

ATLANTIC CAPE COMMUNICATOR

Atlantic Cape Community College's Information Source

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NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

Employee of Quarter Nominations Due

Today is the last day to nominate ACCC's next Employee of the Quarter. A form is attached at the end of the *Atlantic Cape CommuniCator*.

The award is presented to support staff members who make ACCC a place where students and visitors feel comfortable and welcomed. Winners work hard and are especially pleasant and helpful. Honorees receive a complimentary dinner for two at Careme's Restaurant, reserved parking for the quarter, are invited to dine with trustees at a board meeting, and have their photos displayed on the Mays Landing main campus and Charles D. Worthington Atlantic City Center.

Contact **Cynthia Correa**, ext. 4906, or e-mail ccorrea@atlantic.edu for more information.



ACCCers get in shape for the American Heart Walk during a March 22 Rally in the gym on the Mays Landing main campus.

American Heart Walk Rally

The American Heart Association Heart Walk Rally at main campus on March 22 was a success with about 20 people attending. Participants learned about heart disease and getting in shape for the Heart Walk on May 15. Debbie VanSant, regional director of the AHA for Southern New Jersey, spoke to the group.

A second rally will be held from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday, April 5, in the Worthington Atlantic City Center cafeteria. VanSant will be on hand again to give out valuable information and answer questions about heart health. Lunch will be provided, courtesy of **Dr. John May**. The Cross

Cultural Student Association will sell paper hearts that will be displayed in the cafeteria. Prices range from \$2-\$10. Proceeds benefit the American Heart Association. If you can participate or would like to make a donation, contact **Mike Kammer**, mkammer@atlantic.edu, **BettyAnn Hines**, hines@atlantic.edu, or **Charita McClain**, mcclain@atlantic.edu today!

Culinary Career Day A Success

The Academy of Culinary Arts held a special day of hands-on workshops, tours and a gourmet buffet lunch for vocational-technical high school students from across the state on March 31. This is the first time the Academy hosted Culinary Career Day, an event to expose high school juniors and seniors already in a vocational culinary program to advanced training. More than 250 students and educators attended.



Students from vocational schools across New Jersey take part in culinary workshops Thursday at the ACA. Participating students were given the ACA baseball caps and aprons shown in the photos.

50/50 Raffle Tickets Available

Please consider participating in this year's 50/50 Foundation raffle! Five cash prizes will be awarded, including: \$22,500, first prize; \$7,500, second prize; and \$2,500 third, fourth and fifth prizes. Dollar amounts are based on all 750 tickets being sold. Tickets are \$100 each. Form an office pool and share the wealth. The drawing will be held Thursday, April 22, at the Restaurant Gala. Winners need not be present to win. More than 400 tickets are still for sale! Proceeds benefit student scholarships, so please help students in financial need at ACCC. Tell your friends and family. For more information, call **Ellen Gregory**, ext. 4901.

Come Celebrate The 150th Birthday Of Atlantic City

The kick-off for Atlantic City's 150th Birthday Celebration will be held from 1-6 p.m., Sunday, April 4, at Boardwalk Hall, 2301 Boardwalk, Atlantic City. There will be entertainment by Danny and the Juniors, famous for "At the Hop," Andy Lee Lang, the Ralph Peterson Jr. Jazz Sextet, Charlie Prose, comedian Janice Hart and a tribute to Elvis Presley. A huge collection of Atlantic City memorabilia will be on display including greatly enlarged old-time postcards and a model of the Atlantic City Boardwalk.

There will be face painting, balloon animals, barbershop quartet and Sweet Adeline groups, local musical groups, local bar bands, and much, much more for the entire family. Dr. Jonathan Pitney, founder of Atlantic City, and King Neptune will also be attendance.

Tickets are \$10 and free for children under age 6. Please contact **Jo-Ann Volpe**, ext. 4852, or volpe@atlantic.edu for tickets.

Richard Kalman Named Faculty Member Of The Year

ACCC students recently selected Richard Kalman, assistant professor of computer information systems, as the recipient of the 2003-04 Faculty of Year award. Kalman joined ACCC 25 years ago as a part-time theater technician and public events student worker in 1979. After assuming duties in the college's print shop, enrollment services office, testing, peer mentoring and the electronics labs, he was hired as a full-time electronics lab aide in June 1995.

He served as a staff computer trainer and was elevated to senior technician in 1998. In 1999, he accepted the position of director of academic computing labs, a management slot that included CIS teaching assignments. He later joined the college's full-time CIS faculty.

