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HARRISBURG AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE RECEIVES APPA'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

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Baltimore, Maryland, July 16, 2007– Harrisburg Area Community College's facilities department received the Award for Excellence in Facilities Management, the highest institutional honor bestowed by APPA, the association serving educational facilities professionals. The award was officially presented to HACC facilities officials at APPA's annual awards banquet July 16, 2007 in Baltimore, Maryland.

According to APPA President Chris Ahoy, associate vice president for facilities at Iowa State University, the HACC facilities office exemplifies excellence in all of the areas necessary to achieve the award: leadership; strategic and operational planning; customer focus; information and analysis; development and management of human resources; process management; and performance results.

"Harrisburg Area Community College has an exceptional campus, not only in terms of its buildings and grounds, but inclusive of the entire staff of the facilities office." Ahoy said. In 2003, the College completed APPA's Facilities Management Evaluation Program. The College Strategic Plan includes significant focus on facilities and campus environments, including a ten-year Facilities Master Plan that may ultimately result in \$220 Million in new construction, renovation and facilities maintenance projects.

HACC is a vibrant and entrepreneurial community college serving over 17,000 students in the central Pennsylvania region at five campuses and several centers. The HACC facilities staff maintains and provides service in 23 buildings with 1.3 million square feet on 275 acres of grounds. The implementation of various assessment and improvement strategies has transformed the College from a sleepy community college to one that has experienced nearly seventy percent enrollment growth since 2000.

The APPA Award for Excellence is designed to recognize and advance excellence in the field of educational facilities. Originally established in 1988, the Award for Excellence is APPA's highest institutional honor and provides educational institutions the opportunity for national and international recognition for their outstanding achievements in facilities management. The award is designed to highlight the essential role of facilities operations in the overall institutional mission and vision.

APPA is the association of choice serving educational facilities professionals, representing more than 1,500 learning institutions encompassing over 4,700 individuals throughout the United States, Canada, and internationally.

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