathematics Professor Paula Kessler takes a couple of direct hits courtesy of her daughter while Student Activities Coordinator Heather Barnhart looks on.



Middle Left and Bottom Middle: Developmental Mathematics Instructor Rich Campbell squarely faces the oncoming pie onslaught courtesy of his son who, incidentally, landed more than one direct hit throughout the afternoon.

“Pi” throwing photos continued on Page 9!



Student	Instructor
π in the Eye Toss	
1 ticket per toss	



"Pi" in the Eye photos continued from page 8

Top Left: The Zen of Pie: Paula Kessler practices her pie-levitation skills in front of math and pie enthusiasts.

Top Right: Student Activities Coordinator Heather Barnhart taunts would-be pie-throwers to help raise money for the HCC Math Club.

Bottom Left: Jennifer Szczesniak does her own batch of taunting as one of her students manages to miss her not once but (count 'em!) three separate times. We should mention here that "Pi" toss participants were not allowed to move during the pie attacks but were told to remain perfectly still.

Bottom Right: Pie in the eye indeed! Assistant Mathematics and Business Professor Tom Crawford takes a direct hit as Szczesniak looks on.



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Volunteers abound at HCC

HCC honored its volunteers in a special recognition ceremony on Friday, April 24. The volunteers were given various tokens of appreciation for their beneficial service to the College over the last year.

According to Campus Volunteer Coordinator Judy Kofoet, HCC has more than 113 volunteers that donate their time each year. Of those 113 volunteers, 29 of them gave more than 110 hours of service to the College this year alone. Kofoet added that the monetary value of HCC's in 2008 was \$157,152.

HCC volunteers work in a variety of efforts on campus. In 2008, 14 people acted as tutors and mentors and volunteered in the Testing Center, 50 people

volunteered to be greeters in the ARCC or College Center, 34 people volunteered to be patients for radiography students, 10 volunteers assisted with the Maryland Symphony Orchestra Kinder Konzerts held on campus, 13 volunteers worked in the HCC gardens, and 12 high school students volunteered in HCC's annual College for Kids program.

In addition, volunteers also routinely help out in the Children's Learning Center, as well as help stuff envelopes for various campus events and publications, aid in preparation for the annual Tribute dinner in the ARCC, and assist at the Annual Alumni Golf Tournament and the Annual Flower and Garden Show.



Middle Right: HCC's 2009 volunteers after the Volunteer Recognition Reception on April 24.

Bottom Middle: 29 HCC volunteers gave more than 110 hours of service to the College this year alone. Those volunteers included: Bob Bastian, Mary Blickenstaff, Charles Buckingham, Elizabeth Buckingham, Stanley Campbell, Thelma Campbell, Russell Chew, Art Copeland, Keith Deau, David Dave, Sue Dorsey, Carolyn Hill, Barbara Jacob, Ken Johnson, Ginny Lefever, Bette Longanecker, Larry Longanecker, Rose Malkiewicz, Wally Malkiewicz, Betty Morgan, Granville Nelson, Patricia Nelson, Fran Nichols, Ginger Omdahl, Judy Reichard, Betsy Roulette, Diane Stone, Wayne Taylor, and Daisy Wolfensberger.

HCC group visits Salt Lake City as part of Biotech partnership with Salt Lake Community College



Above: HCC biotech team: Mylyhn Nguyen, Judy Peisen, Melanie Ulrich, and Jeff Leister.



A team of HCC staff recently visited Salt Lake Community College as part of HCC's new biotechnology mentoring program.

In December of 2008, HCC was selected to take part in a national mentoring program that would allow HCC biotechnology staff to work directly with the staff of Salt Lake Community College as a mentor college and Miami Dade College as a fellow mentee college.

The goal of the program is to support the development of effective intervention strategies for improving student achievement in postsecondary education.

HCC was chosen to participate in the program to further develop its career pathway in biotechnology

. Partners in this pathway include HCC, Washington County Public Schools, biotechnology employers, and four upper division institutions.

