

# Collegewide Student Success Fund for Excellence

Many students at community colleges across the country face barriers to success, including lack of knowledge about navigating college; lack of academic preparedness; lack of time and funds to devote to academic activities; and food and housing insecurity. HACC, Central Pennsylvania's Community College, recognizes that we have an obligation to help remove the barriers to our students' success. Only 41 percent of HACC students come to us prepared for college-level coursework, and 66 percent either apply for financial aid or are eligible for Pell Grants. We need to be student-ready instead of expecting our students to be college-ready. This means we need to find innovative ways to meet the needs of our students to help them be successful. The Collegewide Student Success Fund for Excellence provides students with innovative programs and services that not only assist them with overcoming these barriers, but also show them they truly matter to the College.

Now YOU can help HACC students by supporting initiatives like:

## Enhanced Advising and Counseling Services

Students face both academic and personal barriers to success. You can help HACC develop innovative approaches that ensure optimal student-advisor relationships that are built on collaboration between faculty advisors and other counseling staff.

## Incentives for Success

College is hard work, and some students may benefit from external motivation to push through the tough times. You can help HACC develop programs that allow faculty and staff to celebrate milestones with our students, such as bookstore vouchers or "rising stars" ceremonies.

## Peer-to-Peer Mentorship

Approximately 41 percent of HACC students are the first in their families to attend college. They may not have people close to them who know how to navigate college. You can help HACC develop student-to-student and professional-to-student mentorship opportunities that can assist students with finding their way with confidence.



YOU can help to ensure that HACC students do not have to face their struggles alone by visiting [hacc.edu/GiveNow](http://hacc.edu/GiveNow) to make a gift to the Collegewide Student Success Fund for Excellence.

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