

Board Briefing Summary

Student Recruitment and Enrollments / Student Activities and Services

Dean of Students

Planning is underway for the annual Saturday, April 13th Open House (this year at the ARCC), the May 13th graduation week, and the May 18th Commencement Ceremony.

Dr. Ohl-Gigliotti is representing MACC's Chief Student Affairs Officers on the Access to Mental Health Advisory Committee (AMHAC) formed by MHEC in anticipation of proposed legislation on mental health on Maryland's college campuses. This group of 18, representing college counselors, administrators, and students on two and four-year campuses across the state, is examining policies and procedures on access to mental health care and prevention, treatment of mental illness, demand for mental health services on college campuses, review of best practices in providing mental health care to college students, and the identification of concerns specific to colleges located in rural areas and those in areas with workforce shortages in qualified counselors. The committee will submit a final report by December, 2024 with recommendations on ways to reduce costs and barriers to providing mental health care to Maryland's college students, and other matters deemed appropriate by the AMHAC.

On March 13th, twenty-five staff from units across campus will participate in *the 8th Annual Community Training: Balance – Striving for Progress for Families and Communities*, sponsored by San Mar Family and Community Services, Washington County Department of Social Services and the Alice Virginia and David W. Fletcher Foundation. This annual training, held at the Maryland Theater, brings together Washington County's (pre)K-16 educators, counselors, and social service workers committed to helping families in need, focusing on support for children, adolescents, and young adults who've experienced trauma.

Student Activities

Seven HCC students attended Student Advocacy Day in Annapolis on Feb. 6. They were able to meet with Washington County's four state delegates and Senator Corderman to discuss the importance of increasing state funding for community colleges to keep HCC's tuition costs affordable.

Student Food pantry usage was up 68% from fall 2022 to fall 2023, with 618 uses of the pantry from August to December 2023. The Food Pantry Grab-n-Go (G&G) usage was up 56%. The increase can be attributed to HCC's increase in enrollment and increase in the number of students using the Student Center between classes. We have also seen an increase in students who regularly use the pantry and G&G section bringing their friends to show them the resources. We continue to have strong partnerships with HCC's Alumni Association, Maryland Food Bank, and United Way, along with very generous donations from HCC employees for supplies. The pantry was the benefactor of the food drive

organized by HCC's Turkey Trot planning committee, and should soon receive a donation from a food collection the Lion's Club International did state-wide specifically for Maryland's community colleges.

Athletics

We are incredibly thankful to Amy Sterner for stepping up to her new position as Director of Athletics and the ARCC and to Jane Duff, Office Associate, for providing continued stability for Athletics and support as the Exercise Science and Health academic programs transition to Health Sciences. They are a powerhouse team who have made the transition in Athletics leadership appear seamless!

Men's Basketball – The team is 13-9 through February 3rd and is on a 5-game winning streak!

The last regular season game is at home on February 28th at 6:30 pm versus Division rival Allegany College of MD. The Regional/District Tournament is being held at Allegany College of MD on March 14-16. The tournament has been restructured to a 6-team tournament this year to accommodate Regions 15, 19, and 20. The winner of the tournament will advance to the Division I National Tournament in Hutchinson KS March 24th- 30th.

Indoor Track & Field – This year's indoor track & field team has a roster of 13 men and 11 women. The team has been fortunate to have been invited to several competitive 4-year school meets in which HCC is the only 2-year school competing with the 4-year teams. The indoor regular season schedule will wrap up on February 17th with the Larry Sharpe Invitational being held at HCC. To date, six of our athletes have qualified for the Indoor Track & Field Nationals being held in Gainesville FL., March 1 - 2.

- Gabby Cook – So. (Boonsboro HS) has qualified in the High Jump; she currently holds the HCC indoor HJ record at 5'9 3/4". Gabby is also ranked #1 in the country at the NJCAA level!
- Mikaila Ek–So. (Berkeley Springs HS) has qualified in the Pole Vault. She currently holds the HCC indoor PV record at 11' 3/4". Mikaila is also ranked #7 in the country at the NJCAA level, just 1/4" away from 5th place.
- Michaela Carney – Fr. (Boonsboro HS) has qualified in the Pole Vault. At 10'0", Michaela is ranked #16 in the country at the NJCAA level.
- Brayden Ecker – So. (Thomas Johnson HS) has qualified in the Pole Vault. At 14'6" Brayden is ranked #7 in the country at the NJCAA level.
- Tommy Bildheiser – So. (Cedar Crest HS/Lebanon, PA) has qualified in the 800M.
- Jake Scallion – Fr. (North Hagerstown HS) has qualified in the 800M.

