## **Hagerstown Community College Building for the Future**



 $Conceptual\ design\ of\ the\ new\ HCC\ STEM\ Building\ by\ architect,\ Cho\ Benn\ Holback\ +\ Associates\ Inc.$ 

Construction is, once again, taking place on the Hagerstown Community College campus. The face of the College is changing as we build a new HCC Arts and Sciences Complex for current and future generations. HCC's major building project, at present, is the construction of the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Building (STEM). The five story STEM facility will provide approximately 65,000+ square feet of laboratories, classrooms, and faculty offices, to be built between the existing Science and Classroom Buildings. Classes in biotechnology, microbiology, general biology, physical science, chemistry, anatomy and physiology, physics, engineering and energy science will be taught in this facility. This building will provide a new look to the campus and will be a new "front door" for the College, when traffic enters from a second proposed campus entrance, sometime in the future.

Additionally, the STEM Building will be ecologically friendly containing a green roof, as well as solar, wind, geothermal energy components, and a rain water collection system, all teaching tools for the new HCC Alternative Energy Program. This new facility has been strongly endorsed by community leaders and educators and has

received several state and federal grants to assist with the costs associated with teaching STEM programs. A contract for the construction of this facility was awarded in June 2010 to Hess Construction and Engineering Services, Inc. A groundbreaking for the STEM Building was held on June 4, 2010. Construction crews are now on campus and the

project is underway. The STEM Building will be the anchor for the Arts and Sciences Complex at HCC and is projected to open in fall 2011.

THE GROWTH CONTINUES: New Student Parking—Other changes taking place at Hagerstown Community College include construction of a new parking lot, which began in June of this year. This new parking area is located in the rear of campus near the Alumni Amphitheater and HCC

Athletic, Recreation and Community Center. The lot adds an additional 450 spaces to campus for student use.

### PROJECTS SET FOR THE FUTURE:

Performing and Visual Arts Education Center at Kepler Theater—An addition to the existing Kepler Theater, which was built in 1978, will expand teaching and performance spaces there from 15,000 to 34,000 square feet. The new addition will house a dance studio, gallery, classrooms, music practice rooms, art rooms, and faculty offices. Public restrooms will be enlarged and upgraded and the new expanded lobby will accommodate larger crowds that gather at events. The renovated space will also include expanded dressing rooms, a costume shop, and extended wardrobe storage. This project will begin in November 2010.

Renovation of the Classroom Building and Science Building—Built in 1966, the existing Classroom Building has seen heavy use through the years and continues to be the main instructional facility on campus. The hub for humanities education will be updated and totally refurbished receiving a whole new interior. As part of the renovations, student and faculty flow will be reconfigured for easier accessibility to classrooms and offices. The building will have energy efficient windows and lighting, faculty offices, meeting rooms, and entrance ways that meet ADA standards. The site will remain an academic building.

HCC's original Science Building will undergo a name change as well as a complete renovation to become the new Learning Center at HCC. This updated facility will bring together the College's developmental education and tutoring services, faculty offices, a faculty professional development center and three classrooms. Renovations will begin in January 2012.

We invite you to visit campus and watch the changes as HCC steps into the future.

## HELP US SAVE MONEY!

The cost of printing and postage is on the rise. HCC would like to be able to contact our alumni



more often, and save money too. If HCC had your most updated e-mail address, the College could send you notices of upcoming events, e-mail newsletters and more.

Send your preferred e-mail address today to lsstewart@hagerstowncc.edu and get online with HCC!

## A Message from the President

Dear Alumni & Friends of HCC,

I'm pleased to report to you that Hagerstown Community College continues to grow rapidly and that we are actively building for future success. Substantial changes are in the works for the campus in the coming days, many of which are detailed in this newsletter. Each year we continue to expand our programs and our initiatives for student success.

