

Board Briefing Summary

Student Recruitment and Enrollments / Student Activities and Services

Dean of Students

HCC is hosting Washington County's annual STEAM Festival on Saturday, November 2nd from 10am – 2pm in the ARCC. This year's Festival received generous financial sponsorship from HCC's Alumni Association and JLG, with WCPS and the Washington County Free Library as additional sponsors. Over 25 activities celebrating science, technology, engineering, mathematics and the arts and geared toward elementary and middle school students will be available at no charge to local families. The STEAM Festival is a collaborative event that includes leadership from HCC's academic division directors and public information & marketing.

Career Development, Internship and Job Services

The 2nd annual Washington County Career Expo will take place on Friday, March 28th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the HCC Athletic Recreation Community Center (ARCC), in combination this year with HCC's Open House. This is a continuation of last year's event that was sponsored by an American Rescue Plan (ARPA) grant through Washington County Business and Economic Development. While funding for this year's event is being worked out, costs will be covered from a variety of sources, including an anticipated grant from Washington County. Regional organizations will be invited to participate for a small fee while the event will remain open to the public for job seekers at no charge. HCC's academic programs will be highlighted at the event and campus tours will occur. WCPS seniors will have the option to attend as part of their regular school day. This event is being coordinated internally by HCC's Career Development, Internship and Job Services Coordinator with support from WCSE program managers. The annual Career Closet donation drive has begun and collection boxes have been placed on campus in the ASA, CPB, and STC buildings. Off-campus collection boxes are located in the community at the HCC Valley Mall location and the WCPS Central Office.

Athletics

Athletic Hall of Fame Event – We look forward to this event on Saturday, October 12th in the ARCC. Stay tuned for a full report next month.

The **Women's Soccer team** is currently 10-1 overall and 7-1 in the MD JuCo Conference. They have a game Tuesday afternoon then have three more regular season games before the Region playoffs being hosted by Montgomery College Oct 24-26. District championship game is Nov 2-4 and the National Tournament is Nov 17-23 in Wichita, KS. Freshman True Benchoff from Waynesboro currently leads the NJCAA Division I in Goals at 33, Points at 71, Shots at 80 and Game winning goals at 6! Freshman Peyton Miller, from St Maria Goretti, is 2nd in the NJCAA Division I in Assists at 14.

The **Volleyball team** is currently 12-3 overall and 9-1 in the MD JuCo Conference. They have 6 more matches to conclude the regular season before the Regional Tournament November 2nd and 3rd. Also being hosted by Montgomery College. District Championship Tournament is Nov 9-10 and the National Tournament is Nov 20-23 in Cedar Rapids, IA

The **Men's Soccer team** is currently 6-7 overall and 3-7 in the MD JuCo Conference. They have a game Tuesday afternoon and then have 4 more regular season games before the Region playoffs Oct 25-27. District Championship is Nov 1-3 and the National Championship is Nov 17-23 in Wichita, KS

The **Cross Country** teams are continuing to improve at each meet. The team has two more regular season meets before the Region 20 and Md JuCo Cross Country Championship being hosted here at HCC on October 26th. Cross County Nationals is in Richmond, VA November 9th.

Baseball has wrapped up their Fall scrimmage season and is beginning off season lifting program under the supervision of our new Fitness Center Coordinator, Tyler Ackerman.

Softball has one more fall scrimmage this weekend before starting their off-season conditioning program.

October 1st was the official start date of men's and women's basketball. Currently the men's team has 21 young men trying out for the team. The women's team is currently at a roster of 9 players. Both teams have been working hard in the off season as well as the start of the official season. The mens team will host the MD JuCo Basketball Jamboree on Sun Oct 20th. The women's team will attend the CCBC Basketball Jamboree and will host a home scrimmage on Oct 29th.

Credit Curriculum Development and Teaching and Learning Matters

Transfer Agreements

- 2+2 Biology transfer agreement with FSU
- 2+2 Computer Science transfer agreement with FSU
- BT is now working towards looking at feasibility of doing one for Cybersecurity and with the new USMH Applied Computer Science program.

Academic Divisions:

DEALS

PALS has partnered for a third year with WCPS to offer English Language classes to non-English speaking parents of WCPS students. Over 110 students will be taking classes in five schools around Hagerstown, drawing students from parents of students in the 18 Community Schools of WCPS.

BT

The BCR Cyber technical group came here from Baltimore to meet with us a week or two ago. They completed a successful, “no-hitch” site infrastructure visit in preparation for the new CyberRange (George Edwards grant) that will be installed and operational by April 10.

Participation in the NSA (National Security Agency) Codebreaker Challenge.

This fall there are 493 entries (many four year universities).

HCC has 38 participants (including 2 instructors).

We are currently ranked 52 on the leaderboard. After the first two challenge tasks.

University of MD is ranked 39 so we’re not too terribly far behind them.

VPAASS Visits

The VPAASS did classroom visits with all of the FY25 new faculty hires in Psychology, Marketing, Economics, Theatre and Foreign Language. The classes were well organized, fun, and provided an optimal learning space. All of the new faculty had positive comments with a brief follow up after the class visit and stated that HCC provided good support, their department faculty and director were helpful and supportive, and that HCC is a comfortable place to work. Welcome Tristen, John, Meaghan, Corey, and Lee!

