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NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

Senator William Gormley Keynote Speaker at ACCC Commencement May 26



Sen. Gormley

State Sen. William Gormley will give the keynote address at ACCC's 38th annual commencement, at 4 p.m., Thursday, May 26. Gormley, an Atlantic City native, is serving his eighth term in the New Jersey State Senate. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Notre Dame and holds a law degree from Villanova University. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps until 1975, and was discharged with the rank of captain.

Gormley, 58, was elected to public office in 1975 as a member of the Atlantic County Board of Chosen Freeholders. He was elected to the General Assembly in 1977, and later won a seat in the state senate in 1982. Gormley is an attorney with the law firm DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary LLP. He and his wife, Virginia, live in Margate. They have four children.

Employee Service Awards May 6 at Mays Landing Country Club

The Annual Employee Service Awards will be held 5-7:30 p.m., Friday, May 6, at the Mays Landing Country Club. Full-time employees celebrating anniversaries of 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 years of service and our retirees will be honored.

10 years: **Louis Guilford, Doug Hedges, Tom Hughes, Richard Kalman, Annmarie Chelius Matt, Kelly McClay, Vita Stovall.**

15 years: **John Bryant, Carmen Cabrera, Philip Cragg, Miguel Delgado, Nick Donato, Esther Gandica, Pat Kubaska, Paula Manns, Charita McClain, Sara Ryan**

20 years: **Josie Chivalette, Ellen Clark, Domenick DiPietro, Dr. Dottie Dunayer, Dr. Josette Katz, Bill Keener, Don Nigsch, Rafael Rivera, Mark Streckenbein**

25 years: **Janet DeCicco, George Duboff, Frank Eastlack, Otto Hernandez**

30 years: **Mary Ann Ferrigno, Dr. Joyce Grohman**

35 years: **Dr. Marty Marino, Dan Thoren**

Retirees: **Judy Allen, Helen Hughes, Dr. John May, Judy Matsunobu**

All employees are welcome to attend. Honorees may bring one guest. Seating is limited so make your reservation today. Please RSVP to human resources, ext. 5611, or e-mail defalco@atlantic.edu.

Mini Events Planned to Say Farewell to Dr. May

Several areas of the college community will host mini events to say farewell to **Dr. John May** as he prepares for retirement. These sessions will allow those who cannot attend his retirement party to wish him farewell. Events include:

9 a.m., Wednesday, May 4: Breakfast with the Dean of Students/Student Development, cafeteria B

3 p.m., Wednesday, May 4: Tea and dessert at the Cape May County Extension Center

6 p.m., Wednesday, May 11: Dinner in Careme's with ACA staff

Noon, Thursday, May 12: Barbecue at the City Center

4-6 p.m., Wednesday, May 18: Mays Landing East Open House and Ribbon Cutting

Last Chance for Tickets for Former Governor Whitman's May 3 Speech



Reserve your tickets now to see former N.J. Governor and U.S. EPA Chief Christine Todd Whitman on Tuesday, May 3, in the college's Walter Edge Theater. She will speak at 8 p.m. on her new book, *It's My Party, Too: The Battle for the Heart of the GOP and the Future of America*, as the next speaker in the ACCC Foundation's Martin L. Blatt Distinguished Speakers Series. A book signing will follow. Tickets are free but reservations are required. Please contact **Anna Simmons**, ext. 4907, or e-mail simmons@atlantic.edu to reserve seats.

Faculty, Staff Invited to Support Leaves for Learning Campaign

The Leaves for Learning campaign for funds for ornamental trees and beautification efforts at the new Cape May County campus has raised nearly \$43,000 so far. Various donor levels are available for ACCC employees who would like to show their support for the project and have their names permanently displayed at the new campus.

Geoff Pettifer and **Jennifer Martucci**, advancement office, have conducted several information sessions at the Mays Landing and Rio Grande campuses and will hold a presentation at the City Center May 3.