#### Did you know that:

- HCC currently has more than 100 credit bearing degree and certificate programs of study
- The College now serves more than 5,500 credit students and 9,500 non-credit students each year
- HCC has awarded over 12,000 degrees and certificates since 1946
- Annually, 700 area high school students are enrolled in the HCC ESSENCE program (earning college credits while still in high school)
- HCC educates 70 percent of local high school graduates who go on to college
- HCC is responsible for the Washington County Adult Education Program, providing GED and English as a Second Language instruction
- Three of four HCC students receive some form of financial aid, including alumni and HCC Foundation funded scholarships
- HCC operates active satellite centers to meet the needs of our growing constituency

I'm equally excited to report that our students, faculty and staff are looking forward to the planned facility improvements and the related expansion of programs that will give even greater options for local citizens to receive a high quality and relatively low cost college education. However, with development and growth come new challenges. HCC student tuition covers only approximately 40% of the annual cost to educate each student. State, county and private funds are needed annually to meet College's expenses. We continue to be aware that our students and their education is our highest priority. We are also cognizant that we must seek funds from alumni and friends of the College to help us meet our shortfalls. As we begin our "The Best is Yet To Be" Campaign, borrowing a phrase from Robert Browning, I invite you to partner with the HCC Foundation to help provide more opportunities for students.

On behalf of the College community, please know that we value our alumni and friends and extend to you an invitation to visit the campus and see the changes taking place. We count HJC/HCC alumni and friends as our greatest achievement as an institution. You are, and will always be, a vital part of our ever growing extended College family.

As the College grows, we are ever mindful of HCC's vision to be, "a learner-centered, accessible, life-long learning institution dedicated to student and community success." I want to take this opportunity to thank each of you for continuing to support Hagerstown Community College.

Sincerely.

Guy Altieri, Ed.D.

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President

## Remember when?

HJC students make the most of the Student Center as they gather to discuss classes and have fun. Do you recognize these students?





## Help us Ensure "The Best is Yet to Be"



Conceptual drawing of Kepler Theater Addition

Do you remember sitting in the Classroom Building listening to Professors Harold Boyer, Tom Beecroft, Larry Sharpe, or Terrie Angle? Do you remember the science labs or taking classes with Professors Richard Montgomery, William Elliott, Shan Loganathan, and Robert Stenger? Thinking back on the good 'ole years is nostalgic and fun. Many memories were created during your years at HJC/HCC. Well, the Classroom Building, the Science Building, The Kepler Theater haven't changed a bit. Now it's time to update, remodel, and build anew. Enrollments are growing and in order to meet the demands of having more students on campus, we received

the support of the state and county to help fund renovations of existing buildings and the construction of a new and exciting building of the future, the STEM Building (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math).

The Hagerstown Community College Foundation is taking on the challenge of raising \$1.6 million in private dollars to address the need to furnish and equip the new and improved buildings. "The Best is Yet to Be"\* Campaign for the Arts and Sciences Complex will raise private, corporate, and business dollars to ensure that current and future HCC students will have the best environment and equipment with which to learn.

As alumni, we ask you to participate in this exciting endeavor by completing the information on the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope and return it soon. Remember, all gifts to the campaign are tax deductible to the extent allowable by law.

Every gift is important. Opportunities are also available to name a room or area in the new buildings. To learn more, please contact the Foundation office at 301-790-2800, ext. 213 or by sending an e-mail to *ljcohen@hagerstowncc.edu*.

\* Robert Browning

## **Alternative Energy Technology Comes to HCC**

Hagerstown Community College is preparing for the future by offering a new degree in Alternative Energy Technology. This recently added program of study will allow students to enter industrial, commercial, and residential settings in the growing areas of renewable energy, such as solar, wind, and geothermal technologies. Students are taught via hands-on training as well as classroom instruction. A proposed campus "Energy House" will provide training to students in a residential setting. Real world lab environments include experiments with solar, wind, and geothermal equipment, use of meters, measurements and calculations of values. This program embraces the body of knowledge found in national certifications for renewable energy. The new Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Building will have components to support this degree program such as an active wind turbine (windmill), and numerous solar panels.

Certificates are also being offered at HCC in Solar/Wind Energy Installation and Service where students learn skills to enter an entry level or apprentice level position in the field of photovoltaic and wind turbine installation and service. Additionally, one can earn a certificate in Geothermal Energy Installation and Service. These programs allow students to earn progressive levels of certificates toward employment and/or the degree.