The focus of the peer mentoring initiative will be learning from the InnovaBio program at Salt Lake Community College to develop a internship program for HCC and its biotechnology partners.

The team that visited Salt Lake consisted of Mylyhn Nguyen, Science Learning Center laboratory assistant, Judy Peisen, chair, mathematics and science division, Melanie Ulrich, biotechnology instructor, and Jeff Leister, career development specialist.

The first student to graduate HCC's Biotechnology Program.

Left: Pictured from left to right: Melanie Ulrich, Judy Peisen, Mylyhn Nguyen, and graduate Charles "Sam" Umbaugh.

Umbaugh spoke at HCC's Seventh Annual Honors Convocation on May 14. His speech was preceded by that of Judy Peisen, HCC's Faculty of the Year, who gave a moving speech about the path that led her to teach at Hagerstown Community College more than 20 years ago.



Above: The U.S. Army TRADOC Band will be performing in the Alumni Amphitheater on June 7. The U.S. Army TRADOC Band visited HCC last year and performed a variety of classic rock favorites.

(Photo provided by the U.S. Army TRADOC Band).

U.S. Army TRADOC Band performs June 7

The Hagerstown Community College Alumni Association will host the U.S. Army TRADOC Band as part of its annual Red, White and Blue Concert Series, on Sun., June 7, at 4 p.m., in HCC's Alumni Amphitheater.

The U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command Band (TRADOC) is a multifaceted organization that performs a wide variety of musical styles and encompasses more than nine ensembles, including a concert band, a marching band, a woodwind quartet, a Dixieland band, a rock band, and a jazz band. This

year's TRADOC Band performance at HCC will feature classic country favorites under the direction of Master Sergeant James Kruczek.

Co-sponsored by the Hagerstown-Washington County Convention and Visitors Bureau, this concert is free and is open to the public. For more information, contact Lisa Stewart, HCC coordinator, alumni relations and annual giving, at 301-790-2800, ext. 346, or via e-mail at stewartl@hagerstowncc.edu. To learn more about the TRADOC Band, go to www.tradoc.army.mil.





Staff and Faculty News

Graduations and art shows abound!



Rosie Oberholzer, human resources specialist, recently obtained her A.A. in Radiography from HCC. At the seventh annual

Honors Convocation on May 14, Oberholzer was also received The Lowry Johnson Award of Excellence in Radiography and received a recognition award for graduating with honors.

Oberholzer began working for HCC in March of this year. Prior to that, she served as the Student Worker in the Human Resources Department.

Congratulations, Rosie!



Wendy Schneider, executive assistant to the dean of student affairs, recently obtained her A.A. in General Studies from

HCC. At the seventh annual Honors Convocation on May 14, Schneider received a recognition award for graduating with high honors.

Schneider worked in Admissions, Records, and Registration from June 2008 to May of 2009. In late May, she was promoted to the Executive Assistant to the Dean of Student Affairs. Her new location will be ASA-800 and her new extension will be 526.

Congratulations, Wendy!



Ardyce Ketterling, assistant professor, developmental composition, recently had a book signing for her novel, "Keeper of the Lie," on Sat., May 2, at Walde Books in Hagerstown.

Congratulations, Ardyce!

Book Synopsis from Amazon.com: "Bethany has lived the majority of her life in psychiatric facilities where infrequent pinholes of light reveal an entirely different family history than the one written in her doctor's notes.

Out in an unreal world, Bethany's childhood is revealed through flashes of faded photographs, bits of disjointed script, reruns of black and white video, and a few scraps of fact.

A mental chorus of songs, quotes, scriptures, and the rhythmic cadence of a drumbeat accompany this dark, disturbing retelling of one possible story: Two little girls entered the woods; only one returned."



Ellen Smith, assistant professor, graphic design technology, recently had debuted her art work at the Zeéro G Gallery in Shepherdstown, W.Va.

Entitled, "Past and Present," the art show featured both traditional fine art oil techniques, as well as

contemporary digital collages.

