

HCC

IntraNews

The New Web site is Live! Issue

**Sept. - Oct.
2009**

Events :

Men's Soccer

Mon., Oct. 5
The Hawks play NOVA
4 p.m.
HCC Soccer Field

Women's Volleyball Dig Pink 2009

Mon., Oct. 5
The Lady Hawks play College of
Southern Md. and raise money for
breast cancer awareness
6 p.m.
ARCC
*See page 5 for more information

United Way Day of Caring

Wed., Oct. 7
Information TBA
*Contact Student Activities
Coordinator Heather Barnhart at
ext. 225 for more information

Women's Volleyball

Wed., Oct. 7
The Lady Hawks play
Howard CC
6 p.m.
ARCC

Men's Soccer

Thurs., Oct. 8
The Hawks play CCBC/Essex
3:30 p.m.
HCC Soccer Field

Alumni Association Cash Bonanza

Fri, Oct. 9
5 p.m.
Elks Lodge #378
*See page 5 for details

HCC's brand new Web site goes live

HCC's new Web site officially launched on Mon., Sept. 21. More than two years in the making, the Web site is the brainchild of Web and Multi-media Coordinator Stephen Recker, who came to HCC in December of 2007 for the express purpose of designing and implementing a new College Web site.

"In the scope of how things could have gone in transition from a development site to a live site, I'd say we hit a home run," Recker says. "There will always be some scrambling on the big day, but the folks in IT kept a watchful eye and the few problems we had were fixed quickly. We've had a few training sessions and the faculty and staff have been very helpful (and patient) both alerting me to missing content and with figuring out what sort of access to the site they need."

With the new site, Recker's goal was to design a site that was not only aesthetically pleasing, but that would be easy to navigate and would feature new technology that is prevalent on other college Web sites, as well as social networking Web sites. He

spent nearly a year deconstructing all the community college Web sites in the state of Maryland to determine what worked, what didn't, and what HCC's new site

with technical components of the Web site. He was also assisted by Leigh-Anne Mauk, public information assistant, and by various other HCC staff across campus throughout the Web site redesign

process.

Recker refers to the version that was launched on Sept. 21 as "Phase I," and has already begun work on "Phase II." Of Phase I, he said that it was "very exciting and exhausting! We did extensive design and testing, but a site this complex has to go live before you can really know how people will use it."

He adds that, "We are cus-

tomizing the site for faculty and staff members as fast as we can, based on their input, our own observations, and by monitoring the search terms and tracking how visitors enter, move around, and exit the site." Recker says that he is pleased with the outcome of Phase I and was gratified that there were 5,000 unique visitors to the site on the day it launched.

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Events continued:

Women's Volleyball

Sat., Oct. 10 - Sun., Oct. 11

The Lady Hawks compete in BJ's Tournament

Time TBA

ARCC

Hedge Apple Launch Party

Mon., Oct. 12

7 p.m.

Student Center

*See page 3 for details

Men's Soccer

Wed., Oct. 14

The Hawks play Frederick CC

3:30 p.m.

HCC Soccer Field

Washington County College Fair

Wed., Oct. 14

6 - 8 p.m.

ARCC

*Call ext. 412 for more information

HCC Fall Transfer Fair

Thurs., Oct. 15

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Merle S. Elliott Continuing Education and Conference Center

Men's Soccer

Mon., Oct. 19

The Hawks play Potomac State

4 p.m.

HCC Soccer Field

Flu Clinic and Blood Pressure Screening for Staff/Faculty

Tues., Oct. 20

8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Career Programs Building, room 151

*Contact Fonda Franklin at ext. 280 for more information

Shepherd University Transfer Day

Wed., Oct. 21

11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

- A transfer representative will be on campus to speak with students interested in transferring to Shepherd University

-Students should call 301-790-2800, ext. 240 or 575 to make an appointment.



Here comes the rain again...

Another wet year for the Alumni Golf Tournament

The 17th Annual Alumni Golf Tournament was held on Fri., Aug. 28, at Black Rock Golf Course in Hagerstown and just like last year, golfers found themselves putting under threatening gray skies that quickly turned to a fearsome downpour towards the end of the afternoon.

