



**Greetings from Dr. Klauber.** It has been another great start for Hagerstown Community College. Students have returned to campus, and we led Maryland colleges in enrollment for fall. While we have not returned enrollment to pre-COVID levels, we are on our way.

In this issue of *The Advisor* we have some great news for you. HCC is celebrating its 75th Anniversary this year as Maryland's oldest and best community college. Meanwhile, the long-awaited Center for Business and Entrepreneurial Studies is open for business. Tenants are moving in from across town and across the region.

We recently closed on the purchase of the old department store at 562 Northern Avenue in Hagerstown. While you may not think it looks so attractive now, just wait and see! Over the next several years, the building will go through a complete transformation. Then we are going to consolidate all of our off-campus training locations there.

We are also gearing up for our new Medical Lab Technician program which will be offered here in the Fall 2022 term. We are presently searching for a program coordinator, and then going to spend the spring and summer acquiring equipment, building curriculum, and recruiting students. We are very thankful to our community partner, Meritus Health, who has been extremely supportive all along the way. Laboratory technicians are in high demand, and will continue to be long after the pandemic passes. This program gives our students another opportunity to a great career in health care.

In our 2020 Annual Report, I remarked that we would emerge better and stronger after the pandemic. I believe those words have come true. Everyone at HCC pulled together and our College is better than it has been before. Onward and upward!

**Dr. James Klauber, President, Hagerstown Community College**

## Fletcher Incubator Pitch Contest Winners Announced

The first-ever Idea Pitch Challenge at the David W. Fletcher Incubator + Labs at Hagerstown Community College was held in December, with 18 participants sharing ideas for a chance to win \$5,000, space in the incubator, and business support. Following a short pitch from each participant, a panel of 20 judges identified the top three winning ideas.

The top prize of \$5,000 was awarded to Michael and Ivelis Reynolds of Fuego Farms, an incubator tenant that produces broad spectrum award-winning CBD products. They pitched for support of their new line of ingested recovery shots that are made from Colorado-grown products, with the goal to bring manufacturing and operations to the east coast.

Tyler Michael Harshman, owner of Distillation Dice, was the runner-up and will receive incubator space and mentorship. His idea involves the creation of 3-D printed gaming dice that offer a design unique to the gaming market.

An honorable mention was given to Dr. Meena Chandok of Ambay Immune Sensors and Controls, for her continued work in the field of non-invasive biomarkers in the treatment of cancer patients undergoing radiation therapy.

The David W. Fletcher Incubator + Labs was recently opened to offer workspace, business development, and other support services for local business owners, entrepreneurs, and independent workers, and to inspire the next generation of enterprising community leaders. Learn more at [www.incubatorhcc.com](http://www.incubatorhcc.com).

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# Medical Laboratory Tech Program Comes to HCC

HCC is offering a new Medical Laboratory Technician (MLT) program as part of its allied health offerings beginning fall 2022. The MLT program will help fill critical shortages of lab workers in western Maryland.

Clinical laboratories are stretched thin by personnel shortages and the need for increased testing during the COVID-19 crises. According to the College of Medical Pathologists, there is enormous stress on existing labs to meet the increased demand for testing – and shortages of qualified personnel is a huge concern for the industry. While COVID-19 has exacerbated the problem, this is not a new dilemma. Industry sources cite the dwindling availability of qualified personnel as one medical laboratory technician educational program after another closed and the supply of medical laboratory technicians and clinical laboratory technologists and scientists tightened.

Locally, Washington County medical facilities have encountered similar struggles in filling vacant MLT positions. Even with hiring bonuses, local hospitals and health care facilities have trouble finding qualified workers for these positions.

HCC's MLT program will offer an associate of applied science degree that can be completed in two years, with graduates eligible to sit for certification by the American Society of Clinical Pathology. The two-year cohort program affords students the opportunity to obtain foundational knowledge and a skill set to be entry-level medical laboratory technicians. MLT graduates will hold competencies necessary to perform routine clinical laboratory tests, as well as have responsibil-



ities for information processing, training, and quality control monitoring wherever clinical laboratory testing is performed.

According to Dr. Kathleen Jordan-D'Ambrisi, director of the Health Sciences Division at HCC, students will be prepared for employment opportunities in a variety of healthcare settings, such as general medical and surgical hospitals, medical and diagnostic laboratories, physician offices and outpatient care centers. Medical laboratory technicians are in high demand and this is an allied health career pathway that can be very rewarding for those who wish to be involved in healthcare and the well-being of the community.