Smith showcased her photo-realist paintings, a mainstay of her work from the late 70s to the early 80s. Smith was a digital art enthusiast and has been working digitally for more than 24 years.

Smith holds a B.F.A. in Fine Art, and a BA in Art History from the State University at Buffalo, as well as an M.F.A. in digital photography from The University of Hartford, Hartford Art School.

The Zeéro G gallery is located at 113 South Princess Street, in The Full Circle Theater space. Smith's work will be on display now through June 7.

Congratulations, Ellen!

HCC Staff Promotions



Mida Clipp, ext. 553

Formerly an Enrollment Assistant in Admissions, Clipp recently took a new position as a Computer Training Specialist in the Continuing Education division. She replaces Angela Kelley in this position. Her new office is located in ATC-207.

Congratulations, Mida!

New HCC staff and faculty



Samantha Willard, ext. 413

Position: Office Associate/Test Center Support Technician (Continuing Education)

Samantha's office is located in ATC-207 with Mida.

Welcome Samantha!



Staff and Faculty News

Graduations and art shows abound!



Cindy Dove, assistant professor, anatomy and physiology/microbiology, recently obtained her PhD from the University of Idaho.

Her doctorate focused on how faculty adopt outcomes assessment and was

entitled, "Understanding the Adoption of Student Learning Outcomes Assessment: A Case Study of Community College Faculty."

Dove adds, "Our division, my family, and my friends at HCC were great through the whole process. Everyone kept me on track, and helped me through my most stressful moments. Dr. Peisen really motivated me to finish it. I think what scared me the most was when she said she wouldn't retire until I finished it!"

Congratulations, Cindy!



Angie Auldridge, academic advisor, recently obtained her M.S. in Counseling from Johns Hopkins University.

Academic Advising Coordinator Mike Martin says that "Angie started her education here at HCC. [She

then [she] completed her Bachelor's at Hood prior to earning her Master's Degree."

He adds, "She is a wonderful advisor who is caring and knowledgeable, and proof that our students 'Stay Close and Go Far!'"

Congratulations, Angie!



Donovan and Szczesniak take over the reins of PTK



As of June 1, 2009, Enrollment Assistant **Sherry Donovan** (left) and Mathematics Instructor **Jennifer Szczesniak** (right) will take over as co-advisors for HCC's chapter of the international honor society Phi Theta Kappa (PTK).



Phi Theta Kappa first began under the name of Kappa Phi Omicron at Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri, in 1910. The Society quickly grew in scope and scale and soon expanded to multiple chapters within the state of Missouri, and later through-

out the United States and around the world. The Society adopted the name Phi Theta Kappa in 1918.

Phi Theta Kappa specifically seeks to not only recognize and encourage academic achievement in two-year college students, but also to provide opportunities for individual growth and development through participation in honors, leadership, service and fellowship programming.

Hagerstown Community College, or as it was previously known Hagerstown Junior College, first became a charter member in 1968 and since that time, hundreds of students have joined the

renowned honor society.

In recent years, previous PTK advisors at HCC have included Loretta Thornhill, associate professor, paralegal studies, and most recently, Lori Spessard, assistant professor, economics, and Jennifer Eckenrode, Fitness Center coordinator.

Donovan has worked at HCC since 2002 and Szczesniak has worked at the College since 2007.

PTK questions can be directed to Donovan at extension 325 or Szczesniak at extension 244.

To learn more about the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, go to www.ptk.org.

Lease performs in Community Band concert



Barbara Lease, human resources specialist, performed in the 11th anniversary concert by the Williamsport Community Band on May 3.

According to the Herald Mail, more than 100 people turned out at Springfield Middle School's auditorium to view the performance.

The Williamsport Community Band first formed in 1998. Originally consisting of 30

members, the band now boasts of more than 50 musicians from the local tri-state area. The Band is comprised entirely of volunteers who participate for the joy of playing the music they love.

The band performs two indoor concerts every year, one in December and one in May. In the summer months, the band travels and performs throughout the tri-state area.

One of the band's most popular events is the annual 4th of July celebration held in Byron Memorial Park in Williamsport.