Despite the rain and washed-out greens, the golfers played the 18-hole course through, returning to the safety of the clubhouse for a well-deserved dinner courtesy of Cho Benn and Associates, the architects who will be constructing the upcoming Arts & Sciences Complex, as well as the new

addition to the Kepler Theater.

The winners of this year's golf tournament were:

First Place: Julie Donat, Mary Ann Veitch, Pierce Cook, and John Roney from PNC Mortgage, LLC. The winners each received a \$50 Pro Shop Gift Certificate.

Second Place: Pete Low, Jeff Martin, Steve Davis, and Dick Block, from Money Savers Direct Mail. The winners each received a \$35 Pro Shop Gift Certificate.

Third Place: Bill Fritts, Jef Bohn, Steve Labutta, and Don Harsh, from Smith Elliott Kearns & Company. Each

winner received a \$25 Pro Shop Gift Certificate.

Additional winners included Julie Donat, of PNC Mortgage, LLC, who won the 50/50 Closest to the Pin Contest; and Peter Mathews, HCC audio-visual technician, who won the 50/50 Cash Pot, and graciously donated his earnings back to HCC and the Alumni Association.

This year's tournament raised \$9,328.35 for HCC and its students. Lisa Stewart, coordinator, alumni relations and annual giving, would like to thank HCC staff, faculty and friends who made the golf event a success this year.



Events continued:

**Robinwood Players perform
“A Midnight Dreary: An
Evening with Poe” and “The
Night of the Living Dead”**

Fri., Oct. 30 and Sat., Oct. 31

8 p.m. both days

\$7 general public

-Free for faculty, students, and staff

*See page 10 for more information

Women's Volleyball

Oct. 31 - Nov. 1

Lady Hawks compete in the Region XX Tournament

Times TBA

ARCC

P.A.R. Halloween Party

Sun., Nov. 1

1 to 3 p.m.

Student Center

*Contact Jennifer Haughie at ext. 238 for more information!

Hedge Apple launches Oct. 12

HCC will hold a launch party for the most recent publication of its literary arts magazine, the Hedge Apple, on Mon., Oct. 12, at 7 p.m., in the Student Center.

The reception will begin with prose, poetry, and fiction readings by recent Hedge Apple contributors. Following the readings, a variety of workshops will be held, including a poetry workshop led by local poet Crystal Brown, of the Maryland Arts Council; a fiction workshop led by local novelist and poet Ardyce Ketterling, an assistant professor in developmental

composition at HCC; and a charcoal drawing workshop led by local artist Thomas Seward, an associate professor in foreign language at HCC. Light refreshments will be served.

This event is free and is open to the public. Local writers and artists are encouraged to attend. Copies of the Hedge Apple are free and will be available at the launch party, as well as in various buildings around campus. If you would like to attend a workshop, please e-mail Amanda Skjeveland, HCC instructor of English, at

skjevelanda@hagerstowncc.edu. The workshops are free and are open to the public.

The Hedge Apple was founded in 1999 by Askold Skalsky, former professor of English and foreign languages, now retired. Typically, the magazine is published once a year by the students and faculty of Hagerstown Community College and features poetry, short fiction, and artwork by HCC students, faculty, staff, and alumni. Submissions for the next edition of the Hedge Apple will be accepted until Dec. 1, 2009.

Annual Jones Art Show adds a new twist: Civil War sketches and master paintings

The HCC Foundation will host a reception, show and sale of paintings by R. Benjamin Jones on Nov. 20 and 21 in the Kepler Theater. Event times are 5 to 9 p.m. on Friday and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday.

Maryland artist R. Benjamin Jones is an accomplished painter who enjoys creating still-life, landscape, and portrait images of everyday life from his native Maryland, Lancaster County, Pa., New England, and other places he has visited.

In addition to his other works, this year Jones will offer copies of master paintings by artists such as Caravaggio and Martin Johnson Heade, which he has personally painted, and for the first time, will also be selling signed, limited edition reproductions of the John Brown house, which he first drew in 1974 to benefit the Washington County Commission on African Hunger Relief. There will also be a modern day drawing of the building, as well as a painting, as this year marks the 150-year anniversary of John Brown's raid on Harpers Ferry, W.Va.



“Magnolia” by R. Benjamin Jones after Martin Johnson Heade

Similarly, Jones will showcase and sell pencil drawings of local Civil War landmarks such as Burnside Bridge and Bloody Lane, as well as portraits of key Civil War figures such as Ambrose Burnside, George B. McClellan, Abraham Lincoln, and Robert E. Lee.