There are seven giving levels, including: Gold Acorn (\$5,000); Silver Acorn (\$2,500), Platinum Leaf (\$1,000); Gold Leaf (\$500); Silver Leaf (\$250); Bronze Leaf (\$100); and Friends of ACCC (\$65-\$99).

Employees have several payment options including: Cash, check, credit card and payroll deduction. Pledge installment options are available and information will be mailed and e-mailed to all employees and faculty. Deadline to ensure your name is on the donor tree for the unveiling when the college opens is May 31. For more information, contact **Jennifer Martucci**, ext. 5634.

Terry Sampson will give hard hat tours of Cape May County campus on Fridays by appointment. Call ext. 5116.

Restaurant Gala Raises \$160,000; 50/50 Raffle Winners Announced

From the culinary works of art served by the 37 participating restaurants to the paintings displayed by several local artists, the 22nd Annual Press of Atlantic City Restaurant Gala showcased "The Art of Food." The annual event raised approximately \$160,000 for student scholarships at the ACA and ACCC.

Nearly 900 people attended the April 20 affair at the Atlantic City Convention Center. The event included the signature dishes of 37 of the finest restaurants in Atlantic and Cape May counties and highlighted the talents of the culinary students at the ACA, who prepared thousands of sumptuous hot and cold hors d'oeuvres. The ACA students and chef educators received a standing ovation from the attendees during the dinner reception. A dessert extravaganza capped off the evening.

Guest Chef **Michael Schlow**, a 1987 ACA graduate and chef-owner of three Boston restaurants, conducted a cooking demonstration and autographed copies of his new cookbook, "It's About Time: Great Recipes for Everyday Life."

Also, in keeping with this year's theme "The Art of Food," six local artists displayed their work. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of artwork will support art scholarships at ACCC.

A 50/50 raffle brought in nearly \$25,000 for college scholarships. John Varalli of Atlantic City won the \$15,270 grand prize. Second prize winner Eric Reynolds of Egg Harbor Township, a Board of Trustees member, received \$5,090. Third, fourth, and fifth prizes, each totaling \$1,926, went to Eleanor Perrone of Hammonton, Sam Buscaglia of Mays Landing, and Lou Scarlata of Northfield, who shared the prize with Jerry Deaver of Brigantine, Lou DeFeo of Egg Harbor Township and Glenn Lewkowitz of Absecon. Planned as an additional way to generate supplementary scholarship dollars for ACCC students, the winning amounts were based on more than 500 tickets sold.

The Restaurant Gala Committee thanks all of the volunteers for their time and help to ensure the event ran smoothly. Next year's gala will be held Wednesday, April 19.

Four ACA Students to Participate in Summer Seafood Festival

Four ACA students won a seafood cook-off at Careme's and will present their original recipes using seafood ingredients found in New Jersey at the 16th Annual Bank of America New Jersey Fresh Seafood Festival, Saturday, June 11, and Sunday, June 12, at Historic Gardner's Basin in Atlantic City.

During the final round of judging at the ACA on April 22, **Anthony Ramano** of Atlantic Highlands took first place for his Shrimp Bruschetta and was awarded the top prize of the Seafood Festival's Joseph Dougherty Jr. \$1,000 scholarship. **Joel Holloway** of Sicklerville earned second place for his Wasabi Pea Encrusted Ahi Tuna; third place went to **Jon Slack** of Woodbury and his Seared Sea Scallops; and **Adam Clark** of Cape May Court House took fourth place for his Shrimp and Crab Ceviche. The second through fourth place finishers each received a \$100 gift certificate toward purchasing cutlery. The recipes will be available at the event.

More than 20 students entered the initial rounds of the contest, in which they prepared an entrée, soup, appetizer or salad from an original recipe. Each entrant was judged on taste, texture, technique, presentation and professionalism.

Two ACCC Students Honored at Statewide PTK Day

Students **Jelena Drcelic-Yowell** of Galloway and **Iryna Villegas** of Hammonton were among 37 of New Jersey's best and brightest community college students honored by the New Jersey Council of County Colleges at its 11th Annual Phi Theta Kappa Day celebration April 21, at the Lafayette Yard Marriott Hotel in Trenton.

