



Atlantic Cape Community College's Information Source

April 13, 2006

NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

Paychecks Available 3-5 p.m. Thursday; Offices Closed Friday, April 14

Paychecks will be distributed early due to the college's administrative offices being closed on Friday, April 14. Paychecks and direct deposit stubs may be picked up between 3 and 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 13, in accounts payable. Supervisors should advise students and other hourly employees of the early distribution.

Employee Service Awards May 5

ACCC's annual Employee Service Awards Dinner will be held 5-7 p.m., Friday, May 5, at Blue Heron Pines Golf Club. Full-time employees with 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 years of service and retirees will be honored. All employees are invited, free of charge. Those receiving awards may bring one guest.

Hors d'oeuvres will be served promptly at 5 p.m. with a cash bar. Dinner choices include chicken marsala, salmon with dill sauce, or vegetarian pasta primavera.

There will be door prizes and a 50/50 raffle to benefit the Ruth Williams Memorial Scholarship. Call **Charita McClain**, ext. 5610, or e-mail mcclain@atlantic.edu to reserve your spot.

Awardees include:

10 years: **William Bailey, Denise Coulter, Michael Huber, Bart Musitano, William Smith, Angela Stewart.**

15 years: **Merrill-Jean Bailey, Maryann Carol, Cindy DeFalco, Tom DiPietro, Al Jayne, Rob Lyons, Liriana Samuel, Mary Yoa.**

20 years: **Agnes Armao, Janet Brenner, Rosemarie Conaghy, John Feldbauer, Suzanne Feye, Nick Ganaway, Terry Kirkland, Linda McLeod, Bill O'Shea, Kim Oliveto, Jeff Phillips, Sue Weisgerber.**

25 years: **Angus Borders, Judy DeSalvo, Mike Ferrino, Ken Foster, Gretchen Harris, Kitty Kalman, Ralph Marone, Carmen Royal, John Torcasio, Howard Webb.**

30 years: **Lynn Lessie, Rita Michalenko.**

35 years: **Wil Parsons.**

40 years: **Larry Reber.**

Retirees: **Ken Foster, Agnes Gallo, Yechiel Lehavy, Fay Newman.**

Help Choose College Book; Vote by 4 p.m. April 17

All members of the college community are invited to read the three final contenders for the college's next college wide book and help determine which will be accepted for the next three semesters. The three books are:

- *A Curious Incident of a Dog in the Night-time* by Mark Haddon
- *My Sister's Keeper* by Jodi Picoult
- *Night* by Elie Weisel

All votes should be e-mailed to **Melisa Rousseau** at mroussea@atlantic.edu by 4 p.m., Monday, April 17. If you have already read the books, e-mail her now. Your voice will be heard as the book will be chosen by the votes that are received by April 17. Your e-mail should include how you feel the book will benefit the college community.

International Faculty Forum April 25; RSVP for Lunch Count

The college community is invited to attend the first International Faculty Forum hosted by the International Education and Multicultural Awareness Committee, Tuesday, April 25. The forum is scheduled for 12:30 to 1:45 in room A110. Lunch will be provided. Various faculty members who were born in foreign countries or whose family members were born in foreign countries will discuss their experiences and offer suggestions to better understand people of that culture. The panel includes:

--**Myrna Morales-Keklak**, Puerto Rico
--**Ernesto Laya**, Peru
--**Godfrey Bartlatt**, Sierra Leone
--**Svetlana Marzelli**, Russia
--**Melisa Rousseau**, Guyana & Nigeria
--**Neera DeSai**, India

Elinor Mattern and **Myra Caplan** are co-chairs of the IEMAC. Please RSVP to **Myra Caplan** at myratiel@comcast.net if you plan to attend.

'ACCC Idol' Talent Show Raises Over \$1,000 for Tower Scholarship

Jennifer Rebolledo of Atlantic City was named ACCC Idol at the second annual "ACCC Idol" talent show on April 4. The Chile native performed various types of dance to a medley. She won a large trophy. Second prize went to **Sarah Harris** of Ocean City who sang, "All That Jazz." Third prize was won by **Amna Fahmy** of Ocean City, a singer/songwriter who performed a song she wrote.

