

Board Briefing Summary

Student Recruitment and Enrollments / Student Activities and Services

Dean of Students

We look forward to celebrating Martin Luther King, Jr. during the second week of Spring classes, January 21-24, 2025. This year's theme is connected to *Dignity*, our Campus Read, and excerpted from Dr. King's 1964 Nobel Peace Prize acceptance speech. A synopsis of events is listed below and can be found, with updates, at <https://www.hagerstowncc.edu/mlk-celebration>. The flyer is in process of being edited for this event.

"I have the audacity to believe that peoples everywhere can have three meals a day for their bodies, education and culture for their minds, and dignity, equality, and freedom for their spirits." MLK

Monday, January 20th HCC Closed

- **MLK Jr. Beloved Community Commemorative Service** - 10am – Ebenezer Baptist Church (Atlanta, GA), sponsored by www.thekingcenter.org, established in 1968 by Coretta Scott King. Participate in the annual service honoring Dr. King's birthday.
- **1964 Nobel Peace Prize Acceptance Speech** (12 minutes)

Tuesday, January 21st National Day of Racial Healing

- Reflections throughout the day in the Student Center.
<https://dayofracialhealing.org/>
- 1:00pm, Lunch & Learn: HCC Graphic Design 146 Class Poster Presentations. Hear from our digital student artists who created this year's MLK Week Posters and learn what inspired their designs. Posters on display throughout the month.

Wednesday, January 22nd

- 11:30am, *Lunch & Learn: Reflections on Dr. King's 1964 Nobel Peace Prize Speech. View Dr. King's 12-minute speech, from which this year's MLK theme came, and participate in a guided discussion.*
<https://www.nobelprize.org/prizes/peace/1964/king/acceptance-speech/>

Thursday, January 23rd

- 2:30pm – 4:00pm, *Second Annual Community Peace Walk. Beginning in the Student Center, participants will embark on a reflective journey with brief stops in CPB & BSH to delve deeper into Dr. King's vision while taking a break from the winter chill.*

Friday, January 24th Day of Service

- *9:30am – 3:00pm- Children In Need – Faculty, staff and students will participate in a day of service at this downtown non-profit providing essential clothing items, educational supplies, and other items to children living at or below the federally recognized poverty level. CIN operates out of the ‘new’ North Street School (now the Martin Luther King, Jr Center), built in 1947, to provide the first secondary education of African-Americans in Washington County.*

Career Development, Internship and Job Services

A total of 18 students are moving through the for-credit internship coordination process for the 25/SP semester in the following programs: Administration of Justice (1); CAD, Mechanical Engineering Technology (1); Computer Science (3); Computer Support Specialist (3); Cybersecurity (1); Digital Forensics (1); Graphic Design (1); Human Services (1); Network Administration (1); Psychology (2); Substance Abuse Counseling (1); and, Visual Arts (2).

In recognition of Career Development Month November 2024, the CDIJS office hosted an information table the week of November 11 – 15 in the Student Center Lobby. Informational materials for career exploration, career planning, and job-readiness were made available to students all week long. Students were provided informational cards to discover the “6 Steps to Lasso their Future.” The information table was hosted in-person by the CDIJS Coordinator and Student Worker each day during high traffic times (11 a.m. – 1 p.m.). It is estimated that at least 75+ students learned about the tools and resources available and learned about HCC’s for-credit internship program. In addition, this was a great opportunity to engage with students to help them develop an awareness of the CDIJS office. The CDIJ Coordinator and Student Worker have experienced an increase in student recognition and engagement on campus, which has led to an increase in informal career development related conversations. In addition, a Career Vision Board make and take craft activity was held on November 14 in the Student Center Main Dining area. There were 22 participants. Students were provided canvas boards, magazines to cut, motivational stickers, glue, and markers. Prizes were awarded for the Most Creative, the Clearest Goals, and the Most Visually Appealing Design. Winners received a \$10 Go Green card for purchases at the Hilltop Grill. All the completed Vision Boards were inspirational and creative.