A graduate of ACCC, Kalman earned his bachelor's degree from Thomas Edison State College. He received a master's degree in administration with an emphasis in software engineering from Central Michigan University's extended degree program. He is also an award-winning automobile technician. He and his wife Kitty, student development, reside in Mays Landing.

New Scholarship Will Honor Former Administrator Ruth L. Williams

Colleagues and friends familiar with the compassionate and dedicated insights of former ACCC administrator and community leader **Ruth L. Williams** are honoring her memory with an annual scholarship.

Williams passed away in April 2001, after contributing a lifetime of leadership and guidance to her community and nearly 30 years of staunch student advocacy and dedication to the college. Among her community contributions, Williams chaired the Atlantic County Human Relations Advisory Commission and was instrumental in the Atlantic County Special Services School District's "School to Careers" program.

She served the college as executive director of human resources, director of the Educational Opportunity Fund program and was liaison to the Board of Trustees' Minority Affairs Committee. She was a committee member for presidential searches, ACCC's 25th anniversary celebration, and academic standards. Williams was an adjunct instructor and taught interpersonal relations to staff.

The Ruth L. Williams Endowment Committee includes honorary chairpersons **Patricia Luciano-Federici**, retired ACCC dean of students, and **John Bettis**, Pleasantville city administrator, former trustee and ACCC Class of 1969.

The fund-raising effort is being led by **Ruth Tunnell**, campaign coordinator and ACCC Class of 1975, along with **Bobby Royal Sr.**, the college's executive assistant to the president and Class of 1970, and **Dr. Joseph Rossi**, ACCC's executive director of human resources and labor relations.

Human Resources Sponsoring Windows XP Training

If you've had difficulty with the transition to Windows XP, please call ext. 4906 or e-mail ccorrea@atlantic.edu to reserve your seat at one of two training sessions. These courses are available to full- and part-time employees. Late cancellations or no-shows may result in back-charges to cover the cost of instructors.

Training will be held from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., today, at the Worthington Atlantic City Center, room 287, and from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Friday, April 16, on the Mays Landing campus, room B-126. Instructor **Gary Schafer** will lead both courses.

Spring Cleaning? Donations Wanted!

There will be a craft fair and flea market at Worthington Atlantic City Center on April 13 and 14 to raise funds for the Mary Tower Memorial Scholarship Fund endowment. Donations of items in fairly good condition that would bring a decent price are welcomed.

If you have anything you would like to donate, please contact anyone on the Mary Tower Scholarship committee by Wednesday, April 7: **Janet Brenner**, ext. 4992; **Vita Stovall**, ext. 5081; **Elinor Mattern**, ext. 4880; or **Judy Matsunobu**, ext. 4884.

Also, it's not too late to make a donation directly to the fund. Send checks made out to ACCC, with a notation for the Mary Tower Scholarship Endowment Fund, and send to **Judy Matsunobu** in the Division Office, A-128.

Nursing Program Applicant Forum Planned for April 14

Health Careers Specialist Glenda Stogel will provide specific program entry requirements, a career overview and information on what students can expect of ACCC's nursing program during a forum from 6-7 p.m., April 14, in the faculty dining room on the Mays Landing Campus.

Participants will have the opportunity to share concerns about entering an allied health career program. ACCC's nursing program is expanding to help address the shortage of registered nurses. This information session is designed for those who are enrolled in pre-program, pre-clinical or prerequisite courses for nursing majors. Information on ACCC's Advanced Placement Process for LPNs (LPN to RN) will be provided.

HERE'S THE SCOOP

by **Joe Rossi**

Anna Simmons, college relations, thanks everyone for the calls, cards, prayers and well-wishes she received while on medical leave. Anna also thanks **Charita McClain** for the wonderful pot of hot oatmeal she delivered one morning.

We extend our sympathies to retired Dean of Students **Patricia Luciano-Federici** on the passing of her mother, Frances Luciano. Condolences can be sent to Pat at 33 Fowler Drive, Millville, N.J., 08332.

Best wishes to **Carmen Royal**, dean of students. She'll be out for a couple of weeks after some elective surgery.

Deepest sympathies to adult ESL instructor **Tina Baez-Laing** on the passing of her brother-in-law.

Our thoughts and prayers are with long-time Follett college store manager **Katie Mock**. Katie is hospitalized at ACMC Mainland Division but cannot receive visitors. Expressions can be sent to her home: 1388 Elwood Road, Hammonton, N.J., 08037.

We are pleased to welcome EOF counselor **Anita Polanco** to full-time status. The Cherry Hill resident served nine years as EOF counselor with Hudson County Community College. She earned a master's degree from Jersey City University and a bachelor's degree from William Paterson.