Nine students competed for the title of ACCC Idol. Competitors included singers, dancers, actors and musicians. Other students competing included **Joseph Brown** who sang *Always and Forever*; **Gina Marie Faia** who sang *I Dreamed a Dream*; "**Corpus Nefarious**," a rapper; **Joseli Nunez**, who performed a dance from her native Dominican Republic; **Vinny Tronu**, who played the guitar; and **Adanis Vicente**, who performed dramatic readings.

Jim Craine, a former ACC student and local celebrity who has performed in many of the Atlantic City casinos, cruise ships and nightclubs up and down the East Coast and Canada, served as master of ceremonies and a judge. Other judges included **Linda Wilson McLeod**, assistant director of college recruitment, and Dr. Beverly Vaughn, professor of music at Richard Stockton College and director of the Stockton Oratory Society.

More than \$1,000 was raised for the Mary Tower Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund.

Prof. Tower died in April 2003 after a battle with cancer. She joined the college in September 1969 and retired in spring 1997, but continued to serve as an online instructor.

Golf Tournament Raises More Than \$4,000 for Baseball Club

Fifty-seven golfers participated in the Baseball Club's golf tournament last week, raising more than \$4,000 to help cover expenses for the club's season. The event was held at the Mays Landing Country Club.

ACCC Plans Administrative Professionals Week Event

ACCC's Office Systems Technology students and the William J. Hughes FAA Technical Center chapter of the International Association of Administrative Professionals will sponsor a free event for office professionals, 5:30-7 p.m., Thursday, April 27. Cape May County Clerk Rita Marie Fulginiti will speak on "Service through Record Keeping," at 6 p.m. The event will be held in the cafeteria on ACCC's Mays Landing Campus. Activities will include exhibits, refreshments and door prizes.

The occasion will mark the 54th annual Administrative Professionals Week, formerly known as National Secretaries Week, April 23-29. The "Week" honors administrative professionals, who handle wider duties than clerical responsibilities, in management and technology in the public and private sectors.

The event is open to the public. For more information, contact **JoAnne Barbieri** at ext. 4988 or e-mail barbieri@atlantic.edu.

Best Practices Conference at Mercer April 28; ACCCers Presenting

The N.J. Council of County Colleges Best Practices Conference will be held Friday, April 28, at Mercer County Community College's Conference Center. Join more than 200 of your statewide colleagues at this must-attend event on Friday, April 28, from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

A sample of the compelling sessions includes *Investigations and Strategies for Improving Student Retention*, *Using Corporate Training Programs to Link the College to the Community*, *Credit and Non-Credit Collaboration*, *Student Internships*, *Professional Development on a Shoestring*, *Shared Governance: A Collegial Model for the 21st Century* and much more.

Register today at the low cost of \$55. Call Jasmine Philip at 609-392-3434, download a registration form from www.njccc.org and fax to 609-392-8158 or mail to NJ Council of County Colleges, 330 West State St., Trenton, NJ 08618.

Developmental Ed: Insuring Academic Success Teleconference April 18

A teleconference titled *Developmental Education: Insuring Academic Success* is planned for 2:30-3:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 18, room J-206. A 30-minute audio conference will immediately follow. Building upon the strategies put forth at the November 2005 National Developmental Education Summit, the teleconference will deal with actionable ideas to improve your developmental education program. Video examples from several exemplary college programs will be featured. Video interviews with additional national experts will also be included.

Objectives include:

- Discussing importance of data collection, use, and longitudinal tracking
- Showing how and what information to collect
- Explaining the latest teaching/learning strategies in such areas as: learning communities, courses, student support services, creating structure and assessment.

Contact **Marge Battistelli**, ext. 4918, if you plan to attend.

ACCC Slates Open Houses on Mays Landing, Cape May County Campuses

ACCC will provide information about its new degree programs—Communication, Cultural Studies and Technical Studies—and other courses of study, career training, enrichment courses and much more at community open houses to be held during April at its Mays Landing and Cape May County campuses. Light refreshments will be served. Open houses will be held:

- Mays Landing Campus, 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, April 20, in the J Building lobby
- Cape May County Campus, noon-7 p.m. on Thursday, April 27, in the main lobby

Subjects that will be discussed at both events include:

- How to apply for admission and register for summer or fall classes
- Financial aid options, including the NJSTARS program and Marjorie Ward Leaders Scholarships
- Life skills and personal development workshops and courses
- Preparing for a career in the health care industry

Visitors to CMCC will have the opportunity to tour the new campus. Faculty from career and academic programs will be on hand to answer questions. Departments that will be represented include business administration, paralegal studies, criminal justice, culinary arts, baking and pastry, hospitality management, liberal arts, nursing, health professions, and continuing education. Continuing education staff members will offer information on personal and professional development workshops, seminars and short-term career training.