## Did you know?

If you join the HCC Athletic Booster Club, you can attend HCC's Athletic events for free, walk or run on the indoor track, or use the ARCC Fitness Center. Memberships help support student athletics, and start at just \$60 per year. Check out the web page for details and a membership application: [www.hagerstowncc.edu/advancement/hawks-giving](http://www.hagerstowncc.edu/advancement/hawks-giving)



## Northern Avenue Site in the Works

When a Northern Avenue property became available, Dr. Jim Klauer knew it could be the perfect site for HCC's Commercial Vehicle Training program. Currently housed at two locations in Washington County, HCC's Commercial Vehicle Training program requires more "pavement" than the HCC campus can provide. Current operations – at Valley Mall, and near the airport – have limitations. Since HCC doesn't own the properties, modifications such as removing light poles or expanding surface lots are not feasible. When the program eventually moves to Northern Avenue, renovations will allow for four training ranges for trucks, as well as classroom space for instruction. Eventually, other off-campus training programs could be housed there as well. Extension renovations to the site are planned to begin later this year. Stay tuned for future developments!





# Volunteer Spotlight



## Dave and Sue Dorsey

Longtime Hagerstown Community College volunteers Dave and Sue Dorsey were honored by the Community Foundation of Washington County (CFWC) on November 11, 2021 at Hagerstown Community College. The Dorseys received the CFWC People's Choice Award, honoring individuals from the community who give generously of their time and talents to make Washington County a better place to live.

*Those who are happiest  
are those who do the  
most for others.*

*-Booker T. Washington*

Dave, 90, and Sue, 91, have volunteered at HCC for more than 23 years, accruing more than 12,000 hours of service at the college. Dave and Sue are long-time volunteers at the Athletic, Recreation, and Community Center (ARCC). Dave and Sue helped run the Courtside Cafe concession stand; proceeds from the volunteer-run Cafe supported HCC athletic scholarships. Over \$500,000 in proceeds was given to the HCC Foundation to establish scholarships for student athletes.

Dave and Sue continue to be active volunteers for the college. Dave volunteers weekly in the athletics office, Sue sends birthday

cards for all HCC volunteers, and both still man the gates and take tickets at college athletic events. "Their dedication to the students and to the college is unmatched. To watch them in action, you'd never guess that they are almost seven decades older than the average student age here at HCC," said Community Foundation President and CEO Stacey Crawford.

Lisa Stewart, HCC's alumni coordinator, says the Dorseys "epitomize the perfect volunteers: giving, caring, kind, happy to serve, and grateful for the opportunity to do good in the world."

In honor of their recognition, the Community Foundation has established a \$5,000 endowment fund titled the Dave and Sue Dorsey Fund. Proceeds from the fund will support HCC student athlete scholarships.

## Shirl Grattan

Shirl Grattan was recognized for her service to Hagerstown Community College (HCC) by the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) Western Maryland Chapter on November 15, 2021. November 15th is AFP's National Philanthropy Day, which honors distinguished volunteers by celebrating their commitments to the organizations they serve.

Shirl is recognized for tireless service and dedication to the college and the Alumni Association. "Shirl is a dynamo, and can outwork everyone," said Lisa Stewart, coordinator of HCC's alumni relations. "She gives freely of hundreds of hours of her time to HCC, goes

above and beyond to ensure the success of the Flower & Garden Show each year, and is the epitome of a distinguished volunteer."

Grattan is a 1995 radiography graduate of Hagerstown Junior College (now HCC). She began volunteering with the HCC Alumni Association as a student. Since graduation, she has served as a member, co-chair, and chair of the HCC Alumni Association's Flower & Garden Show fundraiser for more than 26 years.

The HCC Alumni Flower & Garden Show is a community event that brings more than 5,800 people to campus each year, to learn about plants and to purchase items from vendors. The event has raised more than \$750,000 through Grattan's leadership, direction, and dedication.



## JOIN THE HCC Volunteer Corps!

HCC maintains a corps of dedicated volunteers who complement and supplement the mission, vision, and goals of the College. They serve in a variety of capacities across the campus, from helping in the gardens to supporting department offices, and helping in numerous ways that benefit HCC's students.

Contact the Advancement Office at 240-500-2348 for more information and for an application.



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## 2022 Calendar of Events

### MARCH

#### Flower & Garden Show

March 19 & 20, 2022

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, ARCC

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, ARCC

*Say hello to spring with hundreds of flower and garden vendors and live demonstrations. Open to the public by ticket purchase.*

### APRIL

#### HCC Annual Tribute

April 9, 2022

6 p.m., ARCC

*Celebrate HCC's 75th Anniversary at the biggest event of the year!*

**Black tie optional** and by invitation only.

#### Alumni Reunion

April 23, 2022

1 to 4 p.m., Student Center

*Open to the classes of 1966 to 1979.*

#### Outdoor Family Movie Night

April 30, 2022

Alumni Amphitheater

Visit [www.hagerstowncc.edu/hccs-75th-anniversary-events](http://www.hagerstowncc.edu/hccs-75th-anniversary-events) for details

### MAY

75th Commencement

May 14, 2022

9 a.m., ARCC

*HCC Celebrates the Class of 2022 during a graduation ceremony, followed by the Nursing Pinning and Health Sciences Pinning.*

## 75TH ANNIVERSARY

Then and Now

**Can you identify which HCC  
employee this is?**

See more at [www.hagerstowncc.edu/hccs-75th-anniversary-stories](http://www.hagerstowncc.edu/hccs-75th-anniversary-stories)