This event is free and open to the public. A portion of the proceeds will benefit HCC and its students. Raffle tickets can be purchased for \$20 each for a chance to win an original R. Benjamin Jones painting. The

winner, whose name will be drawn at the Saturday show, does not need to be present to win. A variety of note cards featuring paintings by the artist will also be sold.

For more information, contact Lieba Cohen, director of Institutional Advancement, at ext. 213, or via e-mail at cohenl@hagerstowncc.edu

HCC awarded \$672,696 grant from the National Science Foundation



Officials at Hagerstown Community College recently announced that the college has been awarded a \$672,696 grant from the National Science Foundation. The funds will be used to accelerate the development of a biotechnology educational pathway in Washington County that begins in the high schools and leads to a career in biotechnology or biomanufacturing in the regional workforce. The development of this pathway is well underway with over fifty students in varying stages of their education on the HCC campus.

"This is the first time in the history of the college that we have received funding from the National Science Foundation," said Dr. Melanie Ulrich, assistant professor of biotechnology.

"This impressive grant acknowledges the significant work we have already done in the field of biotechnology and further supports our initiatives to be a leader in providing education and workforce development in this area."

Using the College and Career Transitions Initiative model, HCC has created a biotechnology pathway framework that provides an articulated sequence of rigorous academic and career courses, beginning in ninth grade and leading to an associate's degree, industry recognized certificate and/or a baccalaureate degree and beyond. Biotechnology career positions span a range of educational levels from an associate's degree to the graduate degree level. The pathway has multiple entry

points for both traditional students and older students making a career transition.

As part of this, HCC is developing InnovaBio-MD, an internship program modeled after the InnovaBio program at Salt Lake Community College in Salt Lake City, Utah. Through this program, three students soon will begin biotech research projects for various agencies. Their work will take place in the InnovaBio-MD laboratory housed in HCC's Technical Innovation Center, under the direction of a research scientist, Dr. Ricky Ulrich.

The grant, which began August 1, will be distributed over a three-year period. It includes funding for laboratory equipment at Hagerstown Community College and high school science labs in the county, as well as additional staff to be involved with administering the project objectives.

"Washington County Public Schools are very happy to be able to partner with HCC in their wonderful biotechnology initiatives funded through the National Science Foundation and BRAC grants," said Sandy Graff, WCPS supervisor of secondary science. "Teachers and students have participated in biotech institutes this summer and are excited about being able to continue this rigorous training in

future years.

"Momentum in HCC's biotechnology program has been building. Last December, the program was selected as one of 18 schools in the country to participate in a biotech mentoring program with faculty and staff at Salt Lake Community College, as a mentor college, and Miami-Dade College as a fellow mentee college. Through this initiative, HCC has been working to enhance the internship experiences available to its biotechnology students. To date, six internships have been completed and the addition of on-campus internships to the biotechnology pathway has become a reality.

Also in December of 2008, HCC was notified that it would receive \$113,052 in the form of a grant from the Base Realignment and Closure Higher Education Fund. These funds have been used to increase the number of students enrolled in the biotech program and enhance the professional development opportunities available to them. This includes a recently held summer biotechnology institute for 15 high school students who earned seven college credits and 13 county high school teachers who participated in a two-week biotechnology workshop. Several HCC biotech students also participated in Fort Detrick internships during the summer.



Attention Employees: A message from HR to all Benefits Eligible Employees

Please mark your calendars. Open enrollment for Health Benefits will be held October 1-30, 2009.

There will be several vendors on campus. We will have representatives from AFLAC, CIGNA, TIAA-CREF, and Tri-State Health available to

have one-on-ones with employees.

Please make sure to read your emails regarding this event.

For more information, contact Fonda Franklin, manager, human resources, at ext. 280.



Exciting News from: The Vice-President of Academic Affairs

The Maryland Health Services Cost Review Commission (HSCRC) and the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) recently informed the College that a grant proposal to fund a system of high quality simulation training opportunities to support the unique needs of community college

nursing program faculties in Maryland.

Funded over a 5-year period, the award of \$1.3 million will allow for the creation of a learning community focused on nursing simulation training for community college laboratory coordinators and program faculty.