Adults who have completed some college credits may bring their transcripts for an unofficial evaluation of how those credits might be applied toward an ACCC associate degree.

For more information, contact **Linda McLeod**, ext. 5009, or by e-mail at mcleod@atlantic.edu

Mays Landing Job Fair Successful; Cape May County Campus Job Fair April 22



An ACCC student speaks with Comcast reps about career opportunities.

More than 30 employers attended ACCC's Job Fair at the Mays Landing Campus on April 11. A Job Fair will be held at the Cape May County Campus on Saturday, April 22, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Job fairs provide venues for employers to get together with students and community members to discuss career opportunities at their businesses. Some employers will be on hand to fill seasonal and current job needs. Representatives of local employers will answer questions and do on-the-spot or schedule interviews. Students and community members are encouraged to bring copies of their resumes.

For more information on the CMCC event, call **Valerie Crawford**, ext. 4501 or e-mail vcrawfor@atlantic.edu.

Continuing Ed Cooking Workshops Offered

Meals on the Run delves into using simple ingredients in planning healthful meals that can be cooked in less than one hour, 6-9 p.m., Tuesday, April 25, in the professional kitchens at Mays Landing. The workshops are taught by ACA chef educators.

The Wonderful World of Chocolate explores the art of preparing delectable truffles and other treats from chocolate, probably the world's most tempting edible, 6-9 p.m., Wednesday, May 3, in the seminar

dining room on the Cape May County Campus.

The fee for each culinary workshop is \$49. Bring an apron, hand towel, sharp knife, and notepad and pen. To register, call ext. 4829 or visit www.atlantic.edu/conted.

Art Gallery Features Paintings by Ed Bronstein through May 26

The ACCC Gallery presents *Ed Bronstein – Selected Paintings 1993-2005: A Personal Timeline*, April 10-May 26. Admission is free and open to the public. A reception to meet the artist will be held on Sunday, April 23, 1-4 p.m.

Bronstein, a resident of Philadelphia and Mays Landing has painted for more than 15 years. An article that appeared in American Artist magazine in November 2005 called him, “an expressionist who is excited by the visual world and has wonderful mark making, color-mixing, and drawing abilities.”

This show includes oil paintings, pastels, mono-types, and mixed media work. The subjects for this show, which traces his development as an artist over a 12-year period, include portraits and studies of family members, favorite objects – including trucks, construction equipment, and collected items - and travel pieces including works from Greece, Mexico, Ireland, and, closer to home, Cape Cod and Berks County. There are also a variety of scenes and landscapes from around Historic Mays Landing and Philadelphia.

Bronstein has exhibited his paintings since 1993 in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Vermont, and Ireland. He closed his architectural practice in 2003 after thirty years, and he continues to teach Architecture at Drexel University as adjunct professor.

The art gallery is in C building, C-125.

TIAA-CREF Visits Planned; Make Appointment

TIAA-CREF individual consultant Kevin Mumford will be visiting the Mays Landing Campus on Thursday, May 4. Appointments are available 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in room J-202. Call (800) 842-8412 to make your 30-minute appointment. You should bring a copy of your most recent statement to the meeting. If you would prefer to schedule online, select the “Meetings/Counseling” option at the top right corner of the TIAA-CREF homepage: www.tiaa-cref.org.

ACCers Impressed with Assistive Technology Equipment; Attend Workshop

Disability Support Services (DSS) offered a “Hands-On” assistive technology demonstration on March 3 on the Mays Landing Campus. The workshop was open to all ACCC faculty, chef educators, staff, and students with disabilities. **Lucy McGlynn**, DSS counselor, arranged the workshop to give everyone the opportunity to experience the assistive technology available in the Counseling and Support Services (CSS) resource room.

Joan Messa, an author and consultant with Vis-Ability, Inc. demonstrated screen reading and screen magnification software which is known as JAWS. She also demonstrated Zoomtext, software designed to meet the needs of people with visual impairments and Openbook, software that transforms a computer and scanner into a full-featured reading machine. More than 30 people took advantage of this training opportunity.