Each year, the Council of County Colleges hosts this luncheon program to honor the members of the New Jersey All-State Academic Team, which is sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for community colleges. The students are recognized for their outstanding academic achievement and exceptional service to their communities as members of PTK at their local community colleges.

PTK has recognized and encouraged scholarship among community college students for nearly 100 years while promoting the academic integrity of the associate degree program. Students with grade point averages of 3.5 or higher are invited to join PTK.

UPS Removes Drop Box; Packages Picked Up in J Building Weekdays

The UPS drop box outside of J building was removed since ACCC did not meet the minimum five packages daily to maintain the box. However, UPS will pick up overnight envelopes from the Mays Landing main campus at approximately 4:30 p.m. weekdays. A legal-size wire basket is on the switchboard counter in J building for you to place your overnight envelopes. Packages will be picked up from that location and delivered the next day. Packages that will not fit in the wire basket should be sent through Central Receiving. Call ext. 5118.

Bids Still Accepted for American Heart Walk Silent Auction

ACCC's American Heart Walk committee is still accepting bids on items for sale in its silent auction to benefit the American Heart Walk fund. Photos and descriptions of all items up for bid are available at <http://venus.atlantic.edu/dagostino/Heartwalk08.ppt> (Please note, this is a 46.8MB file and takes a few minutes to download.)

Bids will be accepted until May 3. To place a bid, fax Jo-Ann Volpe at ext. 5661 or e-mail volpe@atlantic.edu. Include your name, minimum and maximum bids. The current high-bidder is noted on each item at the bottom of each page.



Friends and faculty members gather to dedicate a tree in memory of Karen Brown.

Tree Planted in Memory of Prof. Karen Brown

A tree was planted in front of Simon Lake Hall, A building, on Earth Day in memory of Karen Brown, assistant professor of mathematics. Ms. Brown died on Oct. 3 of a brain aneurysm. She was 43. Her husband, David, family and faculty attended the memorial service.

Free Biotechnology Seminar June 15

The deadline for faculty to apply for the Tri-State Biotechnology Teacher-Leader Day was extended to May 3.

The event takes place 9 a.m.-5 p.m., June 15, at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia. The Biotechnology Institute, a national biotechnology education organization, will

host the free event designed to provide educators with the skills, strategies and curriculum to incorporate the increasingly popular subject of biotechnology into their classrooms. Visit www.biotechinstitute.org or call (703) 248-8681 for more information.

Next CommuniCator May 13

The next issue of the *Atlantic Cape CommuniCator* will be May 13. Deadline is noon, Monday, May 9. Please send information to **Kathy McGowan**, mcgowan@atlantic.edu.

HERE'S THE SCOOP

The Performing Arts Club proudly presents *School House Rock Live!*, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 28-Saturday, April 30 and a matinee at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 1. Tickets are \$7 general admission and \$5 for staff, alumni and seniors and available at the door. Call **Dave Capelli**, ext. 5250.

Time is running out to sign up for the retirement parties for **Dr. John May** and **Judy Matsunobu**. **Judy's** retirement party will be at Sharon Zheng's in Egg Harbor Township at 6 p.m., Thursday, May 12. Cost is \$25. Dr. May's party will be at 6 p.m., Thursday, May 19, at Smithville Inn. Cost is \$40. Make checks payable to ACCC and send to **Ellen Gregory** for Dr. May's party and to **Janet Brenner** for Judy's party.

Welcome back **Marion Caccavale**, business office. It's great to have you back!

ACCC's main campus mailman **Tom Roesch** is accepting donations in honor of his sister, Mary, for the MS Walk planned for May 1. Funds will help support local programs for more than 10,000 individuals like Mary who suffer from multiple sclerosis in this area. Make checks payable to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and give them to Tom during his rounds or send them through interoffice mail. Contributions will be accepted after May 1.



Isn't she pretty? Kathy McGowan is the proud owner of this new sailboat.

