

THE ADVISOR

News from the Hagerstown Community College Advancement Office

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PRESIDENT'S REFLECTION

It is my privilege to give you a brief report on the happenings at Hagerstown Community College! There is much to celebrate right now.

We finished the year with the largest graduation attendance ever. It was an exciting day as we watched 320 students walk across the stage to get their degrees.

Student enrollment is up! Summer registration is unusually high this year with an eight percent increase as of this writing. With the changes that are coming in dual credit offerings, Fall enrollment is up almost 19 percent! While that number may erode over the summer, we will still have one of our best semesters in many years.

Another celebration we are highlighting in the Advisor is the retirement of Dr. David Warner. With over 40 years dedicated

to the field of higher education at HCC and USMH, Dr. Warner is retiring and we want to celebrate that milestone with him. He has done fine work here and it has benefitted many students.

As the days of Summer are upon us, we are ever mindful of the future. We are making inroads into our community like never before, and it is exciting! I hope you enjoy the articles in this edition as much as I do. Please come out to the College this summer to enjoy one of our many events!

Yours truly,



Dr. Jim Klauber



“Growing up in Washington County, I went to school with a lot of students who had really struggled with academics... My short-term goal is to provide tutoring services to every Washington County student who needs it.”

– Jasmine, HCC graduate '14 and founder of Prestige Academic Tutoring

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Interview with Dr. Warner, Adult Literacy Program overview, Volleyball Alumni Booster event recap, HCC Foundation Board member spotlight, and more!



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Dr. Dave Warner: Cheers to a successful career!



After 30 years at HCC, Dr. David Warner will be retiring in June from his position as Vice President of Academic Affairs and Student Services. The Advisor caught up with Dr. Warner to reflect on his time here at the college and learn more about his plans for retirement.

Dr. Warner, as you prepare to retire, what are some of your favorite memories from your time here? As a student: I enjoyed playing acoustic guitar in the Student Center Coffee Houses. You could drink beer and wine at age 18 and those events were great fun. I remember taking music classes with C. Randall Williams, Chorus with Vaughn Crowl, Creative Writing with Carol Campbell, History of Civilization with Pat Jennings, General Psychology with Gil Hull, Basic Drawing and Painting with Roz Rutstein, American History with Larry Sharpe, General Biology with Dick Montgomery, and Twentieth Century Drama with John Astegher. These professors had a profound impact on my life and on the future educator I would become. As an Administrator: I really enjoyed my time as a faculty member, but I think I was the happiest professionally when I was serving as the Humanities Division Chair. We had faculty elected chairs then so I was able to teach a few classes and have a hand in building the budget, hiring faculty, and creating new programs. I created the Music concentration in the Associate of Arts degree and the Applied Music Program in

1989, and served on the committee working to build the Alumni Amphitheater.

What are some of the accomplishments that you are most proud of during your time as VP of Academic Affairs and Student Services? I enjoyed playing a part in creating the many new academic programs we started such as Dental Hygiene, Advanced Manufacturing, Dance, Health Information Management, Police Academy, Medical Lab Technician, Medical Sonography and many more. I liked helping launch the Middle College, and I am particularly proud of the revisions we made



to the Developmental Education Program in reducing the number of developmental courses required for admission to credit bearing classes. I am proud of the changes we made to the admission standards by implementing the 3.0 cumulative high school GPA to enter credit classes and bypass placement testing. And I am very proud of the work we've done in implementing the Kirwan Blueprint for Education, providing free community college education to qualified Washington County Public School students.

You are an accomplished musician. What role does music play in your academic and professional career? I learned early in my life that the show must go on. No matter what happens you keep playing until the end, continuously adjusting to enhance the production, all the while smiling and acting as if nothing is wrong. It taught me how to thrive in chaos.

What else would you like our students and community to know about you? I've been happily married to my wife, Debbie, for 38 years. We have a wonderful family for which I will be forever grateful. I played bass in the 80s in the Philadelphia/New Jersey area with Eddie Holman, the Gold Record award winner for the song "Hey There Lonely Girl." I tried very hard to give back to this wonderful institution that gave so much to me. I hope I evened the score.

WE ARE GOING PAPERLESS BY THE FALL 2023 NEWSLETTER!

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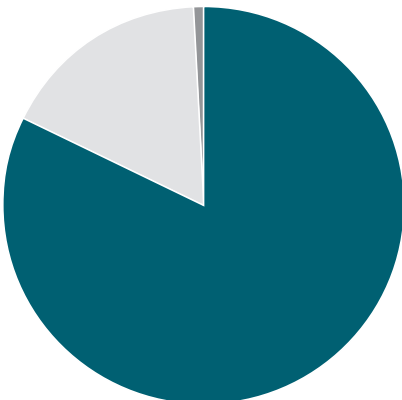
CONGRATULATIONS, 2023 GRADUATES!

442 students received 465 awards. Way to go, Hawks!

- 66% of graduates were Washington County residents
- Graduates range from ages 17-74 years old



Total Awards	465
Associate Degrees	383
Certificates	79
Letters of Recognition	3



Top 5 programs:

1. General Studies (AA)
2. Business Administration (AS)
3. Nursing (AS)
4. Dental Hygiene (AAS)
5. Commercial Vehicle Transportation (CER)



HCC Foundation Board Member Highlight: Paula Lampton



1. How did you become affiliated with HCC?

In 1978, when my husband and I, and our four children, moved from Annapolis to Hagerstown, I became very aware of the impact HCC had on Washington County! And in 1997, I was honored to be asked to join the Foundation Board--where I have served for over 25 years."