Baseball – The baseball team is currently in preseason practice and will open their season on February 25th with a Double Header at Shenandoah University. The 30-man roster has

ten sophomores and 20 freshmen and features quite a bit of local talent from our service area. <https://athletics.hagerstowncc.edu/sports/bsb/2023-24/roster>
The team leaves on their spring break trip to Florida on March 7th and will play 12 games of their 52-game schedule at the Jackie Robinson Training Complex in Vero Beach, Florida. Coach Jennings achieved two milestone victories last season, getting his 700th win as HCC's Head coach (715-446-4) as well as winning the 1,100th game of his coaching career. He is also ranked 1st in wins in Washington County Baseball History.

Golf – This year's golf team has a roster of 6 young men and a new home course at Maryland National. This is a highly regarded course among golfers, and they have graciously allowed HCC's team to practice and play our home college matches at Maryland National at no charge to the college. HCC will host the Maryland JuCo and Region 20 tournament at Maryland National this season. The District Golf Tournament will be held at The Golf Club of Bristol in Bristol, TN April 23-25. The top three teams and the top two individual golfers not on a qualifying team, after district play, are eligible to advance to the National Tournament in Plymouth, IN, May 23-26.

Softball – Unfortunately, HCC is not fielding a softball team this year. We started the fall semester with a roster of 14 girls, but due to several unusual circumstances the roster fell below 9 players and we were not able to recruit enough new players to have a season. Our coach is out actively recruiting players for next year and has several Letters of Intent already signed for the Spring 2025 season.

Credit Curriculum Development and Teaching and Learning Matters

- 1. Academic Affairs recently signed a 2+2 Transfer Agreement with Shepherd University for the following program:**
 - a. Political Science

- 2. Perkins provided additional funding of \$15,000 which supported the following programs:**
 - a. Health Science Division**
Dental Hygiene and Dental Assisting programs
Dexis 2 Kit - \$5,428.57
 - b. Nursing Division**
Nursing Program
Warmer Air-Shield - \$3,707.99
Birth Bed w/ 1 year warranty - \$4064.29
 - c. Behavioral & Social Sciences/Business Division**
Paralegal Studies CER Program
Attorney Desks - two @ \$693.90 each = \$1,387.80 for both

- 3. PTK – Susan B. Gordon Award**
A message from Dr. Lynn Tichner-Ladner (President & CEO, PTK):
“Congratulations on your selection of Phi Theta Kappa's *Shirley B. Gordon*

Award of Distinction, our most prestigious award for community college presidents!

While you were nominated for this award by the highest-achieving students on your campus, this award is really about your commitment to the success of all students. They know you are working hard to provide them more opportunities and stronger pathways to completion, transfer, and employment—they want to thank you for that.”

According to the national [Phi Theta Kappa website](#): “The Hallmark Awards Program recognizes superior achievement in Phi Theta Kappa’s programs while encouraging excellence, reflecting fairness, recognizing quality, and enhancing individual and chapter development. Hallmark Award recipients are recognized each year at Catalyst, PTK’s national convention, and are honored for their commitment to supporting the mission of PTK through their work. In 2023, PTK received and judged 1,940 entries in 37 categories across the nation, and 809 Hallmark Awards were awarded. PTK is guided by four hallmarks: scholarship, leadership, service and fellowship. PTK members, officers, advisors, alumni, regions, and college presidents and administration are nominated for Hallmark Awards in recognition of the work they have done in service of upholding these four hallmarks.”

Congratulations Dr. Klauber from the PTK Pi Theta Chapter students and advisors! We appreciate your support! Here are a few bullet points our chapter provided in the Hallmark to recognize your outstanding service to PTK and your commitment to our success!

- Dr. Klauber was instrumental in supplementing PTK with additional staff to ensure the success of the club
- Dr. Klauber is extremely generous with his personal time. He meets with our students, writes letters on their behalf, and he even donated an airplane ride to a PTK fundraiser
- Dr. Klauber has personally worked to identify transfer institutions that celebrate PTK and has brought transfer representatives to campus

Work Cited:

Phi Theta Kappa. “Hallmark Awards Celebrate Community Colleges.” *Phi Theta Kappa* (online article). 2024. <https://www.ptk.org/hallmark-awards-celebrate-community-colleges/>

Workforce Solutions and Continuing Education

- WSCE continues to award scholarships from the Rural Maryland Grant. In FY 24, YTD 33, underserved students in Allied Health and Transportation programs have been awarded funding totaling \$40,328.