Kathy McGowan, college relations, is in sunny Florida. She and her husband, Chuck, took a test sail in the Gulf in their new Seaward 26RK sailboat. The boat will be shipped to them this week. Good luck with it!

Don't forget the memorial service for long-time ACCCer **Jane Scharfetter**, 12:30 p.m., May 3, in the outer cafeteria.

Deepest sympathies to **JoAnne Barbieri**, CIS, on the passing of her father, Angelo "Bange" DeCicco. Mr. DeCicco passed away on April 15. He was 87. Expressions can be sent to JoAnne at 1002 Bartlett Ave., Linwood, NJ 08221.

Deepest sympathies to **Donna Vassallo**, hospitality management and business, on the passing of her beloved mother, Gloria A. Vassallo. A lifelong Vineland resident, Mrs. Vassallo was employed in that city's public schools. She was 67. Memorial contributions can be sent in Mrs. Vassallo's name to Bishop McCarthy Residence, 1045 E. Chestnut Ave., Vineland, N.J. 08360, or to Gilda's Club of South Jersey, 300 Shore Road, Linwood, N.J. 08221. Expressions can be sent to Donna at 13 Beaver Drive, Egg Harbor Township, N.J. 08234.

Welcome to **Susan McNamara**, part-time admissions representative at the Mays Landing main campus, and **Dorrey Lyles**, part-time clerical assistant for the division office.

Danays Alvarado, ACA, is proud of her son, Jaythan, who came in first at the Mercer County National Karate Competition in March in open hand form, weapons and sparring. Jaythan also took the grand championship. At 10 years old, he was the youngest of the four competing for the title. Jaythan's style is Okinawan, Shu do Khan, and he studies under Master Sensei Quiles in Hammonton where he has a yellow belt.

Regina Van Epps, English, is proud of her son, Jake, who was accepted to the University of Georgia's Graduate School of Psychology to work toward a master's degree in community counseling. Jake was one of only 10 applicants admitted this year.

Terri Hamby, science department program assistant, is collecting old cell phones on behalf of her daughter, Victoria, a member of the Civil Air Patrol, Cape May County Squadron. Phons 4 Charity collects used phones and provides them to charities or recycles them. You can call Terri at ext. 5253 or leave phones in A-128.



Jaythan Alvarado poses with his trophy.

Birthdays: **Edward Perkins**, April 29; **Alfred Jayne**, **Joseph Kosmalski**, April 30; **Carmen Cabrera**, May 1; **Joseph McGrellis**, **Mark Streckenbein**, May 2; **Cynthia Correa**, **Michael Mettelle**, **Peter Mora**, May 4; **Kelly McClay**, May 5, **Mary Yoa**, May 6; **William Dougherty**, **James Sacchinelli**, **Marilou Trinh**, May 7; **Dave Capelli**, May 8; **Max Slusher**, May 11; **Laura Campbell**, May 12.

Adjunct birthdays: **Robert Herman, James Ruberton**, April 30; **James Richardson**, May 6; **Mark Delany**, May 7; **Joanne Kulzer**, May 9; **Mary Godleski**, May 11.

NEWS FROM ACCC'S EXTENSION CENTERS

Greetings from Charles D. Worthington Atlantic City Center

By **Brittany Williams**

City Center was a flurry of activity last week with the start of summer and fall registration, a new cycle of CCI dealer classes, The Press of Atlantic City Restaurant Gala and office relocations.

Registration was hectic but smooth thanks to the patience, hard work and preparation by the city center staff. **John Mohr** would like to thank the student services, admissions, financial aid and business office staff for all of their hard work.

Continuing Education would like to invite the college community to celebrate the ACCC career of **Dr. John May** at the Mays Landing East Open House and Ribbon Cutting on Wednesday, May 18, from 4-6 p.m. Refreshments will be served. RSVP to **Jo-Ann Volpe** at ext. 5653 or volpe@atlantic.edu.

