

Board Briefing Summary

Student Recruitment and Enrollments / Student Activities and Services

Dean of Students

HCC received a \$211,589 grant from the Maryland Department of Health - Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) to support students by providing access to increased mental health and wellness services. This one-time grant was made available to Maryland community colleges to expand or establish behavioral health programs or initiatives to address the growing needs of community college students; six MACC colleges received the grant. While the April turnaround timeline for grant proposals was under two weeks, the start date for awardees has been adjusted a few times, from mid-May to October 1st. HCC's project provides 24/7 telehealth services via TimelyCare and offers in-person group counseling on campus. Despite the delayed grant start, TimelyCare allowed HCC to begin our contract in August, pending the October 1st grant start. This allowed us to make TimelyCare available to actively enrolled credit and non-credit students starting in September. Actively enrolled students can register for TimelyCare via their HCC student email addresses and have immediate access to the following services – at no cost and without the barrier of traditional insurance (students under 18 require parental consent):

- On-demand mental health and emotional support, available 24/7 (TalkNow)
- Appointment-based mental health counseling (up to 12 sessions for 2024-2025)
- Health coaching, unlimited
- Basic Needs assistance
- Peer support community
- Digital self-care content
- Psychiatric support (referral required, 100 consultations per year for HCC)

Founded in 2017, TimelyCare serves over 2.5 million college students at more than 350 campuses nationwide. TimelyCare also offers monthly and comprehensive usage reports providing de-identified analysis of how HCC students interface with and experience TimelyCare, including student engagement and interaction with the virtual clinic, peer community, and digital self-care services, student experience ratings and outcomes (demographic data is available via gender, ethnicity, age ranges, and anticipated graduation year). Use of HCC student id numbers will allow HCC's Planning and Institutional Effectiveness Office to expand analysis.

Data collected from this grant initiative will support a long-term strategy for campus-based wellness services for HCC students. The Dean of Students serves as Project Director with the Directors of Cohorts, Compliance & Interventions (Jaime Bachtell) and Registration & Student Support (Angie Auldridge) providing strong CARE and BIT team support.

Admissions

Special events for Admissions this summer:

- Gave tours of campus to the North High and South High transition programs
- Attended the National Nights Out event held at the Fair Grounds
- Attended back-to-school nights at Williamsport and Clear Spring
- Attended a kick-off event at Clear Spring HS
- Coordinated, along with WCPS, Greater Hagerstown, and the Chamber, the 7th Grade Career Days held at HCC on May 29th and 30th. We saw over 1,100 7th graders from WCPS on our campus
- Justin Burnett continues to be a part of the Cash N Dreams program with South Hagerstown High School.
- Along with WSCE and the HCC Business and Technology Division – registered 6 apprentices from Specialty Granules in Blue Ridge Summit for credit classes.
- Spoke with high school-aged students who participated in the summer Discovery Academy through WSCE
- Attended the June 15th Juneteenth Celebration sponsored by the Doleman Black Heritage Museum and July 13th Hagerstown Pride at Doubs Woods Park. These community events support diversity and inclusion initiatives.

Athletics

The fall sports teams are off to a great start!

The Volleyball team is currently 5 – 2 and will play at home on Friday, September 13th in a tri-match against Baltimore City CC and the Community College of Beaver County.

The Men's Soccer team is currently 3 – 3 and will play at home on Tuesday, September 10th against a tough Region opponent, Montgomery College

The Women's Soccer team is currently 5 – 1 and is off to one of the best starts in recent years! They also play Montgomery College on Tuesday, September 10th in a home doubleheader.

Our cross-country team opened up the weekend of September 7th at Shippensburg University. We have a full men's roster at seven with the intent to add more after some additional training and conditioning. The women's roster is currently at four.

Softball and Baseball are in their fall scrimmage season and will both participate in fall scrimmages during the months of September and October.

All of the sports teams' rosters are looking healthy and most of the teams, which are not in season, are in regular off-season conditioning right now. Go Hawks!

Records

Summer 2024 graduation numbers:

- There were 99 credentials awarded to 98 students.
- 64 Associate Degrees were awarded
- 35 Certificates of Study were awarded (Dental Assisting and Commercial Vehicle Transportation Specialist).

Of those eligible, 25 participated in the May 2024 commencement ceremony and 7 have indicated that they wish to participate in the May 2025 ceremony.

Registration & Student Support

A process and procedures have been developed to implement the Faculty Mentor Model Pilot for the fall semester. The model was presented during a mandatory workshop week session and was well received by faculty. Students who have earned 30 or more credits will be invited to apply for a faculty mentor after the last day to drop for no grade which is September 15th.

