

### The Passing of a Legend **HJC Founder Atlee Kepler passes away at 88**



Former Hagerstown Junior College President, Dr. Atlee C. Kepler, passed away on Wed., April 28, 2010. He was 88 years old.

Kepler was born on May 3, 1921 in Frederick County, Maryland. During World War II, Kepler served with the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) on assignments in Cairo, Egypt, San Francisco, Ca., and Washington, D.C. After his discharge from the military, he married Annabelle Sunderland and accepted a teaching position with the public school system in Washington County. From 1946 to 1948, he was an English teacher at Hagerstown High School and South Potomac Junior High School and from 1948 to 1953, he worked as a guidance counselor at Hagerstown High School.

Kepler obtained his A.B. from Washington College in 1942, his M.A. from **Teachers College Columbia**  University in 1950, and his doctorate from George Washington University in 1968.

Kepler has long history with HCC and served as an administrative head at Hagerstown Junior College for more than 30 years. He was Dean from 1953 to 1961 and President of Hagerstown Junior College from 1961 to 1986. When he retired in 1986, Kepler was the longest serving community college president in the country.

In 1953, when Kepler was first named Dean of HJC, he set two major goals:

Move the College to its own campus

• Attain regional accredi-tation for HJC by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and the Maryland State Board of Higher Education

He accomplished both goals by 1968 and since 1953, HCC, formerly HJC, has been reaccredited five times.

During Kepler's presidency, HJC moved from its first location in the basement of old Hagerstown High School, where late afternoon and evening programs were offered, to a separate facility on the grounds of South Hagerstown High School in 1956.

In 1966, the College established its present location on Robinwood Drive.

Kepler retired from his presidential post on June 30, 1986. His retirement prompted citations and awards from members of the U.S. Congress, former Maryland Governor Harry Hughes, the Maryland State Senate, the Maryland House of Delegates, the Washington County Board of Commissioners, the Mayor and City Council of Hagerstown, the Maryland State Board of Education, the Maryland State Board for Community and Junior Colleges, as well as many local businesses and charitable groups.

He was named President Emeritus of Hagerstown Junior College in 1987.

On Sat., May I, a memorial service was held on campus at the Elliott Center in the Career Programs Building. More than 100 people attended. College President Guy Altieri, Board of Trustees member Merle S. Elliott, and Psychology Professor Vaughn Crowl offered remarks, as well as other attendees.

Learn more about Dr. Kepler by reading this Herald Mail article.

Kepler Photo Gallery on pages 4 - 5

#### **Events**:

Thurs., May 6 - Wed., May 12 **National Nurses Week** For details, click here.

Fri., May 7 P.A.R. End-of-the-Year Picnic 11:30 a.m. ARCC

#### Fri., May 7 **Public Safety Recognition of Excellence Awards** 6:30 p.m. Kepler Theater \*Contact Jeff Morgan at extension 223 for more information

Mon., May 10 Summer classes start

Mon., May 10 **Reception for Terrie Angle** 12 noon to 2 p.m. **Classroom Building Faculty** Lounge

Thurs., May 13 **Honors Convocation** 7 p.m. ARCC

Sat., May 15 Commencement 9:30 a.m. ARCC

Sat., May 15 **Nurses Pinning** 2 p.m. ARCC

Sun., May 16 **Adult Education Graduation** 2:30 p.m. ARCC

#### **Events continued:**

**Mon., May 17 Retirement Reception** 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. CPB, rooms 211-212-214

Mon., May 3 I Memorial Day Observed HCC Closed

Fri., June 4 STEM Groundbreaking \*Details TBA \*Contact Beth Stull at extension 265 for more information

Wed., June 9 U.S. Navy Country Current performs 6 p.m. Alumni Amphitheater \*Free and open to the public

Mon., June 14 - Mon., Aug. 9 Biotech Summer Institute For more information, contact Melanie Ulrich at extension 465

Mon., June 14 U.S. Air Force Heritage Jazz Ensemble performs 6 p.m. Alumni Amphitheater \*Free and open to the public