Networking Technology Program receives national recognition



Above: Margaret Spivey, right, with David Wennergren at the 13th Annual Colloquium for Information Systems Education (CISSE).

HCC's Networking Technology program was honored at the 13th Annual Colloquium for Information Systems Education (CISSE) by the United States Government National Security Agency (NSA) and the Committee on National Security Systems (CNSS) on June 3, 2009.

HCC's Networking Technology program received designation for successfully meeting the National Training Standard for Information Systems

Security Professionals, NSTISSI No. 4011 and System Administrators, CNSSI No. 4013E. David Wennergren, deputy assistant secretary of defense for information management and technology and DoD deputy chief information officer, presented the designation to Margaret Spivey, HCC, director of technology and computer studies.

HCC is a member of CyberWATCH, a National Science Foundation Advanced Techno-

logical Education (ATE) Center which focuses on the education of technicians for the high-technology fields that drive the U.S. economy. CyberWATCH is a consortium of higher education institutions, businesses, and government agencies whose mission is to improve the quantity and quality of the information security/assurance workforce. The affiliation with CyberWATCH allows HCC's instructors to collaborate to share best practices, methodologies, curricula, course modules and materials, and to receive training and support.

Steve Shank, assistant professor, information systems technology, is the lead instructor for HCC's Networking Technology Program. The alignment of HCC's program with the CyberWATCH model and receiving designations for NSA 4011 and 4013E assures that students will receive quality information security education that is recognized throughout the state of Maryland and the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.

Alumni Association holds cash bonanza



The HCC Alumni Association will hold its 2nd Annual Cash Bonanza on Fri., Oct. 9, at Elks Lodge #378 on Robinwood Drive. Doors open at 5 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6 p.m.

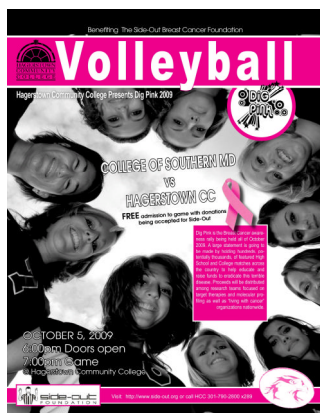
The bonanza will feature two complete chicken dinners, unlimited beer and soda for two, a dessert bar, door prizes, and a live band, as well as a DJ and dancing until 11:30 p.m., and a chance to win \$1,000 in cash. Cost is \$40 per couple and one ticket admits two people. This event is open to the public.

To find out more about this event or to purchase a ticket, contact Lisa Stewart, coordinator, alumni relations and annual giving, at ext. 346, or via e-mail at stewartl@hagerstowncc.edu.



Find out about the latest news and event from the Alumni Association and the HCC Foundation by going to the brand new Alumni & Friends page. [Click here!](#)

"Dig Pink!" this October with HCC's Lady Hawk Volleyball team



Dig Pink is the Breast Cancer awareness rally being held during all of October 2009. A large statement is going to be made by holding hundreds, potentially thousands, of featured high school and college matches across the country

to help educate and raise funds to eradicate this terrible disease. Proceeds will be distributed among research teams focused on target therapies and molecular profiling, as well as "living with cancer" organizations worldwide.

Help HCC do its part by coming out to support Breast Cancer Awareness at the rally being held on Oct. 5, 2009. HCC's Lady Hawks volleyball team plays College of Southern Maryland at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. Admission to the game is free and donations will be accepted for Side-Out.

For more information, contact the ARCC at ext. 289 or ext. 451.

8th Annual Turkey Trot held again this Thanksgiving Day



HCC will once again hold its annual Turkey Trot fundraiser on Thanksgiving Day: Thurs., Nov. 26, 2009. The 8th Annual Turkey Trot will once again feature a 5K run, kids' race, and food drive. All Turkey Trot participants are

asked to bring a few canned/nonperishable goods with them on Thanksgiving morning. The items will be donated to the Community Food Bank Warehouse. A goal of one ton has been set. For every food item donated, you will receive a ticket to be entered into your choice of a \$5,000 prize drawing.

The race starts at 9 a.m. Prices vary according to registration date. Register between now and Oct. 26 for \$18; register between Oct. 26 and Nov. 20 for \$20; and register on race day, Thurs., Nov. 26, for \$25.