Mike Parker, director of Vis-Ability, Inc. demonstrated other assistive technology equipment. Among the items demonstrated was a regular and portable Telesensory Aladdin Sunshine CCTV, which magnifies text for people with low vision. The “VERA,” (Very Easy Reading Apparatus) which looks and works like a copy machine, but instead of making a copy, it actually scans in text and makes an electronic copy on a cassette. This produces an “instant” book on tape which students can use to study when it is

convenient for them, which may be in the car or on the bus during their commute to class.

“VERA” was designed for people who learn better when they “hear” words rather than “read” them. Not only does this reading machine make a cassette tape, it also reads the text and prints the text on a computer screen as it is being read. People who have difficulty hearing and seeing the text simultaneously benefit greatly from this technology. VERA also does her magic in English, French and Spanish.

Kelly McClay, assistant director, ACA, said “the faculty and administration were amazed at the services available and how beneficial these technological advances are to our student population. I am hopeful that many more students will take advantage of VERA and the software programs designed to assist them.”

This workshop will be repeated Wednesday, April 19, at the Worthington Atlantic City Center, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., room 215, and at the Cape May County Campus, 1:30-4:30 p.m., room 118. Light refreshments will be served. For more information on assistive technology and other services available for people with disabilities, please contact **Lucy McGlynn**, ext. 5090.

Mora to Receive MBCA Education Appreciation Award April 20

Dr. Peter L. Mora, ACCC president, will receive the Metropolitan Business & Citizens Association’s (MBCA) 2006 Education Appreciation Award at the organization’s spring scholarship luncheon on Thursday, April 20. Mora will also give the keynote address at the luncheon, which will take place in the Imperial Ballroom at Trump Plaza at noon. The event is co-sponsored by Trump Entertainment Resorts.

The award cites Mora’s “continued leadership and dedication to education and his hard work for the students of Atlantic/Cape May County and New Jersey,” and continues, “We salute his achievements and goals, and recognize the positive role model Dr. Mora brings to the region and to education.”

Tickets for the luncheon are \$40. For more information, call (609) 348-1903 or visit MBCA’s Web site at www.acmetbiz.com.

ACCC Educational Opportunity Fund Slates Fashion Show for May 13

I’m Somebody on Sunday, a spring fashion show and tea celebrating the “dress to impress” traditions of Sunday church-going, working African-American mothers, will be held Saturday, May 13, at the Asbury UME Church Fellowship Hall, 1213 Pacific Ave., Atlantic City. Tickets are \$20. A light luncheon of finger sandwiches, tea and cookies will be served. The event begins at 1 p.m., but doors open at noon for those who wish to shop for items offered by N’Style Boutique of Berlin.

The fashion show will trace the socio-economic relationship between fashion and religious experience in the African-American community through social commentary provided by Linda Moore of Chesilhurst. Hats and leisure wear will be in abundance. The fund-raiser is sponsored by ACCC’s EOF advisory board. For more information, contact **Shilon Carter**, ext. 5646.

HERE’S THE SCOOP



Left to right: ACCCers pose with Holocaust survivors. Left to right: Bobby L. Royal, Sr., Dean, Worthington Atlantic City Center and community affairs; Dr. Arthur Wexler, senior dean of academic affairs; Holocaust survivors Fannie Lesser, Janet Moskowitz, Hanna Erlich, and Sonia Kaplan; and Dr. Peter Mora, ACCC president.

ACCC hosted the 23rd Annual Holocaust Awareness Program on March 26. This year’s themes were “Children of the Holocaust” and “Those Who Tried to Protect Them.” The event featured presentations by the Brigantine

North Middle School, the Eugene A. Tighe School, Margate, and the Ventnor City School. Entertainment was provided by the Dance Arts League in partnership with JazzRock Ballet and the choir of the CharterTech High School for the Performing Arts.

Deepest sympathy to **Tyrone** and **Norman McKiver**, facilitites, on the passing of their brother, Eric.

Joanne Gleason, admissions, sent this note for the many expressions of sympathy received on the loss of her father and brother. "I just can't convey my thanks enough for all the love and support the ACCC family has given me and my family during this very difficult time. I am truly blessed to have so many caring friends. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart."

Welcome back to **Kathy Corbalis**, college relations, who just returned from a visit with her son in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Jay, a junior at Cornell University, is studying abroad this semester.