Student Activities

HCC's Student Food Pantry has changed its name to Student Care Cupboard to reflect the wide variety of items offered to students – hygiene, cleaning, and baby supplies, in addition to food.

The Care Cupboard recently received a \$6300 grant (“Capacity Grant”) and can now offer refrigerated drinks, fresh dairy/produce, and frozen foods to students. The grant was also used to purchase a microwave and hot/cold water cooler for students and will be used to increase the promotion of the Care Cupboard.

In addition, HCC's Alumni Association increased its annual donation from \$1000 to \$3000 to offset the increased cost of supplies from Maryland Food Bank.

The Care Cupboard has applied for an additional grant called “Swipe Out Hunger” that if awarded will go towards purchasing fresh dairy/produce and frozen meats.

Credit Curriculum Development and Teaching and Learning Matters

Dual Enrollment

We're continuing to grow the Early College Degree Program students. These are students who are attending HCC full-time meeting more rigorous requirements for eligibility.

- The Fall 2024 ECDP cohort is 156 students... yea!

- The Fall 2024 Early College Degree Program workshop series started last week (See attached flyer).

Academic Division Highlights

Business & Technology Division (BT)

It is worth noting that there has been strong enrollment in several classes in BT this fall semester! Typically, classes are low-enrolled. This fall, there were wait lists and full classes.

The technology section is gaining momentum!

MET (CNC class)

EET (all 3 foundation courses)

CSC (several courses)

CYB (several courses)

IST (several courses)

INT (welding)

Developmental Education & Adult Literacy Services (DEALS)

Developmental Education is piloting an accelerated math package for MAT-095 Foundations of Reasoning & Statistics and MAT-116 Statistical Reasoning. Taken as co-requisites, the packaged courses reduce the time to completion to a single semester. Similar to the successful ENG-095/101 composition package, the MAT-095/116 package provides integrated support with immediate application of the math concepts, which should increase retention and student motivation.

The Program of Adult Literacy Services (PALS) is partnering with WSCE for a new ELL CDL B & Forklift Operator training program. English Language Learners who are workforce eligible and at a high intermediate to advanced language level can complete the program in five months. Students will learn the techniques and road safety regulations while also receiving language support, guidance with job placement, and support at each step. PALS and WSCE are currently recruiting for the first cohort to begin in February.

The Program of Adult Literacy Services (PALS) is partnering with Washington County Public Schools for another successful year of English language classes for parents of MultiLingual Learner (MLL) students in Community Schools. This year WCPS has expanded to 18 Community Schools, so classes will be strategically located at five locations throughout the area, ready to serve up to 200 students throughout the year. The program offers parents who don't speak English the opportunity to learn the language so they can better communicate with their children's teachers and school staff and participate in their child's education.

Faculty Highlights

Tom Crawford from the Mathematics and Science division was the initiating force behind the Memorial Emeriti Scholarship. He passionately spoke about this scholarship with the

faculty and then took the lead to get the scholarship started. Within a few days, enough funds were committed towards the scholarship to reach the 5 years establishment goal. Tom continues to lead the faculty through the remaining committee work and paperwork for the Memorial Emeriti Scholarship.

Stacy Reikowsky and Alicia Drumgoole are the co-faculty advisor and contact advisor, respectively, for HCC's PTK chapter. They are working with a very active chapter of students who have proposed two projects for the upcoming year. The College project will focus on collaborating with the local humane society to help increase adoption rates and the Honors in Action project will aim to assist Ukrainian citizens with developing their English skills through a volunteer organization. Stacy and Alicia along with other PTK advisors are guiding the PTK members in submitting their projects to the National competition for awards and competition. In addition, they will advise PTK members with their applications for National scholarships.

Andy Kramer a faculty member from Administration of Justice and Paralegal Studies mentioned that the ADJ/PLS programs have benefitted over the last few months by an award of Perkins funds for the purchase of two beautiful counsel tables for our HCC Courtroom located in LRC 102. Additionally, the College has purchased traditional counsel chairs for these tables as well as a custom-built "bar" that will separate the "well" (where courtroom staff, judge and counsel sit) from the gallery. These improvements will be invaluable in providing a superlative student experience in ADJ and PLS and will establish HCC as unique in its ability to offer relevant, hands-on experiential learning.

Professor Moran (Geography, Anthropology) began the Global Field Program in Biology through Miami University this year. As part of her graduate studies, she spent two weeks visiting rural villages and sacred groves in the Western Ghats of India to learn about how spirituality is contributing to community preservation of old-growth forests and biodiversity hotspots.