Lease, her husband, John, and her son, Nate, all perform in the Williamsport Community Band.

To find out more about the Williamsport Community Band's latest performance, go to http://www.herald-mail.com/?cmd=displaystory&story_id=222290&format=html



Six long-time staff members seek retirement

HCC recently honored six retiring faculty and staff members who collectively gave more than 155 years of service to the College.

Recent retirees include:

Dr. Tom Beecroft, professor, psychology, who is retiring after 25 years of service and has worked at the College since 1984.

Roger Case, custodian/security associate, who is retiring after 27 years of service and has worked at the College since 1982.

Judy Edwards, bookstore

assistant I, who is retiring after 28 years of service and has worked at the College since 1980.

Alvin Funk, telecommunications and maintenance specialist, who is retiring after 20 years of service and has worked at the College since 1989.

Lois Sarno, evaluation specialist, who is retiring after 35 years of service and has worked at the College since 1975.

And **Barbara Wolf**, manager, Reprographic Services,

who is retiring after 20 years of service and who has worked at the College since 1988.

Retirees were honored at a special reception in The Merle S. Elliott Continuing Education and Conference Center on Mon., May 18. Dr. Guy Altieri served as master of ceremonies and Frances Cade, chair, behavioral and social sciences/business division; Wayne Siler, night custodian supervisor; Robert "Mitch" Mitchell, telecommunications and maintenance service

manager; Barbara Macht, dean, planning and institutional effectiveness; and Anna Barker, vice-president, office of administration and finance, offered remarks on the retirees.

They were joined by additional staff and faculty who took the time to share personal thoughts and stories on various retirees, as well as to let each retiree know just how much he or she will be missed.

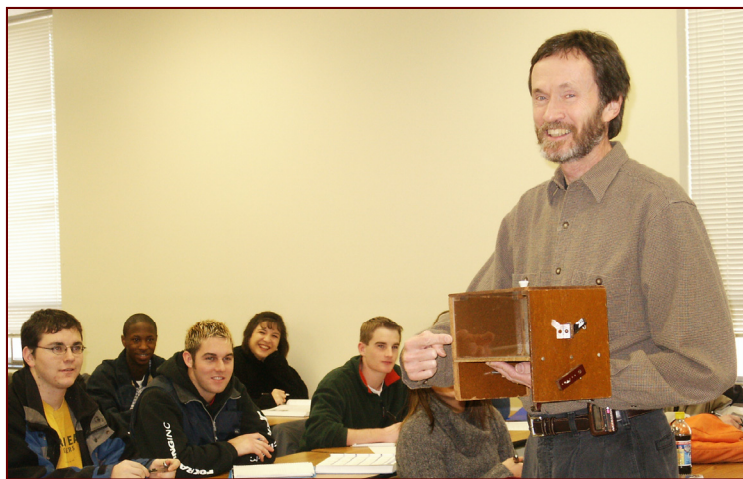


Left: HCC's most recent retirees. From left to right: Barbara Wolf, Lois Sarno, Alvin Funk, Roger Case, and Dr. Tom Beecroft.

Not pictured: Judy Edwards

Bottom Left: *The Bookstore Crew* From left to right: Recent retiree Judy Edwards and fellow bookstore staff members Anita Edwards, Manager Danny Dell, and Heather Oden.

Bottom Right: Dr. Tom Beecroft teaching one of his psychology classes in 2002.





**The greatest trophies in all the land...
P.A.R. Committee gives recognition to P.A.R. Stars and
volleyball team winners on May 8**



Sporting their very tiny trophies: the winning team from the annual P.A.R. Volleyball match. From left to right: Amy Sterner, Sherry Donovan, Janet Gardenhour, Guy Altieri, and Donna Rudy.



The winning team's incredibly awesome opponents... Good sports, too!
From left to right:: Paul Jozik, Jack Drooger, Jackie Simmons, Dave Bittorf, Veronica Stein, and Anna Barker.