For more information or to register, call ext. 451.



HCC creates scholarship for seniors



HCC is hoping that 85-year old student Carolyn Hill will inspire other senior citizens to pursue the dream of higher education. Named in her honor, a special scholarship now exists at HCC for Washington County residents who are 72 years of

age or older and wish to pursue a first college degree. Hill, a Hagerstown resident, recently completed the external diploma program nearly 70 years after dropping out of high school. This fall, she began taking her first college-level classes at HCC.

"I've been dreaming about going back to school for many years," Hill said. "When you're young and earning \$11 a week, you think that's all you need. Now, I'm anxious to see how much I can do. I like to stay busy and I love to learn."

Hill has begun her college experience with a ceramics class, but hopes to take public speaking, after hearing what a good job she did with

her commencement address at the adult education ceremony. She's even inspired her 79 year-old brother to take a class at HCC.

"Ms. Hill has been such an inspiration to many that we wanted to do something to honor her hard work and enthusiasm," said HCC President Guy Altieri. "Creating a scholarship in her name seemed an appropriate way to do that."

The Carolyn Hill Scholarship provides up to \$750 per year to cover the cost of credit course related fees, books, and materials (tuition is free for area seniors). Recipients must be residents of Washington County, 72 years of age or

older, pursuing a first college degree, and have submitted a written statement of their educational intent. For more information, contact the Office of Financial Aid at ext. 473, or via e-mail at finaid@hagerstowncc.edu.



New director of InnovaBio-MD

HCC has appointed Ricky L. Ulrich as director of its InnovaBio-MD program, a partnership of corporations and educators, modeled after the InnovaBio program at Salt Lake Community College in Salt Lake City, Utah. InnovaBio-MD offers a hands-on approach to enhance student laboratory skills in a biotechnology setting.

This is a new position in HCC's biotechnology program which will oversee an on-campus internship program housed in the wet labs in HCC's Technical Innovation Center. As director, Ulrich will be responsible for supervising and mentoring biotechnology interns from HCC, Frostburg State University, and Washington

County Public Schools. He recently attended training at Salt Lake Community College, which focused on contracting projects from industry/research labs for student interns. The first student internships have already been identified and will involve actual research being conducted in collaboration with the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases (USAMRIID) at Fort Detrick.

Ulrich holds a Ph.D. in microbiology from Clemson University and worked as a microbiologist at USAMRIID at Fort Detrick from 2001 to 2008. His wife, Dr. Melanie Ulrich, is an assistant professor in HCC's biotechnology program.

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Phase II of the site will include adding videos, student spotlights, additional podcasts, and refining the overall use and feel of the site. Recker adds that, "Our goal in Phase II is to make sure everyone has at least their basic content in the site and the appropriate access to view and/or edit it. While we are excited to add lots of images, photo galleries, and videos, first we have to dot some 'I's and cross some 'T's."

He encourages faculty and staff to contact him if they have questions, concerns, or need changes made to the site. "Keep those cards and letters coming," says Recker.

"I'm averaging a few hundred e-mails a day, but I welcome your visit or your note. And I really appreciate everyone's continued patience."

As part of Public Information's new social networking initiative, HCC is now active on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). Campus events, news, and information will be made available on these sites, as well as through the new College Web site.

To contact Stephen Recker, call ext. 608 or e-mail reckers@hagerstowncc.edu. To contact the Office of Public Information, call ext. 262, or e-mail maukl@hagerstowncc.edu.

We've Moved!

The Office of Planning and Institutional Effectiveness (PIE) has moved to the ATC. PIE staff includes: Dawn Baker (ATC-125B), Barbara Macht (ATC-125D), Dawn Reed (ATC-125C), Anne Flentgen Rich (ATC-125F), Brad Shepard (ATC-125E), Tammy Strite (ATC-125A), and Linda Vrbonic (ATC-125C).

The Vice-President of Administration and Finance, Anna Barker, and her Executive Assistant, Carolyn Hoover, have also moved to the ATC. Their offices are located in ATC-126A (Hoover) and ATC-126B (Barker).



A State Highway Administration (SHA) road improvement project has begun on Edgewood Drive.

