

## Board Briefing Summary

### *Student Recruitment and Enrollments / Student Activities and Services*

#### **Dean of Students**

HCC hosted the *Washington County 2024 STEAM Festival @ HCC on Saturday, Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>*. We saw an estimated 950 community participants, and over 300 families served. This is about 250 more individuals than last year! STEAM Festival is just one of many happening across the state during the Maryland's month-long celebration of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (we include the Arts in Washington County!) <https://marylandstemfestival.org/>. Ours is truly a collaborative event - made possible by generous financial sponsorship from HCC's Alumni Association (\$3600) and JLG (\$2000), publicity and marketing support from WCPS and the Washington County Public Libraries, and lots of coordination by Division Directors Lauri Montgomery, Nancy Arnone and Dana Poole, Beth Kirkpatrick and her Public Information & Marketing team, HCC Foundation Student Scholarship volunteers, Student Activities, and the Dean of Students' Office. Several student groups are involved, the ARCC staff helps tremendously, and HCC's Foodservice team keeps everyone nourished. Faculty are involved from all STEAM disciplines, including Health Science and Nursing. Approximately 100 faculty, staff and students helped run the Festival – and many brought the kids in their life to enjoy. HCC's Flickr page host wonderful photos ... <https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjBQsg1>



#### **Admissions**

- Attended application days at all WCPS and Greencastle, James Buchanan.
- Attended career days at Boonsboro, Smithsburg, Williamsport, South, North, Tech.

- Hosted Franklin County Career And Technology Center to explore Mechatronics and Engineering
- Hosted Antietam Academy for a tour of the campus
- FAFSA nights at South and Tech
- Hosted the Washington County College Fair in the ARCC – had over 70 colleges attending and over 400 students and families attended

### **Athletics**

The fall sports teams wrapped up the first weekend in November.

The Volleyball team played an **amazing** Region 20 tournament placing 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 8 teams! They defeated Potomac State in the quarter-finals and Montgomery College in the semi-finals to face the Harford Owls in the finals. We lost the match in three very competitive sets: 19-25, 19-25, 26-28.

The women's soccer team went into the Region 20 tournament as the 2 seed and faced Montgomery College in the semi-finals. We led for most of the game and were tied going into the 82<sup>nd</sup> minute when Montgomery scored, making the score 4-3 which ended up being the final for the game.

The Men's soccer team went into the Region 20 tournament as the 3 seed and faced Harford Community College in the semi-finals. We lost with a final score of 0-7.

The men's cross-country team and one female cross-country runner qualified for the NJCAA Cross Country National Championships in Richmond, VA on Saturday November 9<sup>th</sup>. Our female runner, Michaela Gross, a nursing student, placed a respectable 54<sup>th</sup> out of 184 with a time of 19:14.7. Our men's team, primarily made up of freshman talent, all improved their times over what they had been running during the course of the year. As a team they finished 28<sup>th</sup>.

The men's basketball team opened up the season, on the road, with a tournament at Louisburg College where they went 1-1 with a highly competitive group of teams. They played their home opener on Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> with a hard-fought win over Divisional rival, Harcum College 79-71. The team will travel up to Monroe College for a two-day tournament on Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>. The team is currently 2-1.

The women's basketball team opened their season at home against Middlesex College on Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup>. We lost that game 39-47 but played competitively with a limited roster, due to injury/concussion protocol. The team is currently traveling to NC to play Fayetteville Tech and Barton College JV teams.

Baseball and Softball are currently in off season conditioning and are working out regularly in the weight room under the supervision of our new Fitness Center Coordinator, Tyler Ackerman, who started on October 14<sup>th</sup>.

Golf currently has a healthy 9-man roster, the most we have had in many years! The team played in a fall scrimmage at Black Rock and are currently doing off season workouts with Coach Schultz.

### **Career Development, Internship and Job Services**

November is National Career Development Month and HCC's Career Development Week is being held November 11 – 15.

Twenty-six for-credit internship applications have been received for the Spring 2025 semester. This a slight increase over the 21 applications that were received for the Spring 2024 semester. All applications are currently under processing review.

Coordination efforts for planning the Spring 2025 Washington County Career Expo @ HCC have begun. In partnership with Washington County, Washington County Chamber of Commerce, and Washington County Public Schools, the College will be hosting a tradeshow style event that offering local organizations to showcase their organization and its employment and career pathways and opportunities to network with prospective employees. The event will target HCC students, area high school students, as well as, general jobseekers in the greater Hagerstown area. The event will also host HCC's Open House event. We anticipate at least 100 local employers and 500 jobseeker attendees, that will include 250 area high school students and 200 HCC students. The Career Expo and Open House @ HCC event will be held on Friday, March 28, 2025 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. on campus in the ARCC.