HCC Director of Technology and Computer Studies Margaret Clark Spivey says, "This program is ideal for people looking for a career change. Within one academic year, students can earn a certificate. They can choose from the Solar/Wind Energy Installation and Service certificate or the Geothermal Energy Installation and

Service certificate. Both experiences require that the student complete a capstone project and an internship. The internship will allow the student to experience the trade in the community. Exiting these programs will arm the student with a knowledge base to begin an entry level position in the renewable energy industry."



# A Tribute to Dr. Atlee C. Kepler

May 3, 1921 – April 28, 2010



On April 28, 2010, Hagerstown Community College lost a beloved friend when Dr. Atlee C. Kepler passed away at the age of 88. Dr. Kepler served as an administrative head at Hagerstown Junior College for more than 30 years. When he retired, as president of HJC in 1986, Kepler was the longest serving community college president in the country.

In 1987, Dr. Kepler was named President Emeritus of Hagerstown Junior College.

Dr. Kepler is survived by his wife of 63 years, Annabelle Kepler.

Altee Kepler will be missed as an advisor, educator, cheerleader, mentor and friend to HCC and our students.



HCC mourns the loss of HJC alumnus and former faculty member Harold L. Boyer '56, who passed away unexpectedly at his home in May 2010. Harold was a professor at HJC/HCC for many years beginning in 1962 and retiring in 1994. Known for his wit and quick smile, Harold will be greatly missed by all who knew him!

# We Need HCC. HCC Needs You. Leave a Legacy.

Charitable Gift Annuity at Hagerstown Community College

A charitable gift annuity (CGA) is a way to financially support Hagerstown Community College and still receive an income for yourself or spouse. It is a contract under which HCC, in return for a gift of cash or other property, agrees to pay a fixed sum of money to the donor for the remainder of his or her life.



#### Benefits to the donor:

- Receive an immediate tax deduction for the amount of the initial gift.
- Enjoy a fixed level of partially tax-free income for life, providing security for your future.
- Achieve the satisfaction of making a meaningful difference for a student at HCC.

Rates are established by the American Council on Gift Annuities (ACGA) based upon the age(s) of the annuitant(s). Payments from a CGA are fixed from the outset. They will neither increase nor decrease, regardless of what happens to interest rates or the stock market. HCC is contractually obligated to make the payments.

And, gift annuity rates are going up. For the first time in thirteen years, the ACGA approved an increase in gift annuity rates. Gift annuities created after July 1, 2010, allow you to lock in the higher rates and guarantee a stream of income that is fixed for life.

What a deal: You get a generous return, the benefit of tax savings, and recognition of your alma mater. HCC receives much-needed financial support for our students so that they can obtain the same quality and affordable education that you were able to receive.

The Hagerstown Community College Foundation, Inc. encourages planned giving through bequests, endowments, insurance policies, etc. Call Lieba J. Cohen, director of institutional advancement, at 301-790-2800, ext. 213 or at ljcohen@hagerstowncc.edu to find out about the significant advantages that may result from your thoughtful giving.

To make a donation to HCC in honor and memory of Dr. Atlee C. Kepler and/or Harold L. Boyer, contact Lieba Cohen at 301-790-2800, ext. 213.

#### A Magazine for Alumni & Friends of Hagerstown Community College



### Become an HJC/HCC Alumni Association Member

This has been another outstanding year for the HCC Alumni Association. As a group, we held a successful Alumni Golf Tournament, Flower & Garden Show, Cash Bonanza, completed our 6th Annual "Red, White and Blue Concert Series" at the Alumni Amphitheater, held a joint trip to NYC with the Student Government Association and hosted our first Alumni & Friends Caribbean Cruise, to benefit the HCC Alumni Scholarship Fund through the HCC Foundation, Inc. Our endowed Alumni Scholarship Fund continues to grow through your Alumni Association dues. The interest earned from our Alumni Scholarship Fund, this year, came to almost \$3,000 and made it possible for three children of alumni to attend HCC.