Mon., June 21 College for Kids begins

Wed., June 23 U.S. Air National Guard Band of the Mid-Atlantic performs 6 p.m. Alumni Amphitheater \*Free and open to the public

Sun., June 27 The U.S. Army Training Doctrine and Command Band's "The James River Ramblers" Dixieland Band performs 4:30 p.m. Alumni Amphitheater \*Free and open to the public

# Annual CREAS event teaches valuable skills to graduates



"We take an interdisciplinary approach to teaching," says Angela Stoops, director, health sciences division. "We try to integrate our health sciences, paramedic, and nursing programs as much as possible so that when students move into the workforce, they're already familiar with working together as part of a (CREAS), in which graduating students from the registered nursing (RN), practical nursing (PN), radiography, and paramedic emergency services (PES) programs are brought together for a single day of intense training based on real-life scenarios.

The CREAS event includes a mock triage unit, which is

set up in the Career Programs Building, and consists of an Urgent Care and an ER. Nursing students work in conjunction with medical imaging students to diagnose and treat more than 50 volunteer "patients" for a variety of ailments.

Throughout the day, PES students continually bring in trauma victims by ambulance.

This year's event was held on Sat., April 10 and included a staged campus incident that was handled by campus police. The incident involved a fake shooting and hostage situation in the Classroom Building. Campus police contained the situation with the help of the Hagerstown Police Department and the Washington County Sheriff's Office.















#### **Events continued:**

Mon., June 28 3rd Annual Irv Easterday Golf Tournament 12 noon Beaver Creek Country Club \*Contact Bo Myers at extension 367 for more information

Mon., June 28 2010 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony 6 p.m. Beaver Creek Country Club

Tues., June 29 78th U.S. Army Band performs 6 p.m. Alumni Amphitheater \*Free and open to the public

Wed., June 30 229th U.S. Army Guard Band performs 6 p.m. Alumni Amphitheater \*Free and open to the public

#### Wed., June 30 Dental Assisting Graduation/ Pinning Ceremony 6 p.m. Classroom Building Auditorium (CLR-111)

Mon., July 5 Independence Day Observed HCC Closed

## Career Programs Building atrium gets colorful face-lift



<u>Above</u>: Phil Miller waves to the camera as he and Don Reiff hang the last of the atrium flags.

Eight large flags were recently installed on the ceiling of the Career Programs Building in the atrium. The flags display the names of seven Health Sciences Programs: Dental Assisting, Phlebotomy, Emergency Medical Services, Medical Assisting, Certified Nursing Assistant/Geriatric Nursing Assistant, Medical Imaging, and Nursing. There is also an extra flag in place for a future health sciences program.

The flags were installed in mid-April by maintenance worker Phil Miller and maintenance supervisor Don Reiff.

## **Many Thanks!**

The Public Information Office would like to thank all the HCC staff who helped set-up for the Kepler Memorial on Sat., May I. It was a team effort that involved multiple departments across campus and we are very grateful for all the help we received. We would especially like to commend Food Services for the time, effort, and work they put in to the Memorial Service, especially on such short notice.

#### Food Services

Bonnie Sisco Norman Morse Chris Schindler Ryan Hundertmark Roland Emeni Ashley Forero Katie Pinkham Craig Wettstein Earl Weems Oliver Bulley Sandra Harrison

Testing Center Tabetha Harrison

Business Services Lita Orner Alumni Office Lisa Stewart

#### Maintenance

Phil Miller Don Reiff Mark Brown Ray Snow Lance Mullingan Ed Rhone

Learning Technology Peggy Hutson

Reprographics Norman Brown

Volunteers Chris Nyack Fran Nicholls











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In Memoriam



## Math Mania strikes again "Pi" in the Eye Toss







The HCC Math Club celebrated Math Awareness Week by hosting a variety of events for students. The much-loved "Pi in the Eye Toss" returned this year to claim a few more victims, including Cindy Dove, assistant professor, anatomy and physiology/microbiology; Rebecca Kendrick, instructional assistant, college algebra; Tom Crawford, assistant professor, mathematics and business; Mylynh Nguyen, Science Learning Center/laboratory assistant; Rich Campbell, instructor, developmental mathematics; loe Mason, assistant professor, mathematics; Jamie Moore, instructional assistant, developmental mathematics; and others.