Environmental Program Happy to Announce Recent Grant Award

Antietam Conococheague Watershed Alliance (ACWA), our local environmental group headed by Susan Simonson, submitted a grant and was awarded almost \$40K from the Chesapeake Bay Trust Green Streets, Green Jobs, Green Towns (G3) Grant to plant 8000+ native plants on our campus. (Please see attached press release.) The target is to improve the 11 swales in Parking Lot O that will control stormwater runoff, and help to remove pollutants from our watershed. And at the same time, HCC will serve as an educational model for green infrastructure in Western Maryland for future professional-development training in Chesapeake Bay Landscape Professional (CBLP) Crews!!

Workforce Solutions and Continuing Education

- WSCE has received first draw of the MHEC Workforce Sequence Scholarship fund in the amount of \$31,250. Programs funded include Real Estate, Personal Trainer, Non-profit Management and Office Associate.

- The Rural Maryland Grant which provides funding for underserved populations in Allied Health and Transportation has been extended to November 2025.
- WSCE will submit grant information to Maryland Department of Labor. MD Labor is submitting a proposal for Digital Equity. If awarded WSCE will provide scholarships to student in Welding, Construction Equipment Operator, Electrical registered apprenticeship programs. In addition, WSCE will develop low voltage training curriculum and supervisory/digital literacy skills for construction foremen.
- ***WSCE Allied Health***
 - Coordinated CNA/GNA bootcamp this summer, students starting clinicals on Sept. 7
 - Asian American Center of Frederick (AACF) contracted with WSCE for CNA/GNA this summer
 - AACF contracted for a sponsored Community Healthcare Worker which started in September with 19 students
 - In partnership with Washington County Emergency Service, 14 students completed the Paramedic program and graduated on August 8. New cohort started on September 3 with 13 students
 - PALS and WSCE ELL Transition program currently has 14 students enrolled in Foundations with 6 interested in Phlebotomy and 8 interested in CNA/GNA
 - WCPS CNA/GNA cohorts began on August 26th with 7 Seniors from Smithsburg High School, 4 Seniors and 2 Juniors from Boonsboro High School.
- ***Summer Youth Programs Formally College for Kids***
 - Discovery Academy hosted ten, week-long summer camps ranging from medical exploration and first responders to art and mechatronics. Students were introduced to our campus by being physically present and were also provided with admissions information for their future planning purposes.
 - Summer Youth Programs hosted 683 students this summer exploring the subjects of science, arts, and technology.
 - The program hosted 46 volunteers, collectively providing 2426 volunteer hours for the college.
- ***Personal Enrichment***
 - Students from Personal Enrichment eagerly await approval to visit the White House this holiday season or wish to spend the holiday shopping time in the “Big Apple” – New York.
 - Enrollment within personal enrichment classes is seeing positive returns, and we are not canceling many classes.
- ***Business, Certification and Licensure***
 - Signed MOU with WCCPS to host teacher professional development training at HCC throughout the year

- Working with PALs on a Paraprofessional ELL program leading to employment with WCPS
- JLG customized training started on June 20 with 11 students for Project Management
- ***Transportation/Trades/Tech***
 - Ongoing meetings are being held with Hitachi Rail to create a pre-employment training pathway to improve the quality of the production candidates; WSCE staff and faculty toured the Hitachi facility for a better understanding of the technical training needs in July. WSCE will be sending a proposal for potential training program this week.
 - Maryland Department of Labor has awarded WSCE \$150,000 for a new grant initiative, Construction Skilled Trades Employment Pathways (CSTEP), which will complement program offerings at the new Northern Avenue site.
 - The Maryland Recreation & Parks Association has selected HCC as the provider for member safety training on heavy equipment operations; four classes are schedule for this fall.
 - CVT and WSCE staff met with Brooke's House clients on CDL training opportunities (both Class A and B); workforce booklets were also left at the facility for other clients to explore options. Learner's Permit class scheduled for this month.
 - Awarded DSS contract for Driver Education for FY 25.
 - Pre-CDL Pathways to Success has started at the MCTC pre-release facility with 10 students, funded under the Rural MD grant.
 - CDL contract training for AstraZeneca and Freightliner employees delivered this summer
 - Hosting 50+ art students from Barbara Ingram on September 11 to visit our Hawk Forge and kickoff the "Drawn to Fire" competition for this marking period. In addition, students will tour the forge, welding lab, and ceramics lab.