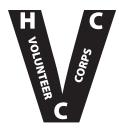
## Are you a member of the HJC/HCC Alumni Association? If not, now is the time to join.

The HCC Alumni Association is the heart of our College's heritage and is a strong voice for our alma mater in the community. Through your membership in the Association, you empower our group and make us even stronger advocates for the College. To become a member or renew your membership in the Alumni Association, just complete the form below and mail it to: The HCC Alumni Office, 11400 Robinwood Drive, Hagerstown, MD 21742. Be sure to indicate your membership choice: Single \$25, Joint (husband & wife) \$45, or Lifetime \$250 and make your check payable to HCC Alumni Association.

Thank you for acknowledging the foundation of your education and for giving back to your College by joining the HJC/HCC Alumni Association today! We value your support!

#### Cut off and return Yes, I would like to join the HCC Alumni Association and/or make an additional gift! 25% of your dues support alumni scholarships. 2010-2011 annual memberships are effective July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011. Contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowable by law. MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS: (Check One) I AM ENCLOSING AN ADDITIONAL GIFT TO: Please make checks payable to: **HCC Alumni Association.** \$25.00 Single ☐ Alumni Special Projects Fund \$45.00 Joint (Husband & Wife) Alumni Association Scholarship Fund Thank you for supporting your alma mater \$250.00 Life Membership HCC Foundation, Inc. and the HCC Alumni Association! TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \_Degree and Year\_ Address: State Street City 7in Date of Birth: Social Security Number: \_ Not for Publication E-mail Address: \_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_Your Occupation and Title: \_\_\_\_ Your Employer: \_\_ Employer's Address: \_ \_Work Phone: \_\_ What's New With You?:

# There cannot be enough said about the quality and enthusiasm of our Hagerstown Community College volunteers. They are the very BEST!



The HCC Volunteer Corps is approaching 9,000 hours of recorded volunteer time for the 2009-10 fiscal year. This translates to a

man power savings for the College of \$192,104. WOW!

This year, our goal is to capture all the volunteer hours worked by the alumni and the HCC Booster Club. When HCC volunteers actually sign up with the Campus Volunteer Coordinator and report their hours worked, the College will quickly go over the top in donated time and talents! It is not all about hours recorded. These numbers help HCC secure grant money for a variety of areas.

In fiscal year 2009-2010, the Athletic Recreation and Community Center volunteers donated 4,292 hours, nearly 50% of all volunteer hours. Volunteer tutors spent 723 hours helping students succeed in their studies, and the HCC Gardeners donated more than 500 hours making our campus shine and working at the HCC Alumni Association's Flower & Garden Show.



One-on-one tutoring gives HCC volunteers the opportunity to mentor students



Volunteers socialize while stuffing a mailing for HCC

It is exciting to find that more students are volunteering and reporting that they really enjoy giving to their school. In addition to HCC students, 14 high school students volunteered in this summer's "College for Kids" program.

The HCC Volunteer Corps is a living, moving group. As some people 'retire,' others step in to fill their shoes. This past year, in addition to the high school volunteers, 43 new volunteers joined the HCC volunteer ranks.

Being a volunteer at HCC contributes to the well being of the College and the volunteers. Our volunteers receive perks, like use of the Library and Wellness Center as well as admission to athletic and theater events.

Come join our corps...it will boost your spirits! If you are already helping the school and have not formally become a volunteer, PLEASE SIGN UP! Contact Irene Young, Campus Volunteer Coordinator, at 301-790-2800 x217 or email: ieyoung@hagerstowncc.edu.

## **Ways You Can Give to HCC**

**Cash**—Outright cash donations provide an opportunity to make an immediate impact on HCC students.

**Pledges**—Donations may be made over a period of time, mutually agreed upon, allowing you to give more generously.

**Securities**—Appreciated stocks, bonds, and mutual funds can yield additional tax savings by allowing you to deduct the current market value of the security and eliminate a capital gains tax.

**Real Estate or Personal Property**—These gifts, as approved, may provide immediate savings of both income tax and capital gains tax.