<u>Top:</u> Rebecca Kendrick quickly learns that no matter how you hide, the pie always finds you.

<u>Middle</u>: Jamie Moore practices the art of pie levitation without much success.

Bottom Left: A serene Mylynh Nguyen endures the first blow.

Bottom Middle: Jamie Moore displays his final pie-wares.

<u>Bottom Right</u>: Joe Mason tries to direct intrepid pie-throwers who, due to severe winds and a rapidly approaching storm, encountered more difficulty hitting their targets than in years past.











## Math Mania strikes again "Pi" in the Eye Toss













Top: Tom Crawford takes one (or two or ten) for the team.

<u>Middle:</u> Rich Campbell's son returns to inflict further pie-related fury on his father.

<u>Bottom:</u> Rebecca Kendrick and student Math Club President Crystal Shank get "creamed" by villainous pie-throwers.



# Earth Week encourages conservation and clean-up









#### A special message from Science Club Advisor Mylynh Nguyen

I was very pleased with the participation in Earth Week activities! Throughout the week, there were representatives from the student body,



the faculty, and the staff who volunteered and helped with our efforts to spread a message of sustainability and environmental awareness.

## Earth Week Activities included:

- Ellen Smith graciously allowed us to display 15 posters from her graphic design students all week long in the Science Building

- We filled our recycling cage and collected 64 cubic feet of recyclables in one week! Our estimation by volume is that this was equivalent to roughly 2,800 recyclables and approximately 155 pounds of empty bottles and cans!

The Science Club hopes to have the support of the campus to participate in the nationwide inter-collegiate recycling competition, Recyclemania, in 2011!

- We had 22 people view the "Addicted to Plastic: The Rise and Demise of a Modern Miracle" documentary on Tues., April 20.

- 31 volunteers participated in campus clean-up on Wed., April 21.

- The Science Club recruited 23 volunteers for Garden Pride Day on Thurs., April 22.

Thank you!

Learn more about the Science Club's Earth Week projects by reading this <u>Herald Mail</u> <u>article</u>.

See more photos from Earth Day on page 9











## Earth Day celebration draws crowd





HCC held its annual Earth Day celebration on Thurs., April 22, at 11:30 a.m., in front of the Career Programs Building. As in years past, the Earth Day Celebration coincided with the annual turning-on of the HCC fountain.

College President Guy Altieri presided over the ceremony. This year's guest speaker was HCC student Frederick Skroban III, who spoke about Science Club initiatives and conservation efforts. Skroban serves as the Science Club representative in the Student Government Association.

The ceremony also included a performance by children from the Children's Learning Center. They sang a song about rainbows and were onhand to help "wake up" the fountain from its long winter's sleep with the encouragement of President Altieri and members of the HCC Board of Trustees. The fountain took a little longer than usual to wake-up but thanks to Maintenance and Grounds staff, the fountain was flowing freely after a



<u>Top Left</u>: HCC student Frederick Skroban speaks to Earth Day attendees.

<u>Top Right</u>: Stephen Recker performs "Big Yellow Taxi."

short while much to the delight of the children.

The ceremony concluded with a performance by Web and Multimedia Coordinator Stephen Recker, who made his HCC musical debut when he performed Joni Mitchell's hit, "Big Yellow Taxi."



#### A special message from Campus Volunteers Coordinator Irene Young

We had more than 50 people who worked in the gardens on Earth Day and they contributed more than 182 hours of labor to make our gardens 'shine.' The youngest was Hannah, the one-month old daughter of Ann Weaver, whose mom misses having a gar-

den to work in at home (Ann was here also).

Other volunteers included HCC student Jamie Wisz, who wrote, "I love the earth too. I am doing general studies now, but I want to do something with science and math in the future so I figure I can start out by helping on Earth Day."