College Advancement

Grants Development

Between June and September 2024, the college secured six grants totaling \$974,827:

- \$150,000 from the Ratcliffe Foundation for workforce development scholarships
- \$52,500 from MHEC for campus security upgrades
- \$25,000 from TEDCO for a feasibility study of a maker space
- \$6,300 from the MD Food Bank for the campus food pantry
- \$211,000 from the MD Department of Behavioral Health for campus mental health services
- \$529,527 for the Consolidated Adult Education and Family Literacy Services

The college currently has two proposals under review:

- \$260,110 to the Appalachian Regional Commission for CDL A/B equipment
- \$6,000 to Swipe Out Hunger for the campus food pantry

A request to the US Department of Labor for \$1,458,378 for workforce development scholarships and services was denied.

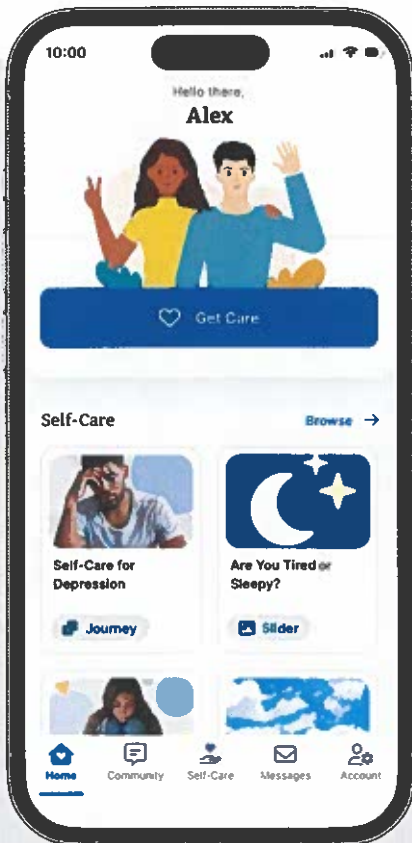
David W. Fletcher Incubator + Labs

- The following companies have started in the business incubator in July & August
 - The Advocate Junkie
 - Medina Media
 - P. Rodriguez & Company
 - Global Fusion Works
 - Signera
- 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
- We are now including one hour of coaching in each members rent.
- I would like to increase member rent pricing from \$12/sq. foot to \$14/sq. foot. I'd also like to allow members who have completed the program the opportunity to continue renting space at the incubator on a month-to-month basis at \$18/sq. foot. After much research, I've learned that this price is much closer to market rate, but still offers a great discount. This would allow us to continue to create revenue, rather than let space sit empty while we wait for the right person to fill it.
- Incoming members will now be in a shared space for their first 90 days. This will foster a sense of community, which I've learned is currently lacking.
- Tina Fraley of Fitminded Living is the new female entrepreneur in residence
- A new, more user-friendly website has been created. www.incubatorhcc.com
- Two timed Chopped Champion Chef Opal Poullard will be using our culinary kitchen to prepare for two events. 1. US Culinary Open and 2. Met Gala in NY. She has also agreed to mentor and work with our culinary members.



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Early College Degree Program Workshop Schedule Fall 2024

Early College Degree Program students are expected to participate in at least two workshops throughout the semester. You are given the schedule in advance so that you can plan ahead.

You should not miss class to attend a workshop! Multiple sessions are available for each topic in an attempt to accommodate class schedules.

Navigating HCC: *Do you feel unprepared to navigate HCC systems and processes? Join us as we dive into the knowledge needed for Early College success.*

Presenter: Ms. Smith & Ms. Starliper

Guest: Heather Barnhart, HCC Coordinator of Student Activities

Tuesday, September 3rd

9:00-9:45am

BSH-114

OR

Wednesday, September 4th

2:30-3:15pm

Zoom

OR

Friday, September 6th

11:00-11:45am

Zoom

Study & Test Skills: *Appropriate study and test skills are essential for college success. Join us to learn how to efficiently prepare for and take tests in all subject areas.*

Presenter: HCC Learning Support Center (LSC) Staff

Monday, September 23rd

12:00-12:45pm

Zoom

OR

Thursday, September 26th

9:00-9:45am

LSC-114

College Application Process: *Whether you are staying here at HCC or going to another institution, this workshop will provide helpful information for your postsecondary transition.*

Presenter: Ms. Smith

Tuesday, October 15th

9:00-9:45am

LRC-108

OR

Friday, October 18th

12:00-12:45pm

Zoom

Career Exploration: *Unsure of what career field you want to pursue? Wonder if your personality matches your career ideas? Join us as we discuss how to conduct job research and the tools available to help. Please bring your laptop.*

Presenter: Laura Scafide, HCC Coordinator of Career Development, Internships, & Job Services

Tuesday, October 29th

1:00-1:45pm

Zoom

OR

Wednesday, October 30th

1:00-1:45pm

In-person

Technology & Mental Health: *According to a recent study, adolescents who spend more than 3 hours/day on social media face double the risk of mental health problems. Join us for a meaningful conversation on this important topic.*

Presenter: Dr. Christine Ohl-Gigliotti, HCC Dean of Students

Monday, November 11th

11:30am-12:15pm

Zoom

OR

Thursday, November 14th

1:30-2:15pm

LRC-108

The Zoom meeting details for each virtual workshop will be posted on the ECDP D2L page at the beginning of that workshop week.