The project involves improvements to the intersection of Dual Highway (Route 40) and Edgewood Drive through the intersection at Mt. Aetna Road. As this project continues over the next

several months, vehicle traffic on some sections of Edgewood Drive and the Dual Highway may be reduced to one lane of traffic. HCC suggests that you avoid the intersection of Edgewood Drive and Dual Highway when possible, allow extra travel time, and consider carpooling options.



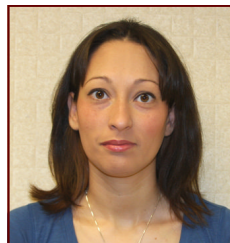
Staff and Faculty News

New Hires, Staff Promotions, and more!

**Joan Bontempo**

Position: Assistant Professor,
Art Appreciation/Art History.
Recently promoted from Instructor.

Congratulations, Joan!

**Lynn Burress**

NEW HIRE, ext. 547?

Position: Bookstore Assistant I

Welcome, Lynn!

**Britney Carter**

NEW HIRE, ext. 605

Position: Student Financial Aid
Counselor

Welcome, Britney!

**Roger Case**

NEW HIRE, ext. 257

Position: Custodian
Roger recently retired from a maintenance position after 27 years of service and has decided to rejoin HCC!

Welcome back, Roger!

**Sarah Devlin**

NEW HIRE, ext. 289

Position: ARCC Associate

Welcome, Sarah!

**Matt Dorsey**

NEW HIRE, ext. 617

Position: Simulation Lab
Assistant, Nursing Division

Welcome, Matt!

**Herb Fiege**

NEW HIRE, ext. 386

Position: Network Administrator

Welcome, Herb!

**Karen Hammond**

Position: Director of Nursing
Promoted from Assistant Professor,
Nursing

Congratulations, Karen.

**Jacqueline Harrell**

NEW HIRE, ext. 572

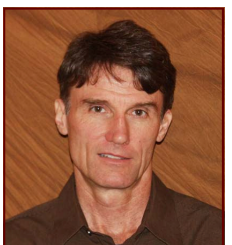
Position: Multicultural Recruiter

Welcome, Jacqueline!

**Monica Hutchins**

Position: Academic Advisor. Recently earned her master's degree from Trinity University in Counseling with a concentration in Higher Education.

Congratulations, Monica!

**Christopher Lewis**

Position: Associate Professor, Mathematics. Recently promoted from Assistant Professor. Christopher was also granted tenure this year.

Congratulations, Christopher!

**Theresa Marks**

NEW HIRE, ext. 507

Position: Instructor, Dental Assisting and Hygiene, Health Sciences Division

Welcome, Theresa!



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Jennifer Mills

NEW HIRE, ext. 615

Position: JTSR Advisor, part-time

Welcome, Jennifer!



John Mischke

NEW HIRE, ext. 623

Position: Instructor, Philosophy and Humanities, English and Humanities Division

Welcome, John!



James Niessner

Position: Assistant Professor, Developmental English. Recently promoted from Instructor.

Congratulations, James!



Cheryl Parks

NEW HIRE, ext. 565

Position: Operations Assistant, Valley Mall Center

Welcome, Cheryl!



Susan Payne,

NEW HIRE, ext. 342

Position: Lab Coordinator, Nursing Division

Welcome, Susan!



Rhonda Reid,

NEW HIRE, ext. 606

Position: Workplace Learning Advisor—Externships/Clinicals

Welcome, Rhonda!

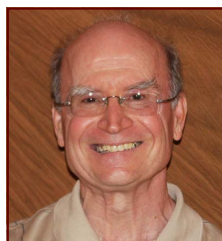


Daniel Ryan

NEW HIRE, ext. 419

Position: Instructor, Sociology

Welcome, Daniel!



Dr. Thomas Seward

Position: Associate Professor, Foreign Language. Recently promoted from Assistant Professor.

Congratulations, Tom!



Ellen Smith

Position: Associate Professor, Graphic Design Technology. Recently promoted from Assistant Professor. Ellen also received tenure this year.

Congratulations, Ellen!



Brandi South

NEW HIRE, ext. 344

Position: Enrollment Assistant
Brandi previously worked in the same position a few years ago.

Welcome back, Brandi!



Lori Spessard

Position: Assistant Professor, Economics, received tenure this year.

Congratulations, Lori!



