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Dear Chairman Regan, Chairwoman Williams and Members of the Senate Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee:

HACC, Central Pennsylvania's Community College, has the largest student-veteran enrollment of any Pennsylvania community college and the second largest of all post-secondary public institutions in the state.

HACC's Military and Veterans Affairs Office (MVAO) provides a wide range of services every year to more than 1,000 veterans and their dependents who enroll at one of the College's five campuses in Central Pennsylvania or online from locations worldwide.

HACC offers all veterans in-state tuition, regardless of location. HACC continues to seek new ways to support this population, including targeted marketing campaigns and priority registration each term.

In fiscal year 2018-19, HACC's Lebanon Campus became the first HACC campus to dedicate a defined space for student veterans to congregate. In 2018, HACC became the first community college in the nation to partner with the Warrior-Scholar Project® Foundation to provide a workshop for student veterans transitioning into higher education.

HACC is the only college in Pennsylvania chosen to participate in VetSuccess on Campus and is a 2019-20 Military Friendly® School.

- VetSuccess on Campus is a federal program aimed at easing the transition to academic life for military veterans and their families.
- The Military Friendly® Schools list is created each year using public data sources for more than 8,800 schools nationwide, input from student veterans and responses to a survey from participating institutions, according to VIQTORY, a military marketing company that connects the military community to civilian opportunity.

#### **About HACC**

HACC, Central Pennsylvania's Community College, is the first and largest of Pennsylvania's 14 community colleges. HACC offers approximately 100 career and transfer associate degree, certificate and diploma programs to approximately 19,000 students. Also, the College serves students at its Gettysburg, Harrisburg, Lancaster, Lebanon and York campuses; through virtual learning; and via workforce development and continuing education training. For more information on how HACC is *uniquely YOURS*, visit [hacc.edu](http://hacc.edu). Also, follow us on [Twitter](#) (@HACC\_info), follow us on [Instagram](#) (@HACC\_edu), like us on [Facebook](#) (Facebook.com/HACC64) and use #HACCNews.