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Employee Service Awards, 5 to 7 p.m., Friday, May 7.

Happy birthday to: **Dan Thoren**, **Howard Webb**, April 2; **Janet Brenner**, **Christine Gamboa**, April 3; **Millie Ciraolo**, April 5; **Kenneth Foster**, **Electra Stulak**, April 7; **Rhonda Petruzzi**, April 8; **Helen Hughes**, **Norman McKiver**, **Vickie Melograno**, April 9; **Dorothy Filomena**, April 10; **Bob Johnson**,

April 11; **Aline Bennett, Karina Mercado**, April 12; **John Bryant**, April 13; **Robert Benner, Eric Mayo**, April 14. Adjunct birthdays: **Wanda Fecher**, April 3; **Patricia Russell-Chapman**, April 4; **Earl Stein**, April 6; **Irene Scholler**, April 10; **Robert Eastwick**, April 11; **Jennifer Jalloway**, April 14; **Allison Weinstein**, April 15.

NEWS FROM ACCC'S EXTENSION CENTERS

Greetings from Charles D. Worthington Atlantic City Center

by **Brittany A. Williams**

Kailin Hackney, meeting and conference services, and **Jean McAlister**, administrative services, recently returned from a conference hosted by the Association of Collegiate Conference and Event Directors in Vancouver. Jean said one of the main themes of the conference was "to celebrate anything and everything." Members of the local Vancouver Olympic Committee made a presentation on the process they underwent to be designated the site for the 2008 Olympics and how by celebrating some of even the most minute achievements, the community became an integral supportive part of that process.

Speaking of achievements, **Jean** was also recently nominated for the position of Secretary on the Atlantic City Region Tourism Council. Congratulations, Jean!

Kailin is also pleased to report that the Workforce Investment Board will be returning to the City Center for a series of meetings in the coming weeks.

Welcome aboard to two previous Job Readiness staffers. **Angela Wang** is now program specialist for Center for Corporate and Workforce Training. Angela can be found in the city center lobby and at ext. 4853. For now, you can email her at twomillie@hotmail.com. In addition, **Sharon Kretmar** has also come aboard as senior manager for continuing education and compliance evaluation. Sharon can be contacted at skretmar@atlantic.edu or at ext. 4713

March 22 was also a busy day at City Center. Our mid-semester ESL credit classes began as well as the second cycle of non-credit ESL workshops. Now that classes are in full-swing again, the student services, admissions, financial aid, business and testing offices are busy, busy, busy, preparing for the summer and fall semesters. Student services will host pre-advisement sessions on April 6, 7, and 8, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in the cafeteria. Refreshments will be served. The sessions are open to all students and will encourage them to complete registration forms in preparation for the upcoming enrollment period. Student services has designed a pre-registration checklist for each student to clarify and expedite their registration.

Student services, along with **Judith Matsunobu**, ESL, will host a two-day Earth Day event in the City Center cafeteria on April 13 and 14. The WACC student services area and the Mary Tower Scholarship Fund committee are sponsoring a Spring Festival Craft Fair and Flea Market on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 13 and 14, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the City Center.

Any college employee interested in renting a spring festival table should contact Judy at ext. 4884, or e-mail her at matsunob@atlantic.edu. Tables rent for \$10 a day or \$15 for the two days. Student clubs are also encouraged to try out their Earth Day presentations by using a table at the fair. The Mary Tower Endowment will award two \$500 scholarships to deserving students who have taken at least two developmental classes. We hope to endow the fund so that the scholarship will be given annually.

Dr. Alice Rainey, student services, is pleased to announce the winner of the Cape May County Extension Center "Pamper Thyself" basket is **Faith Gager**, financial aid. The basket was part of the Cape May center's Women's History Month celebration.

Brittany Williams, also of admissions, attended a health fair hosted by the Hispanic Alliance at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church in Atlantic City.

Ann McClackey, administrative services, is pleased to share the news with the college community that **Phil DeCicco**, facilities, is doing well. Ann visited with Phil and **Janet DeCicco**, facilities, recently at their home. Phil will be in a walking cast for a couple of more weeks.

Jo-Ann Volpe, continuing education, and **Mike Wozniak**, accounting, would like to thank all of those who contributed to a wedding gift for **Bob Berlin**, accounting. Bob will marry his long-time significant other, Trish, on April 10.

Emily Brown, admissions, recently traveled to the Hamilton Mall for a recruiting expo.