2009 P.A.R. Stars



Exceptional Motivator

Michael Martin
Coordinator, Academic Advising
Started at HCC in 1999



Exceptional People Skills

Kevin Crawford
Recruitment Coordinator
Started at HCC in 2006



Exceptional Team Player

Michelle Shank
Administrative Office Associate I, Reprographics
Started at HCC in 1993



Exceptional Student Server

Heather Barnhart
Student Activities Coordinator
Started at HCC in 2002



Exceptional Organizer

Sandy Krieger
Executive Assistant, Vice-President of Academic Affairs
Started at HCC in 1977

May/June Birthdays

May 3- Jill Dennison
May 5- Lawrence Flowers
May 6- Carolyn Cox
May 9- Cheri McDannell
May 10- Paul Fulk
May 10- Susan Harris
May 10- Sharon Rhodes
May 11- Sherry Donovan
May 12 - Wendy Schneider
May 14- Amy Sterner
May 16- Anita Edwards
May 17- Loretta Thornhill
May 18- Angela Auldrige
May 18- Thomas Rickard
May 19- David Baker
May 19- Barbara Macht
May 19 - Bonnie Sisco
May 20- Shannon Routzahn
May 21- Alvin Funk
May 22- Dixie Myers
May 24- Louise Bird
May 24- Peggy Hutson
May 24- Diane Weaver
May 26- Cynthia Golem
May 27- Gloria Hughes
May 28- Lynne Hess
May 29- Tony Campello
May 31- Liz Stull

June Birthdays

June 2- Becky Decker
June 2- Christopher McAfee
June 2- Nettie Schubel
June 3- Lori Olden
June 5- Jeff Morgan
June 5- Beth Stull
June 9- Debbie Power
June 9 - Jennifer Rowland
June 10- Susan Clutz
June 11- Sonja Barnes
June 13- Stephny Lietuvnikas
June 14- Veronica Stein
June 17 - Stacey McGee
June 17- Dawn Schoenenberger
June 18- Patricia Williams
June 20- Jason Guderjohn
June 20- Kevin Unger
June 22- Judy Kofeot
June 24- Robin Thomas
June 25 - Norman Morse
June 26- Richard Vanderau
June 29- Wilma Lopez
June 30- Nancy Thorpe

May/June Anniversaries

May 2—Bill Mann (4 years)
May 7—Beverly Kruger (8 years)
May 12—John Cavey (1 year)
May 12—Lois Sarno (35 years)
May 14—Christopher Davis (11 years)
May 15—Alvin Funk (20 years)
May 16—Jodi Coode (3 years)
May 16—Christine Poffenberger (4 years)
May 17—Stephny Lietuvnikas (5 years)
May 18—Dawn Dingle (11 years)
May 21—James Hawkins (8 years)
May 21—Susan Raber (8 years)
May 22—Dawn Reed (20 years)
May 23—Jennifer (Fisher) Haughie (4 years)
May 26—Deborah McClain (4 years)
May 29—Craig Fentress (11 years)
May 30—Anna Barker (20 years)
May 30—Lori Olden (3 years)

June Anniversaries

June 1—Jill Dennison (5 years)
June 1—Jennifer Eckenrode (10 years)
June 1—Mike Parsons (37 years)
June 2—Brad Shepard (6 years)
June 9—Lita Orner (1 year)
June 11—Richard Rosander (8 years)
June 12—Gerald Haines (3 years)
June 17—Guy Altieri (7 years)
June 20—Lawrence Flowers (4 years)
June 21—Angela Auldrige (4 years)
June 23—Shelley Leshner (1 year)
June 23—Wendy Schneider (1 year)
June 25—Janet Gardenhour (2 years)
June 25—Barbara Roulette (7 years)

Wedding Announcements



Jennifer Fisher, director, administration, records, and registration, was united with Dennis Haughie, director, First Data eCommerce Solutions, on April 25 in a private ceremony. The wedding took place at Ostertag Vistas in Myersville, Md.

Congratulations, Jennifer!

*Wedding photo by Chris Davis, HCC database/system administrator.



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