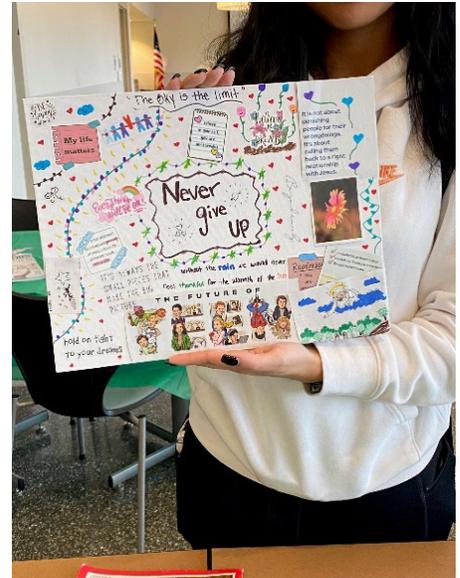
Most Visually Appealing (Ashley F)



Clearest Goals (Corban D)



Most Creative (Shary B)



The Fall 2024 Career Closet Pop Up Shop event was held November 19 and 20 in the Student Center Upper Dining area. A total of 229 visitors and 1042 items were given away. Each student was able to select up to five free items each day. Here are words of appreciation received from the student visitors about how they will benefit from the donations of gently used professional clothing and accessories they received:

- *I love getting the email every semester about the pop-up closet! It gives me a great idea of what business attire actually is and what employers want to see. It also really helps financially speaking because nice quality clothes can be really hard to budget for as a college student*
- *Will be wearing during interviews! This will benefit me being able to look presentable for work.*
- *I am indeed thankful and appreciate anyone who generously contributed.*
- *I won't have to spend money I would typically put towards rent or food to buy pants for an interview. Thank you, donors.*
- *I might actually have a chance for my interview! Thank you!*
- *Economically, sometimes you don't have the budget to assemble an appropriate outfit for a job interview. Now I have a complete outfit for interviews.*



- *I really like the donations. I will be able to wear them to job interviews or other events requiring business casual or semi-formal dress.*
- *These help me out. Thank you to all the donors for their continuous support every year.*
- *It is very much appreciated being able to acquire dress clothes such as these during times of financial hardship.*

Athletics

- The men's basketball team is 13 games into their 29-game season. We are currently 8-5 and starting into the thick of conference play. The 15-man roster has a good balance of freshman at 8 and sophomores at 7. The team is a very cohesive unit and our sophomores are showing great leadership on the court. Their next home game is on December 16th at 1pm against Divisional and Regional rival, Allegany College of MD.
- The women's basketball team is 9 games into their 26-game season. We are currently 3-6. This is a rebuilding year for our women's program and our coaches are working hard with the squad. I am happy with the progress the team is making and see them playing better basketball each time they step on the court. Their next home game is January 8th against Anne Arundel Community College.
- The baseball team will begin official pre season practices on January 13th. We are very lucky to have a facility like the ARCC that is large enough to accommodate practices of this nature until the weather turns. This year the team will open up the season with conference play on February 23rd (weather permitting) against the Community College of Allegheny County and then play CCBC Dundalk and Allegany College of MD in conference double headers before going south to Florida for their spring break trip to Jackie Robinson Training facility in Vero Beach, Florida.
- The softball team will also begin official pre season practices on January 13th. They will also utilize the ARCC until the weather allows them to go outside. The softball team will open up their season at home on March 1st with visiting, Bryant & Stratton College from Virginia then on the road with Allegany College of MD for a conference double header before leaving for their spring break trip to Lexington, South Carolina where they will play at the Fast Pitch Dreams Classic facility.
- The men's and women's indoor track and field teams are hard at work practicing for the season opening track meet on January 12th at Shenandoah University. The rosters are looking good with 18 men and 10 women.

Student Activities

The Student Activities Office recently received a Swipe Out Hunger grant of \$3000 to support the Student Care Cupboard. With the assistance of the Grant Development Office, HCC was awarded the grant to use for food supplies. These funds will support the initiative to offer fresh and frozen food items in addition to shelf-stable foods.

Fresh and frozen foods are now able to be offered to students due to the purchase of a refrigerator/freezer through the \$6300 Capacity Grant awarded in August. In addition to the refrigerator, the Capacity Grant was used to purchase a microwave, enhance the marketing efforts across campus, and digitalize the Care Cupboard's tracking system.

Student Activities would also like to recognize the donation of close to 1000 lbs. of non-perishable food items received by the HCC Athletic Teams from this year's Turkey Trot. This donation allowed us to restock the Care Cupboard storeroom to ensure students could take groceries home with them to use over the winter break.

The combined grants and donations will go far to support the 100+ visits the Care Cupboard receives each week.



Credit Curriculum Development and Teaching and Learning Matters

BT

- Dr. Klauber sponsored 17 business club students and all 5 business faculty to attend the Washing County Economic Summit this month to network with local businesses and hear an economic presentation.
- Our CYB/IST students are again participating in the NSA Code Breaker Challenge and as of now, we are placing 44th out of 555 schools in points, 20th in participation.
- The Engineering Club had a fundraiser to raise money for a Battle Bot competition in the spring. They made 3D-printed movable figurines and game toys and sold out of every one they made.

