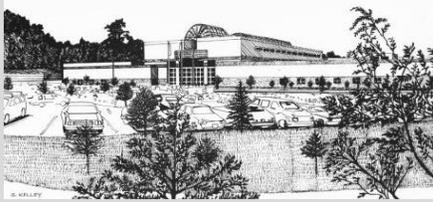


# CCAC North Campus & West Hills Center

## President News

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### Farewells to Long-term Faculty

It is with great sadness [but with happiness for the faculty] that I share the news that Mary Ann Watkins, Math faculty, Linda Tessmer, faculty, department head and coordinator for Community Training and Development in Vocational Education Training for People Who Need Learning Supports and Joyceann Ditka, English and Speech faculty are retiring from the College.

These outstanding faculty are loved by students for their focus on making students feel welcome in the classroom and helping students learn difficult subjects and skills which often fill them with anxiety and fear. Mary Ann, Linda and Joyceann, you may not be here next semester, but you will always be a part of the fabric of the community at CCAC North! Congratulations on your retirements and let us know about the wonderful things that you are doing in your retirements!

### Campus & Center News from Dr. Gretchen Mullin-Sawicki



### Shawl of Community and Care

Anna DelVitto and I show off the beautiful and colorful shawl that was created by biology faculty member Rachael Leonard for retired developmental faculty member Gail Boyea, who is struggling with an illness. Members of the North Campus community donated yarn in rich multi-colors so that this gorgeous creation, a true reflection of Gail's own vibrancy and contributions to CCAC would bring her coziness and knowledge that we are all surrounding her with good thoughts, prayers and wishes during this difficult time.

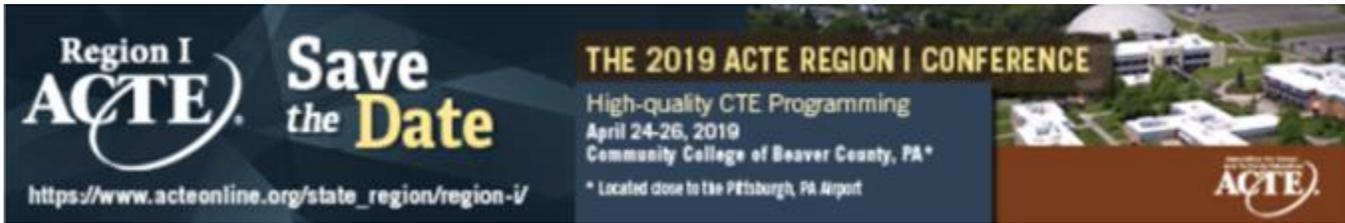
### In Memoriam

Part-time faculty Tom Rosenkranz, a long-term adjunct faculty teaching in the chemistry department, passed away recently. Tom was loved by students, administrators and faculty and will be missed by all.

### Single Point of Contact Data Update News:



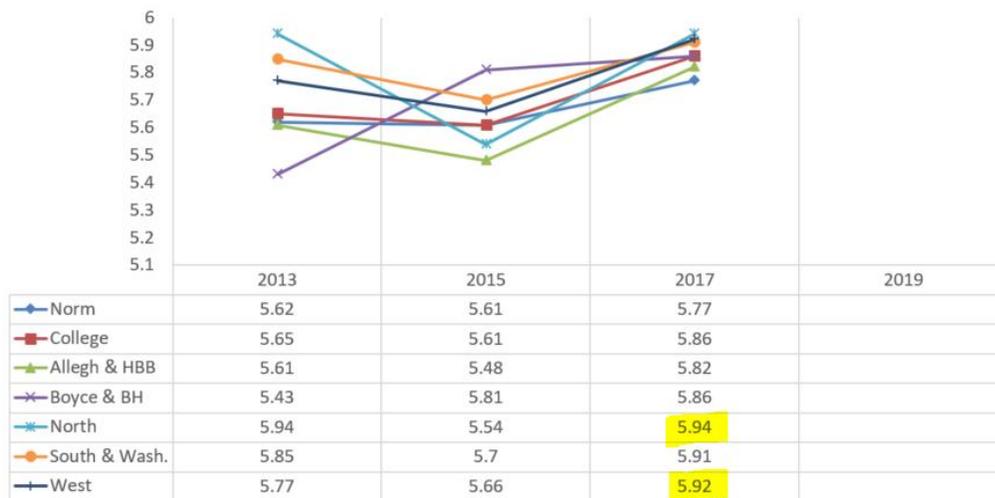
The SPOC program began at North Campus in Fall of 2016 with a 70.50% rate of retention for 1<sup>st</sup> time students into the Spring semester, which was a 9% increase for North Campus. For Fall 2018, we have increased the retention of our first time students from Fall to Spring to 75.5%. This is a 14% increase from our original increase. Why is SPOC working? Because it focuses on caring about our students, providing them with a nurturing guide who students can turn to for any question that they might have!



### Colleagues Present at ACTE Region 1 Conference

On April 24-26, Laurel Westrom, Steve Ankney, Jen Brown and Steven Shaulis attended the high-quality CTE programming Regional conference at Beaver County Community College. All four colleagues presented at the conference: Laurel Westrom and Steve Ankney presented “An Overview of Skilled Union Apprenticeship Partnership Programs” while Steven Shaulis and Jen Brown presented “All About that Access: Initiatives and Ideas that Support Underrepresented Minority Students in CTE.” Congratulations to these Perkins staff and the Director at the West Hills Center for representing CCAC so well!

## 36. Students are made to feel welcome on this campus.



Thank you to everyone at North Campus and the West Hills Center for moving the needle on being a welcoming campus! Our Ruffalo Noel Levitz data shows that on a 7-point scale, we are improving at both locations. This data marker is especially important because it relates to inclusion, making all students feel welcome regardless of sexual identification, race, age, ethnicity, gender, experiences and other self-identifications. We welcome our students by making them feel like they belong through our

inclusive facilities, complete with privacy rooms, unisex bathrooms and international flags; our kindness, in how we treat our students when they register or seek assistance in our processes, in knowing our students’ names in the classroom and respecting their differences. **How students feel matters. Data shows that 5 times more learning happens in a positive, caring environment** (Amarillo, Odessa Colleges). Welcoming our students inside and outside of the classroom have a positive impact on our student retention and more learning takes place, too!