Dr. Robert Spong

NEW HIRE, ext. 216

Position: Director, Facilities Maintenance and Planning

Welcome, Robert!



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Jennifer Szczesniak

Position: Assistant Professor, Mathematics. Recently promoted from Instructor.

Congratulations, Jennifer!



Loretta Thornhill

Position: Professor, Paralegal Studies. Recently promoted from Associate Professor.

Congratulations, Loretta!



Dr. Melanie Ulrich

Position: Assistant Professor, Biotechnology. Recently promoted from Instructor.

Congratulations, Melanie!



Ricky Unger

NEW HIRE, ext. 257

Position: Custodian

Welcome, Ricky!

“In the Hedge Apple Forest” by Dr. Ron Ballard



I

Motionless, a tall doe lingers by thin saplings,
Her tan body streaked by slivers of sun. I
Don't move, taking in this blessing until
She jumps across my vision, absorbed
In the hedge apple forest again.

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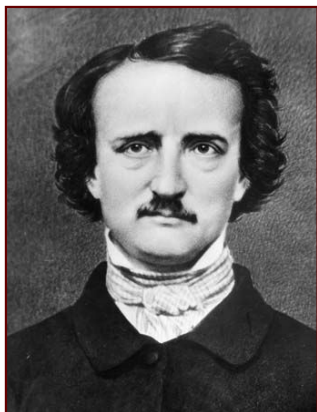
Beige, brown, black limbs hang down
With green curtains of sun-speckled leaves.
Lonely fawns sleep on short grass beds,
While I follow familiar lanes longing
To see high white tails swinging through
Close growing saplings. Yet today
An absence blows in their leaves
Like the ghosts of retreating years.
Where are the green-necked pheasants?
Throbbing bull frogs croaking by still ponds?
Two note bob whites? Dipping little blue birds?
No small snakes sunning on the trail; no
Youthful turtles inching their destinies.
Absence and stillness where a past
Abundance played. Orchestras of insects,
Reptiles, birds, exiled in a lost history.

About the Author: HCC Professor Emeritus Ron Ballard was recently awarded Senior Poet Laureate for Maryland for 2009.

Dr. Ballard entered the contest in June with two poems, one of which was chosen for the national competition. His winning poem is entitled, “In the Hedge Apple Forest.” Ballard retired from HCC in 2006, where he taught English and philosophy for 36 years.



Halloween show features original Poe play and "The Night of the Living Dead"



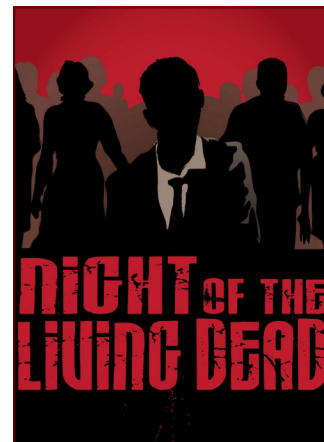
HCC's Robinwood Players will perform, "A Midnight Dreary: An Evening with Poe" and "The Night of the Living Dead," on Fri., Oct. 20 and Sat., Oct. 31.

"A Midnight Dreary: An Evening with Poe," was written by HCC's own Theater Technician, Jason Buhrman, who spent a year working with adjunct faculty member Dave Dull on a unique, one-of-kind play that could be performed on Halloween. Buhrman says, "I started researching Poe plays early this summer and found that the majority of the plays available [consisted] of Poe reading stories to the audience. I wanted to perform the shows themselves, so I started adapting his plays into a theatrical script." He adds that "the biggest

challenge was reworking the dialogue because 90 percent of Poe's stories are written in first person."

In "A Midnight Dreary: An Evening with Poe," the character of Edgar Allan Poe himself will introduce each vignette. The plays featured include "The Tell Tale Heart," "The Cask of Amontillado," and "The Raven."

The double-feature Halloween show starts at 8 p.m. both nights. General admission is \$7, but admission is free for HCC students, staff, and faculty. Tickets will be available at the door prior to each performance.



For more information, contact the Office of Public Information at ext. 262, or via e-mail at maukl@hagerstowncc.edu.