All workshop details are subject to change. You will be notified if changes occur.



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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ACWA Receives CBT G3 Grant for Large-Scale Bioswale Replanting Project at HCC & to Provide CBLP-Crews Training

The Antietam-Conococheague Watershed Alliance (ACWA) is pleased to announce that along with our partners, the Chesapeake Conservation Landscaping Council (CCLC) and Hagerstown Community College (HCC), we have been chosen as one of 33 organizations to receive funds from the Chesapeake Bay Trust's (CBT) Green Streets, Green Jobs, Green Towns (G3) Grant program. The G3 Grant program is a partnership of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region III, WV Department of Environmental Protection, and Prince George's County Department of the Environment, providing over \$1.3 million in funding for projects across MD, PA, VA, WV, DE, and DC. The goal of the G3 grant program is to help communities develop and implement plans that reduce stormwater runoff, increase the number and amount of green spaces in urban areas, improve the health of local waters and the Chesapeake Bay, and enhance quality of life and community livability.

ACWA was awarded nearly \$40k to complete a large-scale replanting of 11 microbiovention swales in a 4-acre parking lot at HCC. The swales are designed as "Best Management Practices" (BMPs) to slow down and cool stormwater, while also reducing pollution entering local streams. The specialized plantings in BMPs play a key role in capturing and absorbing nutrients from the parking lot runoff. Volunteers will replant the swales with a wide variety of native plants, shrubs, and grasses and will be designed to demonstrate several sustainable planting techniques. The grant project will also fund a one-day Chesapeake Bay Landscape Professional (CBLP) - Stormwater BMP Crews training for local public works staff, HCC grounds crew, and contractors who are responsible for maintaining stormwater BMPs.

Last week, ACWA's Board President, Susan Simonson gathered with other G3 awardees at the Congressional Cemetery in Washington D.C. for the official grant announcement and to share the HCC project plans. "The bioswale replanting will be an ideal demonstration of stormwater green infrastructure in Washington County (MD), and it will serve as an educational classroom for local professionals.", said Simonson. "This will be the first time the CBLP-Crews training will be offered in Western Maryland, making it a great professional development opportunity for region." Read the full CBT G3 Grant Press Release at: <https://cbtrust.org/wp-content/uploads/G3-2024-Press-Release-6.26-1.pdf>

Volunteer planting events will be scheduled throughout September and October in 2024. To find out how you can help during future events, visit ACWA's website at www.acwamaryland.org or follow us on Facebook/Instagram.

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The Antietam-Conococheague Watershed Alliance (www.acwamaryland.org) is a community group passionate about protecting and restoring the Antietam & Conococheague Creek watersheds as a healthy environment for recreation, ecological habitat, and improved water quality. For more information, contact: Susan Simoson ACWA Board of Directors at info@acwamaryland.org 240-452-0426

The Chesapeake Bay Landscape Council (www.chesapeakelandscape.org/) is a coalition of individuals and organizations dedicated to researching, promoting and educating professionals and the public about conservation landscaping to protect the Chesapeake Bay. For more information, contact Beth Ginter, MPSLD, CBLP (beth@cblpro.org)

The Hagerstown Community College (<https://www.hagerstowncc.edu/>) was founded in 1946 as Maryland's first community college. More than 100 programs of study are available for university transfer, career preparation, or personal development, as well as non-credit continuing education courses, customized training programs and Washington County's adult education program. Associate degrees, certificates and letters of recognition are awarded. The 319-acre picturesque campus encompasses 18 buildings and includes a full-service business incubator, numerous gardens, and an outdoor amphitheater.

PHOTOS



Figure 1: ACWA Board Member Susan Simoson at the CBT G3 Special Event in June 2024



Figure 2: CBT Grant awardees group photo at Congressional Cemetery, Washington, D.C., June 2024



Figure 3: HCC Parking Lot O where volunteers will replant 11 microbioretention swales under the 2024 G3 Grant