BSS

Dr. DJ Madron's class was involved in collecting money for a raffle for a stay at a local bed and breakfast in Mercersburg, PA and gift certificates. The money raised will go to local families with significant needs during the holidays. The Community Action Council that Tim Fisher is CEO of will choose the families that will benefit and purchase the gifts.

DEALS

- PALS had over 190 students over a one week period in December for testing and placement into GED and ELL classes!

HU

- Nine students from the HCC performing arts club added to the festivity of the annual Volunteers & Friends Holiday Luncheon by performing holiday tunes and judged the ugly Christmas sweater competition.
- HCC hosted a faculty show for the first time in 5 years. Ten faculty showed and one faculty member performed original compositions created while on sabbatical. The opening reception was well-attended and the show sparked interest amongst students in our music and studio art classes. The intention is that this will be a biannual event.
- HCC hosted the Fall Student Art Exhibition and Ensemble performances on Dec. 5th. The exhibition showcased strong student enrollment, with the total course enrollment over all studio courses of 115. That number includes some Continuing Education students. The HCC Alumni association chose five pieces of student work to purchase for display on campus. The Choral Ensemble included 5 students with one Continuing Education student. The Music Ensemble included 6 Credit and 3 Continuing Education students and student interest suggests it will continue to grow in the Spring semester. The music filled the Kepler and created a festive atmosphere.
- The Fall HCC Dance performance took place on December 6th. The event featured student choreography as well as performances by the HCC Dance Company, highlighting the creativity and skill of HCC's dance students.

These events demonstrate the vibrant and growing performing arts community at HCC, with strong student participation and support from faculty and alumni.

HS & NUR

The ARC grant provided equipment for nursing; a birthing manikin and several pieces of equipment for the RAD program covering an estimated total of \$140,000.

HS & BT & HU

Additional Perkins funding was received and purchased autoclaves for Dental Hygiene, equipment for manufacturing, and equipment for the music program covering an estimated total of \$16,000.

External HCC Participation

Dr. Mary Hendrickson, Laurie Montgomery, and Dawn Schoenenberger attended the Big Brothers Big Sisters Christmas holiday dinner in support of three littles.

Faculty Assembly Highlights from November Board Meeting

Jane Choi-Doan, Associate Professor of Environmental Studies/Life Sciences was asked to write a short article for the inaugural edition of the *Tristate Outdoor Magazine*. This article “Get Out in Nature and Forage!” was published this Fall in the digital magazine on page 19. The article gives advice on getting out into the outdoors and foraging for edible plant parts, such as wineberries, blackberries, and pawpaw fruit.
<https://bestofthetristate.com/tristate-outdoor-magazine/>

Robin Witman-Kline, Assistant Professor of Psychology wrote a poem titled ‘Hawk’ for HCC’s Hedgeapple magazine’s Fall 2024 edition. She won 3rd place in the Poetry division.

Also, her PSY 101, *Introduction to Psychology* course has received QM Certification!

Margaret Yaukey, Visual Arts Coordinator, thanks the faculty and audience for the opening night of the Faculty Art Show, which featured 11 artists (4 full-time and 7 adjuncts). Their works featured watercolor, oils, metallurgy, poems, photography, graphic arts, and music. One of the highlights was The Danner Webber Trio which performed new compositions written by Danny Webber, Associate Professor of Music.

Full-time faculty: Margaret Yaukey, Audra Martenot, Victor Adegboyega-Edun,
Danny Webber

Adjuncts: Tom Renner, Matt Hast, Stephen Sheredy, Courtney Redding, Jordan
Cannon, Christina Hans, Sara Swacina

James Pierne, Assistant Professor of Business Management, is a club advisor for HCC’s Business Club. The business club had 110 students and employees participate in the Financial Literacy Series held every Tuesday in October covering topics on budgeting, saving and investing, financial risk, and money matters for young professionals.

Daniel J (DJ) Madron, Professor of Sociology. Three SOC 101 courses decided to do a raffle, where the proceeds will go towards adopting some local families for the holidays. The students are selling \$10 tickets with a goal of selling 300 tickets with a goal of \$3000. All the prizes have been donated. The big prize is a weekend stay at a mansion in Mercersburg, PA, which was donated by the owners. The second prize will be some gift certificates. The SOC 101 students are working with the Community Action Council (CAC) to identify families in need. CAC’s CEO believes that they can help 8 families!