Happy birthday to: **Robert Benner**, **Eric Mayo**, April 14; **Curtis Fitzpatrick**, April 15; **Mary Lou Breitzman**, **Judy DeSalvo**, **Dennis Huey**, **Neera Desai**, April 17; **Gail Mischlich**, April 19; **William Keener**, April 20; **Jennifer Martucci**, **Kristi Neal**, **Rafael Rivera**, April 21; **Marion Caccavale**, April 23; **Dorie Keener**, April 27. Adjunct birthdays: **Jennifer Jaloway**, April 14; **Allison Weinstein**, April 15; **Cynthia Muller**, April 17; **Andre Scholler**, **Michael Humphrey**, April 22; **Chad Parlett**, April 24; **William Atkinson**, April 26.

NEWS FROM ACCC'S OTHER LOCATIONS

Greetings from Charles D. Worthington Atlantic City Center

by Daymis Alicea

Welcome back to **John Mohr**, director of student services, who has been out with a broken ankle for a month or so. He was treated to celebrity status and random hugs and handshakes from the WACCy folk. It is great having you back. **Linda McLeod**, admissions, held down the fort marvelously in his absence and will be missed by the staff. Don't be a stranger.



To all Idol fans out there . . . what a rush to see our own ACCC Idol Show go so well. The winner was ACCC student, **Jennifer Rebolledo**, who WOW'ed the crowd with her dance routine. The contest was well received by students, faculty and staff. Way to go to **Mike Kammer**, **Elinor Mattern**, **Vita Stovall** and **Judy Matsunobu** for a job well done. The show benefits the Mary S. Tower Scholarship Endowment Fund.

Students from WACC traveled to the Mays Landing Campus to support their contestants in the ACCC Idol Talent show. WACC student Jennifer Rebolledo won the contest.

The student services office kicked off the week of April 3 with its annual advisement sessions in the student cafeteria. The staff reports they handled upward of 45 students per day. We hope this will cut back on those ever-enlarging lines come the first week of registration.

The ESL department, spearheaded by **Christina Cavage**, held an advanced ESL exit workshop which prepares students completing the ESL program to enter into their academic program. Topics include transitioning to the Mays Landing or Cape May County campuses, test scores, key people to contact, and an intensive questions/answer session. Great job!

It's always great to participate! The student services office participated in a coffee klatch with host, **Spike Edwards**, and keynote speaker **Keith Forrest** on the topic of the new associate in arts major in

communication. **John Mohr** and **Alice Rainey**, student services, were on hand to ask questions via the distance ed tech room. Gotta love technology. Many thanks to **Mike Sargente** for always being on hand to set it up and make it work.

Elinor Mattern, ESL, is honored to be able to share the joy of her poetry during “Poetic Justice” on April 23, 7 p.m. at Clifton’s Restaurant, 618 Park Ave., Freehold. This is a poetry/spoken word benefit in support of Friends of Monmouth County Child Advocacy Center, Inc. Hear the collective voices of poets and others as they share their unique perspective on the sensitive topic of abuse, empowerment, and healing. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased in advance or at the door. One hundred percent of the ticket sales will be donated to the Friends of MCCAC in support of the new Child Advocacy Center. Light refreshments will be served. For details about the Friends of MCCAC, go to www.friendsofmccac.org. Way to go Elinor, it’s definitely a worthy cause.

Lights, camera, action!! It was a spectacular week that turned some of our students into *five-minute TV stars*. On March 28, the student services office rounded up our City Center students to participate in a national info-mercial on EZ-Pass. The camera crew and producers met our students in front of the Carnegie Hall Library on Illinois Avenue. This info-mercial will run nationally through all the syndicated channels.

If that wasn’t enough, the producers of the hit TV show, *Court TV*, filmed on location in our very own mock casino. The student dealers participated as dealers and other students participated as casino gamblers and guests. It was an excellent experience all around. Great job to **Kay Pandit**, administrative services, for handling it all with excellent aplomb.

For those who celebrate, Easter break is at hand, so I hope you made plans and enjoy them fully...for those who don’t celebrate...enjoy the extra day off since you have also been working your bunny-tail off and deserve a break.

To all advisors: Hold on tight, next time you read the *CommuniCator* we will be two weeks into our hectic registration week which starts on April 17 and hopefully the worst will be over. ’Til next time!

Greetings from the Cape May County Campus **by Lisa Apel-Gendron**

Service projects are the norm this month at CMCC. Two different drives, both of which are easy to participate in, are running right now.