**In-Kind**—Donations of tangible items, such as computers, software, equipment, etc., as approved, may be of benefit to the College. The amount of your deduction will depend on a written appraised value, which you obtain.



Matching Gifts—Double or even triple your gifts with a matching employer gift. Visit your company's human resource office to obtain a matching gift form.

Bequests and Life Insurance—You can designate the HCC Foundation as a beneficiary in your will, life insurance policy, IRA, or pension plan. This can significantly reduce your estate taxes and may provide other tax

advantages. It will allow you to make a larger gift than might otherwise be possible.

**Estate Planning Gifts**—There are other planned giving vehicles you can use, such as charitable trusts and annuities. These provide you with income and can also benefit the College.

We encourage you to discuss potential tax advantages and other aspects of charitable giving with your attorney, tax advisor, or financial planner. For more information, please call the HCC Foundation Office at (301) 790-2800, ext. 213.

## "Because you care, others can learn."



Donors and students meet at the 2010 Donor Recognition Reception

Each year the Hagerstown Community College Foundation, Inc. sponsors a recognition reception to honor donors and scholarship recipients. It is always heartwarming to hear, first-hand, from those who contribute to the College's student financial aid program through the Foundation's endowed scholarship program or, outright, through the Student Financial Aid Office. Speakers also include students who benefit from their generosity. This year's event, attended by 200 people, was held in the Career Programs Building, Merle S. Elliott Continuing Education and Conference Center. Recognition plaques were given to those who recently established or completed a \$25,000 endowed named scholarship within the Foundation: Bill and Maggie Hetzer Athletic Scholarship, Bill and Maggie Hetzer ESSENCE Scholarship, and Mr. and Mrs. Philip L. Rohrer Athletic Scholarship. This money is placed in the HCC Foundation where only the interest earned on the principal is distributed in the form of scholarship assistance.

One thankful scholarship recipient is Craig Wettstein. Craig is a 42 year-old single parent. As a Medical Coding/Reimbursement Specialist, Medical Assistant, and Phlebotomy major, he plans to use his certificates and degree to gain employment in a medical practice. As the recipient of the Carol and Norman Shea Scholarship, Craig

says he is forever grateful to his scholarship donors. "It's the obligation that I have. I am starting over here for a new career and I owe it to them [The Sheas] to do my best. I'm going to finish and get my degree so that I can begin my career. I must prove that their money didn't go to waste."

Craig is, obviously, a dedicated student. He chose HCC because it's a quality school and he enjoys the professors, as well as the people with whom he works. Craig is also determined to be the best role model that he



Craig Wettstein

can be for his 11 year-old daughter Hollyann. He says that when he earns an "A," he inspires his daughter and when she earns an "A," she inspires him. They're there for each other. She tells him she's proud of him and he reciprocates.

Grass doesn't grow under Craig's feet. As a matter of fact, he is a student worker at HCC's cafeteria, the Valley Eatery. And, when he's not working there, during the summer, he can be seen on the campus grounds. This past summer he was determined to save the new trees, watering them constantly.

Craig is one example of how our donors help change students' lives. We thank all of our donors. You are truly making a difference changing one life at a time.

#### 2009-2010 Financial Aid Facts

- Seventy-five percent (75%) of HCC students receive some form of financial support—loans, federal and state grants, private scholarships and tuition reimbursement from employers
- \$9.9 million in government and private monies awarded
- 406 awards given by the HCC Foundation totaling \$286,394

We never have enough HCC Foundation dollars available to fund every eligible student who applies for a scholarship. Donations to our scholarship program are always needed and appreciated.

To learn more about how you can help "Empower a Mind" by making a gift to the HCC Foundation, Inc. to endow a scholarship or contribute to the general scholarship fund, please contact Lieba Cohen at (301) 790-2800, ext. 213 or at *ljcohen@hagerstowncc.edu*.



HCC Alumni Association members greet Alumni Scholarship Fund awardees at the HCC Foundation's Donor Recognition Reception.