Sherwood Taylor and **Carol Drea** recently returned from a trip to the National Indian Gaming Association conference in San Diego. Carol and Sherwood set up an exhibit at the event showcasing CCI's products and services.

Jeff Wenzel encourages the community to prepare for summer by enrolling in Personal Watercraft and Boating Safety classes this month. He is also happy to share that the Continuing Education summer course guides are now available! Highlights include a plethora of dance classes, Reiki massage and ESL instruction. Kids College registration is also ongoing.

Leon Weisfield would like to thank the ACCC community for all of the good thoughts and kindness he received during his recuperation. Leon is back in action in the administrative services office.



Volunteers Angela Wang and Dharmesh Dave enjoy a bite to eat at the Restaurant Gala.

The Restaurant Gala has come and gone, and it was a grand success. Tall glass centerpieces filled with fresh flowers, sleek black seat covers, fine foods and desserts galore, big band music and the area's finest in their finest all contributed to the success of the evening. Special thanks from **Jean McAlister** go out to the more than 40 volunteers who were responsible for the fabulous evening: **Daymis Alicea, Leslie Atherholt, Nelson Bugas, Kevin Clapp, Millie Ciraolo, Cynthia Correa, Justin Coyle, Lauren Coyle, Dharmesh Dave, Cindy DeFalco, Al Ebinger, Carol Drea, Mary Ann Ferrigno, Kathy Fritz, Nick Ganaway, Kailin Hackney, Joyce Haga, Cheryl Knowles-Harrigan, Pat Heller, Joyce Hiner, Helen Hughes, Michael Kammer, Dorie Keener, Pat Kubaska, Paula Manns, Jennifer Martucci, Rita Michaelnko, John**

Mohr, Bart Musitano, Rummy Pandit, Geoff Pettifer, Marion Pool, Julia Ratliff, George Rementer, Terry Sampson, students Concetta Stoto and Michael Waters, Jo-Ann Volpe, Angela Wang, Jeff Wenzel, Brittany Williams and Louella Wilson.

Heather Oliver would especially like to thank **Kathy Corbalis, Stacey Clapp, Ellen Gregory and Jean McAlister** for all of their support, mentoring and hard work on the event.

Have you seen the recent issue of *El Sol*, the Spanish newspaper of Atlantic City? ACCC's very own **Dr. Pete Mora** graced the cover. The article that followed outlined Dr. Mora's professional background,

dedication to ACCC and his goals as the college's new president. The article focused on Dr. Mora's commitment to expanding programming at the college's Atlantic City campus (to include the new Health Professions Institute), and outreach to the Hispanic community by developing relationships with area leaders. In addition it described three of his goals as guaranteeing members of the community access to an education, reviewing all programs at the college, and revising the college's infrastructure to reflect a technologically and academically savvy atmosphere.

CCI will host a mock casino for the CIS department today. The group includes about 50 computing departments at four southern New Jersey community colleges. **JoAnne Barbieri** and **Bill Dougherty** are coordinating the event with the assistance of the CCI and Continuing Education staffs.

Beginning May 2, City Center will host "Commerce University" in room 287 through the end of August for bank training. Due to the sensitive nature of the training, room 287 will only be accessible to Commerce Bank staff.

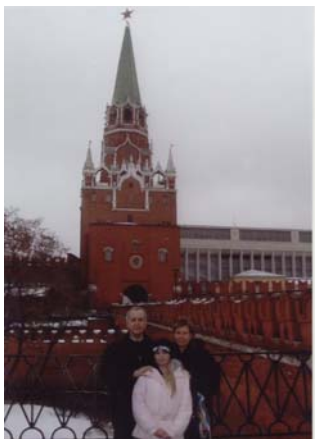
Student services and financial aid have returned to their digs in rooms 142 and 143. Other new office locations include: **Sherwood Taylor** (Suite 2), **Sharon Kretmar** (Suite 3), **Mike Rennick** (Suite 4), Rummy Pandit and the Rutgers Hospitality program (room 222), Free ESL (room 252), and **Darick Garrison** in the lobby.