2. What do you like most about being an HCC board member?

"I thoroughly enjoy working with all the talented and extremely dedicated Board Members to help raise money for scholarships at HCCand helping to educate the community to see all of the possibilities of "Student Success" that the scholarships help create."

3. What project or program at HCC are you most passionate about?

"I am particularly passionate about our Early College Program and the opportunities that it provides for motivated high school students and their families!

And our nursing program.... one of the best in the state of Maryland! Thanks to Karen Hammond and her excellent staff, HCC has graduated thousands of well-trained and dedicated nurses!"

4. What impact do you hope HCC will have on the future of the community?

Hagerstown Community College is already a GEM in the educational structure of Washington County and the State of Maryland... and the future is limitless!

With programs like: Early College; nursing and allied health; CBES and our business program; workforce solutions and the Bowman Family Training Center; opportunities with the David W. Fletcher Incubator; and collaboration with The Chamber of Commerce, The Board of Education, Meritus Hospital, the Washington County Government and the State of Maryland, HCC is poised to make an even STRONGER impact on our community!

Thanks to the leadership of Dr. Jim Klauber, his excellent staff and faculty, and the hard work of the HCC Foundation, HCC is soaring and I'm proud and honored to be a small part of it!"

ALUMNI HAWK ATHLETES WINNING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Former HCC volleyball players from graduating classes 1999 through 2021 joined current HCC volleyball players during an Alumni Volleyball Tournament on Saturday, May 13. Two teams joined together for the championship title, as well as to win the 2023 HCC Alumni Volleyball Tournament medal! Family and friends of alumni were also invited to the event to enjoy games of cornhole and giant Jenga in between games. Several raffles were awarded, including HCC merchandise and a gift basket. The HCC Athletic Boosters would like to give a shoutout to former HCC volleyball head coach, Rebecca Morgan, for helping with alumni outreach and tournament scheduling!



Did you know that the HCC Athletic Boosters are hosting the 2nd annual Homecoming Weekend on Saturday, October 7? Make plans to join us for a fun morning at the Hawktoberfest 5k run/walk and a great evening celebrating the 2023 class of the Athletic Hall of Fame!

Earth Week – Celebrating our appreciation for the planet!

HCC turned Earth Day into an entire week! Festivities during Earth Week included:



- Tree planting and campus beautification
- Educational sessions about invasive plants and insects
- Recycling exhibitions
- Baby tree give away, followed by a nature walk with President Dr. Klauber
- A special 1946 Society event with presentations from HCC's Environmental Studies class

Celebrating successful programs: HCC's Adult Literacy Services



“What is the most important thing that you learned through this program?”

“To believe in myself and have more confidence”

The Hagerstown Community College's Program of Adult Literacy Services (PALS) is proud to be the home of the Adult Education Program for Washington County. PALS has provided free literacy services to over 600 students annually for over 20 years. Due to the increased need for adult literacy services in the area, over 1,000 students will be serviced this year.

Over 600 English language learners came from countries such as El Salvador, Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, Brazil, Peru, Haiti, Columbia, China, Russia, Ukraine, Turkey, Sudan, Nigeria and others.

One of the most rewarding Adult Education programs provides services for English Language

Learners (ELL). The ELL program includes three main programs to support student success:

- The ELL Family Literacy Program partners with the Washington County Family Center to offer classes to improve parenting skills as well as to provide transportation, childcare, and meals to families in the program.
- Traditional English language classes are offered to improve English language acquisition skills and focuses in the areas of writing, reading, speaking, and listening. These classes range in serving learners with no English language skills, to those who are well-versed in English and may be seeking options to earn a high school credential, transition into a short-term workforce training program, or begin their post-secondary educational pathway.



- The Integrated English Language Civics Education and Integrated Education Training Program (IELCE-IET) assists students who are enrolled in HCC's Workforce Solutions & Continuing Education programs. This program co-enrolls students in an English companion course through PALS, providing language support to optimize success in the workforce training program. All of these courses are offered free of charge to learners inclusive of the workforce training programs.

C.N.A. and Phlebotomy programs are offered by PALS in collaboration with Workforce Solutions & Continuing Education, making for a great connection for English language learners to access the workforce in less than a year. These programs are offered at no charge to eligible students due to financial support by HCC Foundation scholarships in conjunction with funding from the Western Maryland Consortium and Maryland Department of Labor. Instructors for both the workforce training and English companion course work closely together from the point of initial planning through completion of the course. For students to receive hands-on experience, both Meritus Health and the Fahrney-Keedy Senior Living Community provide internships for students in the IELCE-IET program.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, June 9 – Funky Fridays Concert – The Plate Scrapers

Saturday, June 10 – Red, White & Blue Concert – The U. S. 380th Army Band

Saturday, July 1 – MSO Salute to Independence @ 8:00 pm

Sunday, July 9 – Red, White & Blue Concert – The U. S. 229th Army Band

Friday, August 11 – Funky Fridays Concert – Cazmiere Band

Friday, August 19 – Alumni, Volunteer and Retiree Picnic – 1:00 pm

Friday, Sept. 8 – The 30th Annual HCC Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament – 12:00 pm

Friday, Sept. 15 – Funky Fridays Concert – The Jill Fulton Band

Saturday, October 7 – Hawktoberfest Homecoming Weekend – 5k Run/Walk @ 9:00 am;
2023 Hall of Fame Induction @ 5:00 pm

Thursday, October 12 – Mums & Moonlight HJC/HCC Retiree Brunch – 11:30 am