### *HCC Career Closet – Clothing Drive*

The Career Closet Pop-Up Shop will be held in the Student Center on November 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>; students are also served individually upon request. The HCC Career Closet clothing drive for gently used professional clothing is underway through March 30, 2025.

Collection boxes are in the following locations:

*Donation collection boxes are located in the Hagerstown community at the following locations:*

- HCC Main Campus (11400 Robinwood Dr)
  - Administration & Student Affairs Building (ASA)
  - Career Programs Building (CPB)
  - Student Center (STC) Building
- HCC Valley Mall Campus (17301 Valley Mall Rd)
- Washington County Chamber of Commerce (1 S. Potomac St)
- Washington County Public Schools (10435 Downsville Pike)

Now accepting; Jackets, shirts, blouses, skirts, pants, suits, shoes, ties, scarves, jewelry, and accessories.

Last school year, the Career Closet served over 500 students with an average of 3-5 items distributed per student. Students with the WCPS Campus Connection job development program assist with coordinating and hosting this annual event that enables HCC students the opportunity to select free professional clothing for upcoming job interviews, internships, and new careers.

### ***Credit Curriculum Development and Teaching and Learning Matters***

#### **Nursing:**

Robin Hill, through the Governor's Appointment Office, has been reappointed to the **State Board of Nursing!**

#### **Math & Science:**

The Anatomage tournament was a huge success on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. There were 11 teams (1 from HCC, 3 from WCPS, 2 from Montgomery County, 2 from Frederick county and 3 from Broadfording Academy). There were 38 participants and several parents/teachers/spectators. The top place team, from WCPS (Boyd J. Michael III Technical High School) will be heading to Nationals in the spring. This team also placed at Nationals last year.

#### **English & Humanities Division:**

HCC hosted the Faculty Art Show opening Reception on November 7<sup>th</sup>. Please stop in to see the artwork on display through November 21<sup>st</sup>. The exhibit features original art work by our Full time and Part time faculty members including: Victory Adegboyega-Edun, Jordan Cannon, Christina Hans, Matt Hast, Audra Martenot, Tom Renner, Stephen Sheredy, Sara Swacina, and Margaret Yaukey. It also included a performance of original musical compositions works by Danny Webber and his trio. Some of the original musical compositions were produced during his sabbatical. The event was well attended and we anticipate hosting it on a bi-annual bases.

#### **ARC Grant:**

Reassignment of funding with the ARC Grant provided equipment for Nursing, Radiography, and Massage Therapy programs.

#### **NACEP Accreditation Conference:**

Kaprece Smith (Program Director of Early College), Laurie Montgomery (Director of Math & Science), Carlee Ranalli (Dean of PIE), and Dawn Schoenenberger (VPAASS) attended the National NACEP Conference inclusive of the NACEP Institute in preparation for applying for accreditation December 2025.

#### **Faculty Assembly Chair Report (Previous month-October Oral Report):**

**Stacey Reikowsky, Assistant Professor of History**, took her HIS 201 class to Dr. Schwartz's Constitution Day on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Stacey thought the "endeavor was successful and a worthwhile experience in supporting colleagues and exposing students to a different way of learning and engaging with content relevant to the past, present, and future."

Stacey is also a PTK advisor. The PTK members are diligently working on both their College Project (increasing adoption rates for shelter animals) and their Honors in Actions project (assisting Ukrainians develop English language skills). Also, on Oct 19<sup>th</sup>, 8 PTK members and 2 advisors will be attending a one-day regional conference at Raritan Community College to develop leadership skills, chapter development, and regional engagement called MRS (Middle States Region) Leads.

Several faculty members have completed their Master Class D2L site and are working towards QM certification.

- **Robin Witman-Kline**, PSY 101 General Psychology
- **Tom Crawford**, MAT 115 Quantitative Reasoning and MAT 116 Statistical Reasoning
- **Emily Boward**, BTC 103 Forensic Science

**Gina Yurek, Assistant Professor of Nursing**, mentioned that the Student Nurses Association sponsored a Nursing Job Fair on September 26, 2024. The job fair gives current nursing students an opportunity to speak to various facilities about obtaining employment as a future RN, summer residencies for students in upper courses, and CNA positions.