### **Athletes Added to Hall of Fame**

Hagerstown Community College's Hawk Booster Club held its annual Hall of Fame Banquet on June 28, at the Beaver Creek Country Club.

At the event, nine new members were inducted into the HCC Athletic Booster Club Hall of Fame. New members included Heather Creek, of Hagerstown, who played softball from 1993-1995; Ryan Devlin, of Twin Falls, Idaho, who played baseball from 2001-2003; Tim Mason, of Hagerstown, who competed in track and field from 1998-2001; Alex McAbee, of Hagerstown, who competed in marathon from 1999-2001; Ozzie Smith-Bey, of Williamstown, N.J., who played basketball from 1992-1994; Tom Parson, of Hagerstown, who played basketball from 1971-1973; and John Webb, of Florissant, Mo., who played baseball from 1973-1974. Jack Seville, of St. Louis, Mo., was presented the Lifetime Achievement Award and Rick Toms, of Hagerstown, received the Business Person of the Year Award.

Hall of Fame inductees were each presented with a commemorative plaque highlighting their athletic and volunteer services for HCC. A copy of each plaque will hang on the wall in the lobby of the HCC Athletic, Recreation and Community Center.

# The Athletic, Recreation and Community Center Gets a New Track

The HCC Athletic, Recreation and Community Center (ARCC) got a much needed facelift, this summer, with the installation of a new Mondo (the same surface used for Olympic Games) indoor state-of-the-art track. The previous 23-year old track was completely replaced.

The old running surface measured 202 meters and served the community well during its life. The new track is now an "official" 200 meter oval, which will allow for more efficient meets and times that can be equated to any other indoor track times throughout the county.

The track will officially open with The Terry Baker Invitational Indoor Track and Field Meet, on Saturday, December 4, 2010, at 1:30 p.m.

# Hagerstown Community College Alumni comes to



Join the alumni of HCC and HJC on Facebook.

Our fan page is titled

## "Hagerstown Community College Alumni"

Just type us in on the Facebook search line and look for our logo ( next to it.

We are your source for what's happening with the Alumni of Hagerstown Community College.

#### Visit our site and ...

- See old and new photos from the College.
- · Get reacquainted with alumni and friends.
- Tell us, "What's on your mind?"
- Join in an ongoing HJC/HCC discussion or creating a new discussion.
- · Post photos from your time at the College.
- Find out what is happening with the HCC Alumni Association.
- Check out upcoming events and more.

To become a FAN, just visit our site and tell us that you "like" our page today, and then invite all your HJC/HCC friends to do the same!

We are aiming to have 1,000 fans by Thanksgiving and we need your help.

#### **FREE STUFF:**

Become a fan of Hagerstown Community College Alumni on Facebook by visiting the page and then clicking, "I like this page" before November 25, 2010 and you will be entered in a drawing to win an official HCC sweatshirt—just for joining our site!

> We also invite you to check out the HCC Website at: www.hagerstowncc.edu

While you are there, go to www.hagerstowncc.edu/alumni-friends/alumni-association/update and update your mailing address, e-mail, and phone information for the College.



## HCC Alumni & Friends Cruise Planned for February 18-27, 2011

Join the HJC/HCC Alumni & Friends of the College, and our trip hostess Lisa Stewart, HCC's coordinator of alumni relations & annual giving, as we break the winter chill to cruise to the Caribbean February 18-27, 2011. Plans are set for this 2nd Annual HCC Alumni & Friends Cruise and we want you to join us. We will set sail on Royal Caribbean's, "Explorer of the Seas," leaving Hagerstown on February 18. This beautiful ship features an ice skating rink, ice shows, a rock-climbing wall, a Casino, Day Spa and more. Cruise ports of call include San Juan, Puerto Rico; Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas; Samana, Dominican Republic; and a private island in Labadee, Haiti.

Rates for the cruise start at \$1459.75 per person and vary depending on occupancy type. Cruise fees include accommodations for ten days, nine nights, on the "Explorer of the Seas" cruise ship; all taxes and fees; meals and entertainment; and roundtrip transportation from HCC to the departure port. Trip arrangements are being made through Richard's World Travel. To book your cruise, call Karen at 301-791-1010 or toll free at 1-800-638-3502!

