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Harcum College Turns 100 in 2015
--Main Line School Began with Three Students in 1915--

Bryn Mawr, PA – November 10, 2014 – Founded in 1915 as the Harcum Post Graduate School, Harcum College commemorates its 100th anniversary beginning in January 2015 with a host of special events for students, alumni, prospective students, employees, and the general public to enjoy or to take part in throughout 2015.

“We have planned a meaningful and memorable celebration to showcase not only our identity but also our mission and how we are unique within the higher education landscape,” said Dr. Jon Jay DeTemple, president of Harcum College. “It is exciting to be standing on the threshold of this milestone. Besides engaging our own community, the Greater Philadelphia community is invited to take part in many of the 100th anniversary festivities.”

Harcum College was founded by Edith Hatcher Harcum, a concert pianist and daughter of a prominent Virginia clergyman. Desiring to prepare women for dignified, remunerative, and socially useful work, Mrs. Harcum opened the Harcum Post Graduate School on October 1, 1915, with three students and five pianos in Melville Hall at Morris and Montgomery Avenues in Bryn Mawr.

In 1955, under President Philip Klein’s leadership, Harcum became the first junior college in Pennsylvania authorized to grant associate’s degrees of arts and sciences. In 2003, the College began admitting men and added new Allied Health programs in Nursing and Radiologic Technology.

Harcum College has since become an independent residential associate’s degree granting college with an enrollment of approximately 1,700 students, women and men, who reside at or attend classes at the Main Campus in Bryn Mawr in addition to attending classes 13 other Partnership Sites in Greater Philadelphia. Since the 2004–05 season, it has competed in the NJCAA or National Junior College Athletics Association and now numbers eight sports participating in Division I or Division III.

Harcum remains committed to Edith Harcum’s ideal to provide women and men with outstanding career preparation for the possibility of a rewarding career and a fulfilling life. Hence, it employs the tagline, “The College of Possibilities.”

In celebration of the first anniversary, including a free lecture series that kicks off on February 19, 100 Acts of Service, a Juried art show called 100 Years of Art, a community engagement art project called “Bears and Squares”, and a centennial gala. More specific information about the centennial celebration and all of its components is available at www.harcum.edu/hc100.
About Harcum College
Harcum College, one of Pennsylvania’s first independent, two-year colleges, was founded in Bryn Mawr, PA in 1915 and was the first college in Pennsylvania chartered by the state to grant associate degrees. Harcum offers fully accredited, career-ready majors in nursing, the allied health professions, business and social sciences on campus, online, and regionally, as well as lifelong learning programs and corporate training. It will celebrate a year-long 100th anniversary beginning in January of 2015.