**Robin Witman-Kline, Assistant Professor of Psychology** is working with Dr. Klauber and Dr. Ohl-Gigliotti to host a speaking event for students with Hagerstown's native, Aaron Brown, 2024 Summer Olympic Bronze Medalist in Wrestling,

**Alyssa Little, Assistant Professor of Dance**, has started working towards her MFA in creative writing from Lindenwood University. She has completed her first course towards her degree.

**James Pierne, Assistant Professor of Business Management**, is a club advisor the HCC's Business Club. Currently, the business club is holding a Financial Literacy Series for students and employees of the college every Tuesday in October covering budgeting, saving and investing, financial risk, and money matters for young professionals.

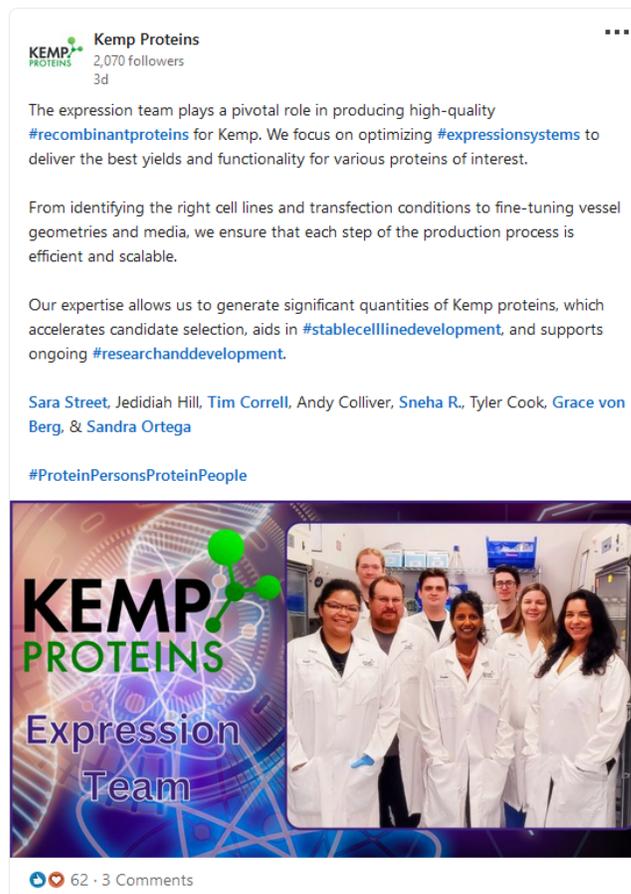
**Amanda Miller, Professor of English**, is excited about a new experimental class ENG 221X, Literary Publication. This course is where the Hedge Apple literary magazine will be run. "This 200-level class is in line with how other local community colleges are running their student-led literary magazines. The English department hopes this course will also help HCC better recruit BISFA creative writers and possibly even work toward

developing a creative writing certificate. As of Tuesday, Oct 8th on the first day of registration, ENG-221X already has six students registered!”

### ENG-221X: Literary Publication

Literary Publication offers experienced writers and literary enthusiasts practical experience working on a team with other classmates, a graphic designer, an art director, a faculty advisor, Kindle Direct Publishing, and the HCC print department to produce an issue of the Hedge Apple literary magazine. As editors, they will work with a team to select which pieces deserve a place in the magazine and then edit those pieces for publication. This is an opportunity for students to hone skills in team building, accountability, and effective communication. Students will also learn about the current publication market, develop a statement of aesthetics, and submit their own creative work to other magazines. Before beginning this class, students should be able to discern inconsistencies in closed-form poetry and issues with plot, characterization, showing vs telling, dialogue, and point of view.

**Cindy Blank, Professor of Biotechnology**, would like to highlight a few of HCC graduates. Recently on LinkedIn, Kemp Proteins posted a picture of the Kemp Proteins Expression Team which features two of our HCC graduates Jedidiah Hill and Tyler Cook. “The expression team plays a pivotal role in producing high-quality recombinant proteins for Kemp...” Tyler Cook completed an internship at Kemp Proteins last Spring (2024). In addition to these two students, Cindy mentioned that there are an additional 4 HCC graduates working in different departments at Kemp Proteins.



A flyer was presented featuring information about the grant with ACWA and the significance of the Bioswale project since **Jane Choi-Doan, Associate Professor of Environmental Studies/Life Science** was not able to attend the board meeting.

### ***Workforce Solutions and Continuing Education***

WSCE continues to award scholarships to workforce development students via MHEC's Workforce Development Sequence Scholarship, Rural Maryland Grant, the Radcliffe Foundation Grant and two Maryland Department of Labor EARN grants for construction and transportation.