The Science Club and the SGA were a tremendous help all day. HCC Volunteer Shirl Grattan and her dogs, Mickey and Molly, are here almost every Tuesday to work in the gardens, and came back for Earth Day.

Thank you to all those who helped!



<u>Middle Left</u>: HCC students work in the gardens outside the Career Programs Building.

Bottom Right: Longtime HCC volunteer Larry Longnecker and his dog, Molly, are no strangers to the HCC campus. Like Larry, Molly proudly wears her "I dig HCC" shirt when she comes to work in the gardens with her owner.

## **Terrie Angle retires after 22 years**



Professor Terrie Angle will retire this coming June after 22 years of teaching. Angle first started teaching at HCC in 1988 and has worked both in the English/Humanities Division, as well as the Developmental Education and Adult Literacy (DEALS) Division.

She served as Chair of the English/Humanities Division from 2003 to 2006 and according to Dawn Schonenberger, director, DEALS, she "has been an outstanding advocate for ESL [English as a Second Language] students. Her expertise with ESL has also been a blessing in providing leadership and knowledge to instructors campus-wide."

A special reception for Angle will be held on Mon., May 10, beginning at 12 noon, in the Classroom Building Faculty Lounge. Angle will also be honored at the upcoming Retirement Reception on May 17. Angle will be honored alongside recent retirees Rebecca Decker, Michael Parsons, and Richard Rosander.









Staff and Faculty News New Hires, Staff Promotions, and more!



Emily Hollins

**Position:** Emily was recently promoted to Recruitment/ Operations Coordinator of Extension Services

**Congratulations, Emily!** 

NEW HIRE, ext. 257

**Position:** Custodial Worker

**Kevin Smith** 

Welcome, Kevin!



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#### Wade Needy NEW HIRE, ext. 257

**Position:** Custodial Worker Welcome, Wade!

#### Two HCC students try out for "Glee"



Two HCC students recently auditioned for the hit television show "Glee."

Andrea Robinson (left) and Natalie Stephenson are active members of the Robinwood Players Theater Club and recently displayed their singing and acting talents in last month's HCC musical "Zombie Prom."





Professor Michael Parsons retired this past winter after 37 years of teaching, instruction, and administration. Parsons began his time at HCC in 1972 when he was hired as an assistant professor of social science. He became acting Dean of Instructional Affairs in August of 1978, becoming Dean of Instruction in July 1979. He served in this position for more than 20 years before returning to teach fulltime as a professor of education and sociology. "How can you sum up

the accomplishments and influence that someone like Dr. Michael Parsons

has had in his 37 years with us here at HCC?" says Fran Cade, chair, behavioral and social sciences/business division. "He is so much a part of the spirit and fabric of the college. He is the most positive person I know and always finds the good in everyone. It is no wonder he has taught generations of students and many within the same family. In our division he has always reminded us of the history and legacy of HCC. It has made those of us who have come after him realize that is it truly an honor to educate students in

Washington County and the surrounding area. Dr. Parsons, we thank you for 37 years of influence and service!"

"I came to stay five years and I found a home," says Parsons. "The quality of faculty, staff, and most importantly, students at the college is not exceeded by any institution that I have worked with."

Parsons will be honored at the upcoming Retirement Reception on May 17. He will be honored alongside recent retirees Terrie Angle, Rebecca Decker, and Richard Rosander.



#### **Theresa Marks receives Stiefel Fund award**



Theresa Marks, HCC instructor, dental assisting and hygiene, is the first recipient of an award from the Doris Stiefel Endowed Fund through the University of Washington's Dental Education in Care of Persons with Disabilities program (DECOD). The award is named for Dr. Doris Stiefel, the first woman to graduate from the University of Washington's School of Dentistry. She served as director of DECOD from 1975 to 1994.

Prior to working at HCC, Marks served as a clinician and student instructor in the DECOD program, which supports students with special needs.

According to Mae Chin, clinical associate professor in dental health public sciences and oral medicine, Marks was selected both for her work with DE-COD, as well as her desire to develop a special-needs course that will include didactic and clinical activities as part of a dental hygiene curriculum, an initiative that she still plans to pursue at HCC.