Liz Hadley, Assistant Professor of English Language Learners, is using a new textbook this semester in her adult education class, ESL Advanced. In one of the chapters, the activity has students arrange a personal/individual field trip to a location in the community and to write up a report of what they did, who they talked to, and what they learned from the experience. Each student is giving a presentation to the class about their trip. So far, the locations have included the Breast Cancer Awareness Walk at HCC, a job interview, a local elementary school to become a volunteer, a local orchard/pumpkin patch, the Hirschorn Art Museum, and the Air & Space Museum.

Liz is really pleased with how this new textbook is helping students connect with the resources and activities in Washington County and beyond.

Robin Hill, Associate Professor of Practical Nursing, was reappointed by Maryland's Governor, Wes Moore to serve 4 years on the State Board of Nursing.

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**
 - Winter CNA/GNA is waitlisting (30 applications) – Working with AACF to sponsor a second cohort beginning in March to sponsor waitlisted students.
 - New Dental Hygiene Prescription writing course will begin in February – the class is currently full with 29/30 students registered.
 - Massage Therapy curriculum developer is currently working on course descriptions and textbook selections. Anticipated start date is January 2026
 - Paramedic Site visit completed. Working to correct possible sponsorship citation.
 - CNA/GNA at High schools – 2 students were forced to drop the program due to medical issues at Boonsboro High school, dropping enrollment from 6 students to 4 students.
 - Working to move Foundations of Health Careers to hybrid format to reduce barriers for students. We will still offer 2 fully face to face offerings per year.
 - Working with Asian American Center of Frederick to create a hybrid Medical Assisting contract training.
 - 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.
 - Received inquiry from Walgreen's district manager about potentially developing a Pharmacy Technician program. Currently researching.

- ***Summer Youth Programs Formally College for Kids***
 - Planning for the summer of 2025 kick-off event has begun and will be held on February 1, 2025, with an inclement weather date the following Saturday. A few summer teachers will be onsite to provide a glimpse of class offerings this summer.
 - We have expanded to offer first-grade full-day classes, and teachers have been very receptive to developing learning opportunities for this age group.

- Discovery Academy is expecting to expand program offerings with Business Entrepreneurship, and we are excited to have a well-received week-long first responder class with the county partnership return. Along with our Discover Medicine, Arts, Theater, and Blacksmithing.
- ***Personal Enrichment***
 - Students from Personal Enrichment will embark on a holiday journey with a tour of the White House as well as a Rockettes showing in New York.
 - Award-winning author Lisa Proulx will be on campus this winter teaching an expanded set of writing classes. We will pilot hybrid classes with her offerings to expand our reach and student base.
 - Our winter class offerings will include additional history, nature, and art classes with many new instructors.
- ***Business, Certification and Licensure:***
 - Partnering with the Asian American Center of Frederick to offer career readiness course to their pre-apprenticeship students
 - Will host an International Women's Day conference in partnership with Prime Time for Women on March 8
 - Working with the Washington County government to offer professional development series for their leadership team along with a series of workshops for their independent contributors
 - Planning a series of customized trainings for Parker Plastics to begin in the new year
 - Working with Erika Bell, WMC, United Way and Hagerstown Housing Authority to identify training needs for those in downtown area
 - Visit Hagerstown is in the process of creating an online certification program for anyone who works with visitors to the area and is interested in partnering with HCC to create the online program
- ***Transportation/Trades/Tech***
 - Staff met with Washington County HR regarding new requirements for licensing emergency vehicle operators (EVO) that could result in expanded CDL training for the county.
 - Training has started for Washington Country Free Library staff needed to obtain a commercial license to operate the bookmobile.
 - Training was also offered for Volvo Powertrain on Excel; the company is evaluating the possibility of offering multiple computer classes through 2025 to upgrade employee technical proficiency.
 - National Park Service has asked HCC to establish a 2025 catalog of classes to upgrade skilled trades areas for the agency. Topics will include small engine, welding, HVAC, plumbing, carpentry, and electrical bootcamps. Two classes each for welding and small engine repair have already been scheduled for this winter. The first small engine repair bootcamp was completed with 9 participants in November.

- Staff presented to residents of Grace House, an addiction recovery facility for men that opened recently in Washington County. Several residents have applied for scholarships to obtain their CDL Class B license and Learner's Permit preparation class will be held on December 19 at the facility.
- Team met with Huntzberry Brothers construction regarding hard and soft skills training. Company wants to help expand Heavy Equipment Operator program with employment opportunities, equipment loans, and custom site blue print for HCC's construction field.

College Advancement

As of 12/9: There are 106 FY25 President's Circle members. Their total giving is \$450,664.94 (this includes scholarship pledge payments). The Annual Fund has raised \$97,930 so far from 97 gifts and 92 total donors. This average gift size is \$966.