- Utilizing the MHEC, Workforce Development Sequence Scholarships, 72 students have been awarded \$39,224 year to date.

- ***WSCE Allied Health***
 - Nurse Refresher renewal due June 2024. Working with the lead instructor to complete the renewal process. Review of program materials complete – moving to submit to MBON for approval.
 - Meeting scheduled with the Commission on Massage Therapy Accreditation (COMTA) scheduled for Monday, February 12th to discuss curriculum development, program requirements, and begin program development process. Our goal is to have the program running by Fall 2025.
 - CNA/GNA Perkins purchases approved in amendment – ordered additional hospital bed to replace a broken bed in the training lab. Additionally, we were permitted to order two new wheelchairs for program training.
 - Advisory meetings: CNA/GNA advisory committee - February 1, 2024. Medical Assisting and Phlebotomy advisory committee – February 8, 2024. Massage Therapy Advisory meeting will be scheduled following COMTA meeting.
 - WCPS CNA/GNA students will begin clinical rotations on March 1, 2024.
 - Asian American Center of Frederick (AACF) will begin CNA/GNA contract training in April.

- ***Summer Youth Programs Formally College for Kids***
 - The Summer Youth Program kick-off event was held, and approximately 100 people attended. Students could meet a few summer instructors and participate in activities that were a glimpse into the summer educational opportunities. The event was enjoyable, and 25 students took advantage of early registration.
 - Parents are taking advantage of payment plans and are interested in scholarships. We currently have five families on payment plans before registration opening.
 - The Nora Roberts Foundation has stated they will provide a \$5,000 grant to the Summer Youth Program. These funds will be utilized on a first-come, first-served, and needs-based for students to attend camp.

- ***Personal Enrichment***
 - SAT prep training has returned for high school students on an all-year-round basis. Students can take math, verbal, or both offerings.
 - In partnership with CCBC, Personal Enrichment will be able to offer online classes in history, fitness, and architecture.

- *Cross-listing courses with the humanities department has been successful. We were able to fill five seats of the credit class that were provided to Personal Enrichment.*
- ***Business***
 - Washington County Chamber of Commerce held two “Chamber You” events on campus (Jan 9 and Feb 6) with a total of 40 local business members.
 - Non-profit Management class started January 10th with 7 students.
 - Western Maryland Consortium and DORS “Career Readiness” program starting February 19th with 9 students currently enrolled.
 - WCPS Career Coaches will be on campus for professional development February 14. This event will include a presentation on HCC short term training programs by WSCE Dean and Program Managers.
 - WashCo EMS to start Management Bootcamp series next month.
- ***Certification and Licensure:***
 - Eight students started Pet Grooming class on January 11.
 - Another cohort of Pet Grooming students will be starting in March.
 - Real Estate started on February 3 with 23 students, 7 of which are receiving scholarships.
 - Vet Assisting slated to start February 11 with 11 students currently enrolled
- ***Transportation/Trades/Tech***
 - Additional trades equipment identified through meeting with ABC for the Bowman Family Trades Training Center and amendment request submitted to the Senator George Edwards Fund grant to purchase.

College Advancement

Grants Development

The college currently has 15 active grants with a portfolio value of \$13,255,361.00.

In FY 24, there have been five awards so far: Consolidated Adult Education and Family Literacy Services (\$539K); Child Care Career Professional Development Funds (\$62K); \$125K MD Department of General Services for capital projects; \$5000 from the Nora Roberts Foundation for College for Kids; and \$150K for MD Labor Employment Advancement Right Now or “EARN.”

There are five pending proposals, totaling \$2,478,326 in requests. Two are to the Appalachian Regional Commission for a combined total of \$199,900; one to Maryland Higher Education Commission for an Evening Weekend Nursing Program, for \$1,656,426; one to the Senator George Edwards Fund for the Cyber Workforce Accelerator, for \$617,000; and one for \$5000 to the Chesapeake Bay Trust for a “Forest Nature Journaling” Class for College for Kids.

Fun fact – since 2017, HCC has been awarded over \$40 million in grant funds.