Marks says that her experience with DECOD "taught me the need for dental health professionals to be willing and trained in patient care practice of people living with severe disabilities."

Marks has been a dental hygienist for more than 17 years and received her M.S. in oral biology at the University of Washington's School of Dentistry. Marks began working at HCC in August of 2009 as the lead instructor for HCC's new Dental Assisting Program.

As part of HCC's upcoming dental seminar on May 21, Dr. Glenn Govin and Mae Chin from the DECOD program will be on campus to present a session entitled, "Providing Oral Health to Medically Compromised Individuals and those with Disabilities."



## Volunteers recognized for dedication



HCC volunteers were honored at the annual Volunteer Recognition Reception on Fri., April 16, in the Career Programs Building.

HCC has more than 100 volunteers who donate their time and effort in various departments across campus. They can often be found working in the ARCC, sprucing up the gardens, and helping with largescale events such as the annual tribute dinner that is hosted by the HCC Foundation.

Volunteers typically give more than 100 hours of their time in a calendar year and there are even a few that have donated upwards of 600 hours of their time into working on the HCC campus.

For more information about campus volunteering or to find out how you can help, contact Campus Volunteers Coordinator Irene Young at extension 217.

## **Donor Recognition Reception honors scholarship contributors**



Above: Donor John Waltersdorf with HCC student Britta Troxell.

Bottom Left: Donors Wells and Karen Ridenour.

Bottom Middle: Donor Amy Kerstein with scholarship winner Rachel LeGore.

<u>Bottom Right</u>: Donors Benjamin and Rebecca Jones with scholarship winners Ginger Fink and Kristin Hines.

HCC scholarship donors were honored at the annual Donor Recognition Reception in the Career Programs Building on April 21, 2010. According to Anna Barker, vice-president of administration and finance, who presided over the event, over \$1.6 million scholarship dollars have been raised in the last five years thanks to the help of HCC donors.



<u>Above:</u> **The Alumni Group** - Judy Kofoet; Lisa Stewart; HCC student Yulanda Joia; HCC volunteer Shirl Grattan; and HCC scholarship winner Jessica Tapley and her parents.







## **CVT** Program hosts MMTA Safety Day



<u>Above</u>: HCC instructor Bob Powell checks his side mirror as cars quickly approach along the right side of his truck as he drives on I-81.

HCC's Commercial Vehicle Transportation (CVT) or Truck Driving Program held a safety presentation by the Maryland Motor Truck Association (MMTA) on Fri., April 23. The event was held at Volvo Powertrain in Hagerstown on HCC's truck driving range.

Representatives from the Maryland Motor Truck Association Road Team spoke to HCC truck driving students about the importance of road safety. Guest speaker was UPS driver Bill Gray, of Cumberland, Md., who was hand-picked to present based on his safe-driving record of 3.8 million miles over the last 31 years.

Following the presentation, guided tours were offered in an HCC tractortrailer that is specially designed for teaching purposes. The truck was driven by





<u>Middle</u>: Looking out from the interior of the tractor cab through the windshield and right-side mirror.

<u>Bottom Left</u>: UPS driver Bill Gray talks with students about his driving experiences.

Bottom Right: An HCC driver's education car parked next to HCC trucks. HCC instructor Bob Powell, who took the media and other interested parties on a short ride while Gray discussed safety issues affecting truck drivers today.

The MMTA Road Team is a group of elite, highly-skilled, safety-conscious Maryland truck drivers who take time away from their jobs to reinforce and promote the importance of safety and professionalism in the trucking industry.

Deb Bauer, HCC transportation safety specialist, was also present with a driver's education vehicle to discuss the importance of road safety with young drivers. HCC first began offering

HCC first began offering driver's education courses in 2009. Courses are offered through the College's Continuing Education and Community Services Division.