The *You Gotta Have Sole* drive, initiated by a Cape May County student of **Regina Van Epps’** Intro to Literature class, encourages staff, faculty and students to clean out their closets and bring gently used shoes of all sizes to campus. The student and her fellow surfers will get the shoes to families in Nicaragua. Having seen Nicaraguan children walking to school with only newspapers on their feet, the surfers decided to take action. So, if you have some shoes at home that you and your family aren’t wearing, please bring them to any campus. Drop off boxes are located in: Student Life Center, Mays Landing Campus; Student Services Office, WACC; and Faculty Support Office (room 335), CMCC. All sizes of shoes are needed for children and their parents. Drop off deadline is May 1.

Since April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, the CMCC staff and faculty have decided to run a drive to support the Coalition Against Rape and Abuse (CARA), which is Cape May County’s sexual assault response agency. CARA provides an array of services to men and women, including a safe house for women and children who’ve had to flee their homes because of domestic violence. Our drive supports this safe house. We’re encouraging faculty, staff and students to drop off personal care items in one of the CARA boxes on any floor at CMCC. The most needed items include: shampoo, conditioner, combs,

brushes, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash, floss, deodorant, lotion and diapers. DVDs for children are appreciated, as are new food storage containers. This drive will run through May 15. Thanks to **Linda Hair, Faith Gager** and **Susan Singleton** for getting this drive up and running.

Our thoughts are with English adjunct instructor **Walt Bernacki**, who recently lost his brother and nephew in separate incidents. It was no surprise that Walt's first concern was his students.

On a happier note, math adjunct **Sue Hellings** spent spring break visiting her son in Alaska.

CISM adjunct **Suzanne Haggerty** is helping out the continuing education folks by teaching several sections of the free computer basics classes for employees of small to mid-sized businesses.

Chris Vallese, ITS, is going to be nicknamed "Roadrunner" from now on. Chris is literally running from the minute he arrives on campus. He sets up meetings via ITV daily, helps faculty in the classroom daily, troubleshoots equipment problems throughout the building, delivers calculators to classrooms and retrieves them, meets with conferencing customers, runs a/v programs during conferences, installs software and teaches all of us how to maintain healthy hard drives. Chris is getting plenty of exercise each day, and he smiles the whole time.

Speaking of exercise, on nice days **Tim Cliggett**, facilities, rides his bike to work. If the winds are calm, it takes him 48 minutes door to door.

Former math tutor and ACCC grad **Yusuf Gunawan** will receive his BA in Communication from Richard Stockton College next month. Yusuf is the only non-math major I've ever met who took Calculus II for fun!

The sweet aroma of marzipan, icing and mousse filled CMCC's first floor during the evening of April 5. **Chef Tree McCann** and four of her students presented a continuing education workshop on *Edible Flowers and Decorations* for desserts. Once again the culinary team turned an empty traditional classroom into a bustling mini-kitchen. One can't help but be impressed by the skills and ingenuity of our chef educators and their students.

More than 100 guests spent April 7 at CMCC for the Youth Services Conference sponsored by the Cape May County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Prosecutor's Office. Attendees included school superintendents, principals, guidance counselors, social workers, child study team representatives, clergy, police, probation officers and social service agency representatives. The conference ran from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. and we couldn't have done it without **Kay Pandit, Jean McAlister, Marion Pool, Chris Vallese, Tim Cliggett, Thom Partin, Curtis Fitzpatrick, Roy Burnham, Al Jayne** and our catering team of Dawn and Lisa from All Seasons.

Non-credit *Conversational Italian, Exploring Photography, QuickBooks* and *Living in a Zoo* (for children) are all filled to capacity and running. *Feng Shui* just finished. Wait until you see what we're offering this summer on the continuing ed side!

Enjoy your weekend!

Continuing Education News

by Sherwood Taylor

On the Road Again: **Carol Drea** and **Tommy Giardina** represented CCI at the National Indian Gaming Association Expo (NIGA) in Albuquerque, NM, April 5 and 6. This expo provided the chance to showcase our CCI products and services to Indian Gaming operators.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Carmen Royal, dean of students, was named 2006 EOF Champion by the Commission on Higher Education, New Jersey Educational Opportunity Fund. Royal has demonstrated dedication, advocacy and general support of the program since she started at ACC as an EOF counselor. The award was created to acknowledge the contributions of non-EOF staff at New Jersey's colleges and universities who have championed the cause of institutional EOF campus programs over the years. She is a true student advocate and has a real "open-door" policy. She not only supports program activities, but attends events sponsored by the program and the EOF Program Advisory Board.