Our first Alumni & Friends Cruise, in 2010, took 46 people from HCC to warm weather, following our snowy January days. The group agreed that all had a super time. Cruisers parked at HCC and were taken by bus to the ship. When on board, we ate our evening meals together, spent time together and alone on board the ship, and had friends with whom to share excursions and activities. Traveling with a group gives each vacationer a feeling of security and the knowledge that you have friends along for support.

Plan now to join us in February for ten days in the sun and let's have a great time together as we help HCC! For inquiries about our cruise, call the HCC Alumni office and ask for Lisa Stewart at 301-790-2800, ext. 346. It has been said that, "We feel a connection to life when we travel. Travel retools our senses, changes our focus, causing us to step out of our well-worn daily path; connect with new people and places leading us to reconnect with ourselves."

Funds earned from the HCC Alumni Travel Program benefit student scholarships through the HCC Foundation.

## Additional 2011 Trips through HCC's Continuing Education include:

*Spring 2011—Spring in Bavaria, May 12 - 23, 2011:* Visit some of Germany's most famous and popular sites.

*Fall 2011—Viking River Cruise & Imperial Jewels of China:* 12-day trip presents China's best including: the Great Wall, Xian, & more.

For information on these two exciting trips,

call Anne Myers, HCC's Lifelong Learning Program Manager, at 301-790-2800, ext. 582.

## **Something for Everyone!**

With the completion of the \$18.19 million renovation of the Career Programs (CP) Building at HCC, which includes the Merle S. Elliott Conference Center, Continuing Education (Con Ed) classes at HCC have a bright and beautiful new home. Theresa Shank, HCC Dean of Continuing Education & Community Services says, "We are very excited with the new Elliott Conference Center and the opportunities it affords Continuing Education to present seminars and courses of note to members of our community and to businesses that use the facilities for unique and customized training for their employees."

Since its re-opening in 2009, the CP Building has held seminars tailored to provide continuing education units to a variety of allied health professionals including: radiographers, nurses, optometrists, dental assistants and more. "At present, Con Ed is also involved in providing training in licensing and recertification for home inspectors, realtors, and childcare workers, as well as educating inspectors to meet new state laws for lead paint abatement," said Shank. "The Elliott Conference Center provides a professional atmosphere for group training. It is a good fit, all around, as we have a one stop shop with the College's Valley Eatery nearby to provide catering services for conferences. We offer dedicated parking in the rear of the CP Building for conference attendees, and everyone agrees that we have top notch instructors and a wonderful facility for classes at HCC."

Continuing Education and Community Services offers classes to students of all ages with a variety of interests. HCC's campus often looks like a mini "Sturgis Rally" when bikers gather for the popular motorcycle safety classes. Other class offerings include "hands-on" computer training, civil war seminars, and educational excursions. For those who wish to learn more about home repair, classes given include electrical and plumbing. Instruction in small engine repair, welding, and HVAC is also offered.

Students rave about HCC's Continuing Education when they take part in personal enrichment classes. One such example would be a class called, "Bluegrass Jam." Students are told to "Dig out your fiddle," as traditional bluegrass songs are taught, along with jam session etiquette. At the end of class, the group performs together. A student, who attended the last Bluegrass Jam, reported to Con Ed comments like, "I am 58-years old and have found something I really love." Another student said, "This class enabled a beginner, like me, to partake of a new experience!"

Today, Con Ed is not just for traditional aged students, or older folks, classes are held for young students as well. This summer more than 600 children attended HCC's "College for Kids" programs. They enjoyed summer days learning about sewing, building a personal computer for gaming, animals and many other fun topics. Drivers Education is also taught as part of the Con Ed curriculum, including sessions held on Saturdays to meet the needs of young drivers.



College for Kids students

As the economy changes and folks find themselves seeking work, retiring, or just looking for money-making endeavors that they can perform from their homes, Con Ed offers classes that meet these needs too. One new program offered allows students to obtain a certificate in dog grooming. Dog lovers came to HCC for different reasons, some to learn to clip their own dogs, and one couple put what they learned in their classes into a business plan and have now purchased a mobile grooming van that offers customers pet grooming right at their own home.