September/ October Birthdays

September Birthdays

Sept. 4- Sharon Wilson
Sept. 6- Marie Salgado
Sept. 8- Brenda Butler
Sept. 9- Emily Hollins
Sept. 11- Janie Spielman
Sept. 14 - Marti Grahl
Sept. 14- Carol Rowland
Sept. 16- Kevin Lee
Sept. 17- Beverly Kruger
Sept. 17- Wiley Scott McIntyre
Sept. 17- Nancy Meikrantz
Sept. 19- Richard Gagliardi
Sept. 19- Sean Maher
Sept. 20- Lita Orner
Sept. 22- Thomas Crawford
Sept. 22- Jodi Durning
Sept. 22- Mark Hande
Sept. 23- Tammy Strite
Sept. 25 - Terry Hughes
Sept. 26- David Maruszewski
Sept. 26- Marlys Palmer

October Birthdays

Oct. 2- Joshua Stultz
Oct. 4- Kevin Crawford
Oct. 4- Barbara Roulette
Oct. 6- Millie Keith
Oct. 7 - Judy Kephart
Oct. 8- Jerry Haines
Oct. 9- Michael Pindell
Oct. 12- Paul Jozik
Oct. 18- Leigh-Anne Mauk
Oct. 20 - Deb Bauer
Oct. 20- Janet Gardenhour
Oct. 22- Jeffrey Leister
Oct. 22- Suzannah Moran
Oct. 23- Joan Johnson
Oct. 24- Sandy Harrison
Oct. 25- Jennifer Haughie
Oct. 26- Cynthia Dove
Oct. 27- Sonjarae Cross
Oct. 27- James Feagin
Oct. 27- Anne Myers
Oct. 28- Samantha Burkner
Oct. 30- Jack Smith

September/ October Anniversaries

September Anniversaries

Sept. 1—Trudy Gift (28 years)
Sept. 1—Andrew Keyser (4 years)
Sept. 1—Lori Manilla (1 year)
Sept. 1—Judy Peisen (22 years)
Sept. 1—Donald Reiff (6 years)
Sept. 1—Jeannine Stonestreet (4 years)
Sept. 2—Laura Sheffield (1 year)
Sept. 4—Jan McLaughlin (8 years)
Sept. 7—Debbie Staley (5 years)
Sept. 8—Amy Sterner (12 years)
Sept. 10—Becky Decker (19 years)
Sept. 10—Fonda Franklin (7 years)
Sept. 10—Norman Morse (1 year)
Sept. 13—Kathy Stakem (16 years)
Sept. 15—Michael Pindell (3 years)
Sept. 16—Carole Clark (6 years)
Sept. 19—Ann Carbaugh (3 years)
Sept. 19—Mark Hande (10 years)
Sept. 19—Wiley McIntyre (26 years)
Sept. 20—Mark Brown (5 years)
Sept. 21—Carolyn Hoover (11 years)
Sept. 23—Brenda Huffman (13 years)
Sept. 24—Sally Matthis (11 years)
Sept. 25—Robin Thomas (3 years)
Sept. 29—Marti Grahl (1 year)

September continued

Sept. 29—Cheri McDannell (6 years)
Sept. 29—Kathy Sulek (1 year)

October Anniversaries

Oct. 1—Tammie Nestor (6 years)
Oct. 1—Tammy Strite (19 years)
Oct. 2—Rebecca Kendrick (3 years)
Oct. 3—Phillip Miller (13 years)
Oct. 4—Joe Marschner (16 years)
Oct. 4—Robert Mitchell "Mitch" (32 years)
Oct. 6—Dawn Baker (1 year)
Oct. 7—Jaime Bachtell (7 years)
Oct. 7—Rachel Parks (7 years)
Oct. 10—Mylynh Nguyen (4 years)
Oct. 11—Randy Souders (3 years)
Oct. 12—Angela Stoops (9 years)
Oct. 14—Jim Cannon (13 years)
Oct. 16—Karen Giannoumis (3 years)
Oct. 17—Tony Campello (4 years)
Oct. 17—Michael Harsh (26 years)
Oct. 18—Jason Guderjohn (4 years)
Oct. 22—Jason Boudreaux (2 years)
Oct. 24—Lieba Cohen (21 years)
Oct. 24—Henry Gautney (15 years)
Oct. 24—Judith Oleks (4 years)
Oct. 25—Michael Riley (5 years)
Oct. 27—Ellen Crofford (6 years)