Nally Hughes, wife of **Tom Hughes**, receiving, was honored by AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center for her customer service. Her photo appeared in a full-page ad of top employees for the year.



Dr. Theresa DeFranco, left, and Dr. Peter Mora, right, chaired the 2006 Bowl for Kids Sake, which raised more than \$100,000, a record.

The 2006 Bowl for Kids' Sake event, sponsored by Brothers Big Sisters of Atlantic and Cape May counties was a huge success. This year's event, chaired by **Dr. Peter Mora** and **Dr. Theresa DeFranco**, raised more than \$100,000, far surpassing the goal of \$80,000 and last year's total of \$45,000. Thanks to all who contributed to the wonderful turnout and for the tremendous support.

Joseph Strazzeri, Ph.D., adjunct of foreign languages, earned his sixth degree recently, a master of arts in applied linguistics (M.A.) from Empresarial University of Costa Rica. He also teaches Foreign Languages and English Development Skills for Writing and Reading at Cumberland County College.



Keith Forrest, assistant professor of communication, guest lectured to a class of 400 students at the Indiana University (IU) School of Journalism last week. Forrest spoke to the "Hot Topics" in Journalism class about "When Fiction and Non-Fiction Collide." The IU School of Journalism is one the oldest and most prestigious in the country. Forrest also spoke to a graduate class in literary journalism. He was invited to visit to the IU School of Journalism by Amy Reynolds, assistant professor of journalism and the author of several books including one about media coverage of the civil war.

Attendees described Forrest's guest lecture as irreverent, humorous and thought-provoking. During his guest lecture, he asked students to carefully consider the clash and collaboration between journalism and creative fiction. Among the topics he discussed was the recent controversy about the James Frey memoir "A Million Little Pieces." Forrest told students that there are stories about all of our lives that are worth telling to a larger audience. The key is figuring out how to tell that story so that it touches the audience's emotions. Forrest defined the personal essay as "a version of events delivered in the writer's voice. The spirit of the moment is what is most important. We are not just reporting on what happened, but what it means to us."

Forrest also met with IU School of Journalism Dean Bradley Hamm during his visit to discuss establishing links between the two schools including the potential development of an articulation agreement. Prior to joining IU, Hamm spearheaded the creation of the School of Communications at Elon University in North Carolina.

Forrest coordinated ACCC's recent development of a communication option, which was approved by the

Board of Trustees on March 21.

ALUMNI

ACA alumna **Melissa Dorn**, '05, was named the 2006 Montana Chef's Association Chef of the Year. The 31-year old New Jersey native nearly didn't make her April 4 coronation banquet. She asked her boss to accept the accolade while she carried on teaching her two-night class in making truffles, but she arrived in time to take a bow. In addition to ACA, Dorn studied at the DCT International Hotel and Culinary Arts School, Lucerne, Switzerland. She is chef at Creative Catering in Missoula. Last year she won a gold medal in the Big Sky, Mont., competition for cooking with Montana food products.

ACCC IN THE NEWS

The Press sports pages ran an article on March 14 reporting that ACCC's archery team took second place in the men's recurve division in the 37th Indoor National Archery Championship at Harrisonburg, Va. **Brett Lazaroff, Noah Patterson** and **Joshua Gierccyk** were the recurve team. In the compound division, the ACCC team of **Steve Gatto, Mark Schiavo** and **Keith Miller** came in third as did the women's recurve team of **Desiree Sparano, Carole Dieterly** and **Rachel Dieterly**. The mixed recurve team of Lazaroff, Patterson, Sparano and Carole Dieterly placed second. ACCC's teams will next compete in the outdoor Eastern Regionals at Williamsport, Pa., April 22-23.

A page one roundup article in The Press on April 3 quoted **Dr. Ron McArthur**, dean of instruction, regarding the statewide technical studies program that offers trades people degree credits for their apprenticeships and formal technical training. "The courses they take through the unions are probably more rigorous than anything we could offer," McArthur said.

Atlantic City casinos are eschewing the old \$10-bucks-and-all-you-can-eat-buffet visitor magnet in favor of fine, read 'upscale,' dining. One outcome of this culinary gentrification is a burgeoning demand for chefs in and around the resort. That's good news for ACA grads each of whom is being swamped with job offers. On March 26, the latest in a plethora of articles about the subject appearing in area newspapers was published in The Press.