- **WSCE Allied Health**
  - Medical Assisting cohort began with 9 new students
  - New Dental Hygiene Prescription writing course will begin in February - only one other offering in the state, currently.
  - Massage Therapy curriculum developer has been hired - program anticipated start January 2026
  - Paramedic Site visit scheduled for November 14 - 15
  - ELL Phlebotomy began with 4 students. ELL CNA begins on November 12<sup>th</sup> with 5 students
  - CNA/GNA at High schools began Module 2 on October 28<sup>th</sup> with 6 students at Boonsboro and 7 students at Smithsburg. – all students were successful in Module 1; Students will begin clinical rotations after the new year.
  - Working to move Foundations of Health Careers to hybrid format to reduce barriers for students.
  - Working with Asian American Center of Frederick about the potential for a daytime Medical Assisting Contract Training. Working to add CNA/GNA Contract Training for AACF beginning in February or March 2025.
  - Allied Health Commercial was filmed by Marketing team – featuring current Phlebotomy and CNA students. This is scheduled to air on Antietam Cable and streaming platforms in December.
  
- **Summer Youth Programs Formally College for Kids**
  - Planning for the summer of 2025 has begun. We are looking to expand our offerings to host a limited number of first-grade classes next year.
  - Discovery Academy is expecting to expand program offerings again this summer while maintaining high-interest programs from recent years.
  - Plans are underway to host a pre-camp kick-off event on campus on February 1, 2025, with opportunities for students to engage with current instructors and experience a portion of what Summer Youth Programs has to offer.
  - Summer Youth programs will offer eight weeks of instruction this year during the summer.

- **Personal Enrichment**
  - Students from Personal Enrichment have shown immense interest in craftsman art as our newly developed stain glass class has filled with a waiting list. We have added this class to a regular rotation and want to expand offerings within this art area.
  - New winter classes have been added and we are expanding our writing offerings for students currently.
  
- **Business, Certification and Licensure:**
  - Hosted WCPS Paraprofessional workshops on November 5 and had 45 attendees
  - Chamber You will be on campus November 12
  - Planning underway for the May 2, 2025 non-profit symposium with \$5000 received from the Washington County Hotel Rental Tax program grant. WSCE is partnering with United Way for speakers and additional funding
  - Met with Visit Hagerstown who is seeking assistance on developing an online Local Tourism Ambassador program. Vidda and Leia attended the meeting to assess project scope
  - Developed survey to determine the demand for workforce training at Jonathan St Community Center, Elgin Station and Robert W. Johnson Center. Collaborating with United Way, Housing Authority and Western Maryland Consortium
  - Several courses are starting this month
    - Adobe InDesign
    - Grant Writing course, part of our Non-profit series starts November 12
    - Real Estate Principles and Practices
    - Comprehensive Tax Course II in partnership with Saunders Tax & Accounting Inc.
    - Police Academy
  
- **Transportation/Trades/Tech**
  - National Park Service has pre-paid \$21,000 for beta classes to be added to their federal catalog, with the first class on Small Engine Repair scheduled for week of November 18.
  - Contract training is being conducted for National Institute of Standards and Technology grounds crew (heavy equipment); City of Hagerstown (CDL A and B); Wash. Co Gov. (CDL A and B); Freightliner (CDL B Testing).
  - Program manager presented on Workforce training options for the Washington County Family Center and the Home Builders Association, plus panel participation for the Western Maryland Re-Entry Symposium and the Maryland Apprenticeship Roadshow

- Driver Education classes have started at the main campus and mall, with the latter being offered in Spanish.
- Working on the second stage of an ARC equipment grant focusing on transportation programs that will be submitted this month with award notification in early 2025.

***David W. Fletcher Incubator + Labs***

- The following companies have joined the business incubator starting November 1
  - Signera
- The following companies are doing their prep work to start in the next cohort of culinary members:
  - Unigbo Foods
- The following grants have been applied for:
  - The Alice Virginia and David W. Fletcher Foundation
  - TEDCO Equitech Grant

***Public Information and Marketing***

Abby Humbel, HCC's digital marketing manager, recently received the District I Rising Star Award from the [National Council for Marketing & Public Relations \(NCMPR\)](#). This award recognizes her skills and promise as a leader among communication professionals at two-year colleges in the Northeast region. She is now one of seven finalists for the national NCMPR Rising Star Award, which will be given in March. NCMPR is the only organization that exclusively represents marketing and public relations professionals at community and technical colleges. As one of the fastest-growing affiliates of the [American Association of Community Colleges](#), NCMPR has more than 1,600 members from nearly 600 colleges across the U.S. and Canada.