On March 25, WMS Gaming gave a presentation at the City Center on its new Bluebird Slot Machine. Representatives from all of the local casinos were present. The new machine boasts a Bose sound system and intricate new graphics. The presentation was well-received and WMS said they hope to revisit ACCC in the future.

Tommy Giardina, CCI instructor, recently traveled to Pennsylvania. Tommy G. addressed the Women's Club of Delaware County. He presented on the mechanics and history of the slot machine as well as the do's, don't's and risks for female gamblers.

And finally, did you know that if you don't turn off your PC every night that your machine is more susceptible to viruses? Virus scans can only be updated if your PC reboots daily. So shut down your PC every evening and return in the morning to a virus-free work environment!

Hello from Rio Grande, the Cape May County Technical School and the US Coast Guard Training Center – Cape May!

by Lisa Apel-Gendron

This column will return in the next CommuniCator, when Lisa is back from vacation.

ACCC IN THE NEWS

A press release about the Academy of Culinary Arts' Culinary Career Day appeared in the Herald Times and Asbury Park Press. TV 40, the Press of Atlantic City and The Current covered the event.

An article in the Press of Atlantic City highlighted the ACCC archery team's strong showing at the 2004 U.S. Eastern Regional Archery Championships at James Madison University last month. The men's recurve team came in first, and **Tom Wartownik**, **Noah Patterson** and **Cuong Kau** finished in the top 10 of 75 archers from 12 colleges. The mixed recurve team of **Lea Schmitt**, **Desiree Sparano**, Wartownik and Patterson finished second in the division. Schmitt and Sparano also finished in the top 10 in the women's recurve competition.

Executive Chef **Bill Fischer**, '92 ACA, was featured in a Cape May Star & Wave article about his appearance on two cooking shows on CN8 last month. Fischer is executive chef at Caffe Aldo Lamberti in Cherry Hill.

Student **Nina Laid** was featured in an article in The Current about her restaurant, Brittany's Café in Atlantic City.

Chef Educator **Michael Huber** was quoted in a Press of Atlantic City article about food safety.

An article in the Press of Atlantic City about Avalon Links Restaurant included a photo of Executive Chef **Paul Simmerman**, '03 ACA, and detailed some of the entrees he created for the restaurant.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The office systems technology program at ACCC is proud of its administrative office procedures students who were installed as members of the F.A.A. Wm. J. Hughes Technical Center Chapter of IAAP (International Association of Administrative Professionals) on March 24, along with their professor, **JoAnne DeCicco Barbieri**.

The office systems technology program will present a speaker at 6 p.m., Tuesday, April 20, to speak on the IAAP's "Ambassadors of Excellence" theme. The presentation will be held in conjunction with the college open house and recognize Administrative Professionals Week, April 19-23.

ACA student **Michael Ferguson**, a pastry cook at Mark Anthony's at Trump Taj Mahal, was named first runner up for the Northeast Region's Student Culinarian of the Year by the American Culinary Federation. The fourth-semester culinary student from Vincetown was named Junior Culinarian of the Year by the ACF's local chapter, the Professional Chefs Association of South Jersey.

Joyce Anderson, former ACCC professor, was invited to discuss her book "Courage in High Heels" at the Ocean City Free Public Library. The book is about extraordinary women overcoming formidable obstacles, including three Atlantic County natives.

Students **Lucia Pou** and **Christopher Robert**, both of Upper Township, were included in the 26th annual edition of "The National Dean's List." Students must be in the top 10 percent of their classes, on the school's dean's list and nominated by their college.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The calendar is updated regularly at www.atlantic.edu/about/monthlycal.shtml.

Editor's note: The *Atlantic Cape CommuniCator* is available online at www.atlantic.edu/~mcgowan/communicator/news.pdf

--**Stacey Clapp**, *editor*

Employee of the Quarter Award

This award is for support staff members who have helped most to make ACCC a place where students are comfortable, where staff members are pleasant and efficient and where visitors feel welcomed. This award focuses on customer service.

The ideal candidate makes suggestions or performs in a way that creates a safer, more attractive, or more efficient environment for his/her area or for the college community, thereby promoting excellent customer service.

He/she demonstrates a positive attitude toward students, peers, faculty, administrators or campus visitors and makes every effort to be pleasant and helpful. To be eligible, a unit or exempt support staff employee must have been employed full time for at least one year. Any full-time college employee is permitted to nominate a candidate.

Name of Nominee _____ Dept. _____

I am nominating this support staff person because:

Name of Nominator _____ Dept. _____

Signature _____ Date _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO PERSONNEL BY FRIDAY, APRIL 2.