The Cape May County Herald reported that ACA students who finish their studies rather than succumb to the lure of a paycheck halfway through do better professionally owing to the national boom in fine dining establishments. **Kelly McClay**, assistant director of the culinary program, said recruiters visit the school three days a week.

ACCC's new communication option, which begins in the fall semester, was the subject of a report and editorial in The Press. The article said college officials reported that the demand for a degree in communication is growing.

The ACA's Iron Student Chef Competition appeared on TV40 and WPVI Channel 6 and on the front page of the The Press, Region section. Don Williams talked up the Academy on his TV/WOND radio broadcast and the need for culinary professionals with the big wave of new restaurants in AC and suggested that if someone was looking for a career, it was a great major. He said that we have a great culinary school in the Academy of Culinary Arts and encouraged those interested to sign up and check it out. The Cape May County Herald, Times Graphics newspapers and Current newspapers also covered the event.

NewsChannel 40 covered ACCC Literacy Day last week. ACCC hosted 90 eighth grade students from its Adopt-A-Schools--Cleary School, Woodbine School and Fanny Rittenberg School in Egg Harbor City--for the event. All students received a copy of the book, *Treasure Island*, a Buccaneer sack and a pencil, and participated in activities, including science experiments, archery demonstrations and spelling bees.

They also enjoyed an interactive improvisational theater performance by the Performing Arts Club, and made bookmarks with students in the Rotaract Club.

The New York Times wondered what happens to baked goods prepared by culinary students in ACA pastry classes, while the Courier-Post article included an interview with ACA chef educator **Vince Tedeschi** on Kids College cooking classes. Both articles appeared on Wednesday. Times' readers learned that cakes and pastries are sold at the campus bake shop, Strudels, with proceeds going to an ACA scholarship fund. In the *Kids in the Kitchen* article, Tedeschi talked about Kids College cooking classes and said his son, Anthony, may be on his way to becoming a chef himself because the 3-1/2-year old loves to play with flour and dough. "They get into the kitchen and they can't see over the countertops," said Tedeschi with a smile in his voice. "We made it safe and fun."

The Asbury Park Press reported on Wednesday that ACA will be the location of one of two dinner meetings aimed at uniting local farmers and chefs in an effort to serve fine food incorporating the best of local farm products. The meeting at ACA is scheduled for Monday, April 17, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The second meeting will be held at the same hours on April 24 at The Brothers Moon Restaurant in Hopewell. The dinners are sponsored by Northeast Organic Farming Association of New Jersey in conjunction with the Foodshed Alliance, the New Jersey Vegetable Growers, New Jersey Farm Bureau and New Jersey Direct Marketing Association.

Shore Advice

Protect Yourself from the Sun

By Sara Ryan, R.N., M.S.N.

Did you know that certain clothing is better to protect the skin against the harmful rays of the sun? The American Cancer Society has an article online titled, *Clothing Styles and Fabrics Ranked for Sun Protection*. The article offers information on good and bad fabrics for sun protection:

Best Fabrics:

- New fabrics created for sun protection
- Blue or black denim jeans
- 100% polyester
- Shiny polyester blends
- Satin-finish silk of any weight, even very thin silk
- Tightly woven fabrics
- Unbleached cotton

Worst Fabrics:

- Polyester crepe
- Bleached cotton
- Viscose
- Knits, especially loosely woven materials
- Undyed, white denim jeans
- Threadbare worn fabrics

Sun-blocking clothes sold in catalogs and at sporting goods stores are one solution; look for Ultraviolet Protective Factor (UPF) of 15. For very good protection choose UPF 25-39 and try UPF 40-50 for excellent sun protection. The article explains a laundry additive is available that gives clothing a sun protective factor of 15, which is supposed to last as long as the clothes. For more information go to: http://www.cancer.org/docroot/SPC/content/SPC_1_Sun_Protection_Ratings_For_Summer.

Next CommuniCator April 28, Deadline Noon, April 24

The next issue of the *Atlantic Cape CommuniCator* will be Friday, April 28. The deadline is noon, Monday, April 24. Submit articles by e-mail to mcgowan@atlantic.edu.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The calendar is updated regularly at <http://www.atlantic.edu/calendars/index.php>.

--Kathy McGowan, editor