From ballroom dancing to vet assistant training, from classes in bartending to traveling to the Orient, from learning medical billing on-line, in the comfort of your home, to taking a class in yoga or genealogy, Continuing Education at HCC offers something for everyone. To learn what new and exciting classes are being offered today, visit the Continuing Education page on the HCC Website at www.hagerstowncc.edulconed/areas and find out more!



### **MOVING?**

Then don't forget to send us your new address information.

E-mail us at *Isstewart@hagerstowncc.edu*, write to the Alumni Office, 11400 Robinwood Drive, Hagerstown, MD 21742-6514, or call 301-790-2800, ext. 346.

## **2010 HCC Alumni Community Citation Award Winner Named**

As part of Hagerstown Community College's (HCC) Honors Convocation, the HCC Alumni Association presented their 2010 Community Citation Award to Shirl (Snader) Grattan, class of 1995. The HCC Alumni Association's Community Citation Award recognizes a graduate of 15-year standing for their unpaid service to their community.

Grattan received her degree from HJC in 1995; she went on to receive her bachelor's degree from George Washington University in 1998. Shirl is an active volunteer with the College. Shirl worked for many years in the field of radiation therapy and now is a homemaker in Knoxville, Maryland.

Shirl served as the chairperson of the HCC Alumni Association's Annual Flower & Garden Show for many years and is currently co-chair of this event. She gives countless hours of her time serving on the Flower & Garden Show Committee. Additionally, Grattan is involved with the HCC Volunteer Corps where she helps with the College's Kinder Konzerts and can be seen on Tuesday mornings working in the gardens of HCC, along with her faithful Shih Tzu pups Mickey and Molly.

Shirl's devotion to her community does not stop at HCC. She is a very involved member of St. Frances-St. Mary Catholic Church, where, along with her husband Jim, she did extensive work to clean and renovate the rectory for the church. She is a past member of Catholic Daughters and assists with the Knights of Columbus Bas-



HCC President Dr. Guy Altieri (I) and Alumni Association President Paul Leatherman '68 (r) present alum Shirl Grattan '95 with the 2010 HCC Community Citation Award.

ket Bingos. Shirl served as a tutor for literacy in Frederick County and has worked diligently with the Boy Scouts as she supported her son Kris's journey from Tiger Club to Eagle Scout.

Shirl is married to Jim Grattan and they have one son Kristopher Weaver. Additionally, Shirl is the proud grandmother of Evie Weaver.

The HCC Alumni Association congratulates Shirl Grattan for a job well done!

## Remember when?



The 1949 Hagerstown Junior College Basketball team pictured: (back row I to r) Bill Willard, Tom Hicks, *unknown*, Boozie Wiebel, *unknown*, unknown. (front row I to r) Bob Wolford, Bob Crouse, Bill Erwin, Irv Easterday, *unknown*.

Can you name the unidentified players?

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## **HCC Calendar of Events**

November 13, 2010 HCC Alumni Bus Trip to New York City, Leaving from HCC, Day on your own in NYC,

\$55 for current HCC Alumni Association Members, \$60 for all non-members

**November 19 & 20, 2010** Ben Jones Art Show, HCC Kepler Theater Lobby, benefiting the HCC student scholarships, free admission

February 18 – 27, 2011 Second Annual HCC Alumni Association 10-Day Caribbean Cruise, advanced ticket required,

for more details call 301-790-2800, ext. 346

March 12 & 13, 2011 The 17th Annual HCC Alumni Flower & Garden Show, HCC ARCC, admission \$4 for adults, children under 12 free

March 25, 2011 HCC Foundation Tribute to Jack & Anna Hershey, HCC ARCC, advanced ticket required

May 12, 2011 HCC Honors Convocation Ceremony and awarding of the Alumni Community Citation Award,

HCC ARCC, free admission

May 14, 2011 HCC Commencement Ceremonies, HCC ARCC, free admission

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