Attention faculty! The new Faculty Center is in room 255 and is equipped with personal computers, telephones, and a TV/VCR console. For access to room 255, please see **Ann McClaskey** in room 134.

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

by Lisa Apel-Gendron

Congratulations to social science adjunct **Martin Berdinis** (yes, he teaches in Cape May County, too!) on his selection as Stockton College's 8th Annual Distinguished Psychology Alumni Award recipient. Martin, a 1988 Stockton grad, was honored April 28 at a dinner event on Stockton's campus. We are so very proud of you, Martin. Congratulations!



Adjunct Joan Dillon, right, with her daughter Grace and brother Richard at the Kremlin.

Although the CMCEC team didn't win the 50/50 raffle at the Gala this year, we're not discouraged. We will try again next year. At least we know we're supporting a worthy cause!

Joan Dillon, who teaches speech and Strategies for the American Classroom, made a quick spring break trip to Russia to visit her brother, Richard, who teaches in Moscow. She reports having an outstanding time.

If you venture to Rio Grande, you may hear the melodic sound of voices singing. You may assume it's the registration team of **Matt Bailey**, **Melissa Moy**, **Denise O' Connor**, **Faith Gager** and **Linda Hair** rejoicing after surviving the first two weeks of registration. But the sounds are really coming from adjunct **Helen McCaffrey's** Western Civilization class. Her students are singing popular university student songs of the Middle Ages. Sounds like fun!

Thanks as always to **Barbara Clark**, admissions, for continuing her visits to CMCEC. Having her here during the first week of registration was especially helpful to our students. And we're happy to report there were no mishaps involving the microwave this trip!

We say farewell and best wishes to day lab tech **Mike Hadrava**, who has accepted a full-time IT position in Egg Harbor Township. Mike's last day was April 28.

Evening lab tech **Dereck Pruszinski** and family are adjusting well to their new addition. Abigail Cecilia Pruszinski arrived March 25. Dereck and Jennifer also have a two-year old son, Noah, who loves having a baby sister.



Abigail Pruszinski

Don't forget our afternoon tea and dessert event for **Dr. May** on May 4. Please drop in between 3-4 p.m. in room 1 to visit with Dr. May and enjoy a multiplicity of delightful baked goods. We've added math adjunct **Sue Helling** to our list of guest bakers for the event.

Kathy Simione, ACCC's program coordinator for School Counts!, will host a light breakfast for Cape May County guidance counselors on May 6 at CMCEC beginning at 8:30 a.m. in room 1. Do you notice a food theme here? Enjoy your weekend!

ACCC IN THE NEWS

An article in *The Press of Atlantic City* about teaching philosophy in higher education featured two photos of Professor **Richard Benner** and his philosophy class.

Articles and photos from the 22nd annual Restaurant Gala appeared in *The Press of Atlantic City* and the *Atlantic County Weekly* newspapers.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Elinor Mattern, ESL, was invited to participate in an Interdisciplinary Curricular Project at Oakcrest High School as a visiting writer. The students will study a series of her poems, and then she will visit classes in May to read the poems to the students and discuss her work.

Martin Berdinis, senior adjunct instructor of social science, received the 8th Annual Distinguished Psychology Alumni Award from the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey. He was honored during an April 28 dinner at Stockton.

Sondra J. Yanniello, psychology, recently received senior adjunct status. In addition, she attended the Research Conference on Children's Mental Health in Tampa, Fla., where she received valuable information on recent research. She attended the conference through her position as executive director for the Atlantic Cape Family Support Organization of Atlantic and Cape May Counties.

Dr. Richard Perniciaro, Center for Regional Business Research, was the speaker at the 2005 Cape May County Tourism Conference. The topic was "Regional Tourism, How does Cape May County Fit?" He was also a featured speaker at the 2005 Governor's Conference on Tourism last week in Atlantic City.

Marston Mischlich was the guest speaker at the Egg Harbor City Historical Society meeting recently. He discussed the mysteries of the defense plant known as Twin Lakes.

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

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