## Upcoming Events from the HCC Alumni Association

#### New show added to the Annual Red, White and Blue Summer Concert Series

The concert schedule for the sixth annual Red, White and Blue Summer Concert Series was recently announced. Concerts will primarily be held on weeknights as opposed to weekend afternoons as they have done in years past. No concerts will be held in July.

The schedule of events is as follows:

Wed., June 9, 2010: U.S. Navy Country Current at 6 p.m

Mon., June 14, 2010: U.S. Air Force Heritage Jazz Ensemble at 6 p.m. Wed., June 23, 2010: U.S. Air National Guard Band of the Mid-Atlantic at 6 p.m.

Sun., June 27, 2010: The U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command Band presents "The James River Ramblers" Dixieland band at 4:30 p.m.

Tues., June 29, 2010: 78th U.S. Army Band at 6 p.m.

Wed., June 30, 2010: 229th U.S. Army Guard Band at 6 p.m.

Sun., Aug. 15, 2010: U.S. Navy Cruisers Band at 4:30 p.m. Thurs., Aug. 19, 2010: U.S. Navy Sea Chanters (Choral Group) at 6 p.m.

Fri., Aug. 20, 2010: U.S. Air Force Concert Band and Singing Sergeants at 6 p.m.

Tues., Aug. 24, 2010: U.S. Army Jazz Ambassadors at 6 p.m.

Fri., Sept. 10, 2010: U.S. Air Force Airmen of Note at 6 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 extension 346, or email <u>stewartl@</u> <u>hagerstowncc.edu</u>.



**May/June** 

Anniversaries



#### **May Birthdays**

May 3- Jill Dennison May 5- Lawrence Flowers May 6- Carolyn Cox May 9- Cheri McDannell May 10 – Sarah Devlin May 10- Paul Fulk May 10- Susan Harris May 10- Sharon Rhodes May 11 Sherry Donovan May 12 – Herb Fiege May 12 – Wendy Schneider May 13 – Megan Fritz May 14- Amy Sterner May 16- Anita Edwards May 17- Loretta Thornhill May 18- Angie Auldridge May 18- Thomas Rickard May 19- Barbara Macht May 19 – Bonnie Sisco May 20- Shannon Cameron May 22- Dixie Myers May 24- Louise Bird May 24- Peggy Hutson May 25 – Theresa Marks May 26- Cynthia Golem May 27- Gloria Hughes May 29- Tony Campello May 31- Liz Stull

#### June Birthdays

**May/June** 

Birthdays

- June 2- Chris McAfee June 2- Nettie Schubel June 3- Lori Olden June 5- Jeff Morgan June 5- Beth Stull June 6 – Tony Valente June 9- Debbie Power June 9 – Jennifer Rowland June 10- Susan Clutz June 10 – Ryan Hundertmark June 11- Sonja Barnes June 13- Stephny Lietuvnikas June 14- Veronica Stein June 16 – Lisa Deighton June 17 – Stacey McGee June 17- Dawn Schoenenberger June 18- Patricia Williams
- June 20- Jason Guderjohn
- June 20- Kevin Unger
- June 24- Robin Thomas
- lune 25 Norman Morse
- June 26- Richard Vanderau
- June 29- Wilma Lopez
- June 30- Nancy Thorpe



#### May 2-Bill Mann (5 years) May 7—Bev Kruger (9 years) May 12—John Cavey (2 years) May 14—Chris Davis (12 years) May 16—Jodi Coode (4 years) May 16—Chris Poffenberger (5 years) May 17—Stephny Lietuvnikas (6 years) May 18—Dawn Dingle (12 years) May 21—James Hawkins (9 years) May 21—Susan Raber (9 years) May 22—Dawn Reed (21 years) May 23—Jennifer Haughie (5 years) May 26—Norman Brown (1 year) May 26—Deb McClain (5 years) May 29—Craig Fentress (12 years) May 30—Anna Barker (21 years) May 30-Lori Olden (4 years)

#### June Anniversaries



#### Not on the birthday list?

To add your birthday or anniversary (hire date) to the list, e-mail Leigh-Anne Mauk in the Public Information Office at <a href="mailto:mailto

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