The VPAASS visited the RAD Information Session where 30 eager students attended a well-organized and supportive information session conducted by the Program Coordinator Megan Dayhoff, the Lab Coordinator, Ashley Fiery, and the Lab Assistant, Kelly Walker. This was a two-hour session reviewing the application process and criteria for eligibility. The students also received a tour of the Radiography Lab. The faculty did a wonderful job with sharing their passion for radiography and explain the rigor that the students could expect throughout the program.

Blueprint

ECAP

- ENG 101 has had a sharp decline due to: lack of MSCHE credentialed teachers at WCPS; both 11-12th grades took ENG 101, moving forward, it will only be offered to 11th graders;
- There were other minor shifts aligning curriculum and verification of WCPS teachers meeting qualifications to teach in areas other than English (this had a small overall impact to the change in enrollment);

- And, we are offering an additional certificate option at the high school: HIM (Electronic Health Records certificate portion of HIM)

ECDP

- An increase in enrollment that just about doubled our degree seeking high school students on campus

PTK

- Pi Theta Chapter were the recipients of the Honors in Action Scholarship (\$1,000) awarded by PTK Headquarters. Honors in Action provides students the opportunity to utilize scholarly practices combined with service oriented projects to make an impact on their community, state, country, and world.
- The 2024 and 2025 Honors in Action theme: *The Power of Stories*; Pi Theta Chapter partnering with an organization that works with students (children – adult) from Ukraine who are learning English. The Pi Theta Chapter will use the power of stories as the foundation through the English language exchange, documenting information, and providing storybooks of the experiences that will be sent to the students in Ukraine.
- The Pi Theta Chapter will be partnering with the Humane Society of Washington County for the 2024 College Project, *Bowties and Beloved Animals*. The Ambition: The goal behind this project is to increase adoption rates in the Washington County Humane Society (HWSC) by getting to know the sheltered cats and dogs through volunteer work, creating personalized, humanistic stories for them to appeal to future owners, and taking pictures with our newly found furry friends in bowties to post on social media!

Events

- STEAM Fest will be held on Saturday November 2, 2024 from 10am – 2pm in the ARCC. This year's event theme is engineering and the STEAM committee has scheduled over 20 different hands-on activities representing HCC & STEAM. We also have activities and representation from our wonderful community partners like JLG, Funkstown Fire Department, MDOT, Washington Co. Public Library and of course Antietam Dairy for Free ice cream.
- HCC will be hosting the fall Anatomage Tournament on Saturday Nov 9th from 9:30 – 2pm. Teams from our WCPS partners, HCC and surround areas will be here to demonstrate their anatomical knowledge in a game – bracket like competition using HCC's state of the art 3D Anatomage table.

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

- With funding from TEDCO, Brandon Butler of Pinnacle Strategies is working on a feasibility study for a Makerspace @ HCC
- **WSCE Allied Health**
 - Medical Assisting cohort will begin in November with two new instructors
 - 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 Foundations began September 3rd with 14 students. Currently, 6 students are interested in Phlebotomy and 8 students are interested in CNA/GNA.
 - Fall Drug Calculations Prep is scheduled to begin October 19th.
 - CNA/GNA at High schools began August 26th with 6 students at Boonsboro and 7 students at Smithsburg. - schedule will shift by one week to accommodate instructor absences
 - Foundations began 10/1 with 19 students registered.
- **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:**
 - Hired Rebecca Powers formerly with HCC's PALS division as new program manager for Business Certification and Licensure
 - WSCE has partnered with several organization to provide their professional development in October including:
 - Department of Service and Civic Innovation on October 10

- Society of Human Resources Managers' Legal and Legislative Updates on October 18
 - Maryland Workforce Association and Western Maryland Consortium, Apprenticeship Roadshow on October 29
 - Department of Human Services on October 30
 - Antietam-Conococheague Watershed Alliance- October 30
- **Transportation/Trades/Tech**
 - Heavy equipment safety classes for the Maryland Parks and Recreation Association started last month. October and November classes are full and Baltimore parks has 71 employees they want to send for the training.
 - National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) grounds crew is investigating a custom heavy equipment class; initial consult meeting completed and training proposal submitted to NIST.
 - Staff met with the Hamilton Foundation (Hamilton Nissan) regarding startup of an automotive service technician program and their financial support for the concept. Dealer meeting planned for near future to expand offering at Bowman Training Center.
 - Volvo Powertrain is donating an ABB robotic arm and cage used in their training center. Robot will be set up in CBES and eventually used for the Mechatronics credit program

Administration and Finance / Resource Development and Management

Facilities and Grounds

College Advancement

David W. Fletcher Incubator + Labs

- The following companies have joined the business incubator starting October 1
 - Family Farm Direct
- The following companies have joined the Wet Labs starting October 1
 - Heavy Branch Cidery
- The following companies are doing their prep work to start in the next cohort of culinary members:
 - Sweet Corn Puddin'
 - Bhakti's Balance
 - Country Boy Cooking
 - Faithema Juices
- A new, more user-friendly website has been created: www.incubatorhcc.com

- We have moved offices from CBES 104 to CBES 205 in order to be closer and more engaged with the members.
- Two members moving out at the end of the month: Havana Media and Worden Photography