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NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

Chris Vallese Named Employee of the Quarter



Chris Vallese, CMCC's ITS program coordinator, was named ACCC's latest employee of the quarter.

The Ocean View resident joined ACCC in September 1998 as a work study student. In March 2000, Chris joined the ITS Department as a part-time technician. In January 2001 he was named academic computing labs assistant. Chris was then promoted to Specialist and finally, program coordinator. Prior to joining the college Chris was art director, technician, and designer for Fine D. Zine.

"Chris has been our tech since August 2005 when we moved into the new campus. We could not have survived our first year without Chris. Totally dependable, Chris never calls out sick. He's always there to help faculty, administrators, students, staff, visitors and conferencing customers," said CMCC Director **Lisa Apel-Gendron**.

The award is presented to members of support staff who make ACCC a place where students and visitors feel comfortable and welcomed. Winners work hard and are especially pleasant and helpful.

Chris will receive a reserved parking spot, dinner for two at Careme's, be invited to dine with trustees at a board meeting, and have his photograph displayed at the Mays Landing Campus, Worthington Atlantic City Center and Cape May County Campus.

ACCC Kicks off 40th Anniversary Celebration; New Letterhead, Envelopes and Labels Available



ACCC celebrates its 40th Anniversary this academic year. New letterhead and envelopes are available from Central Stores and can be requisitioned with other office supplies. One inch by four inch labels sporting the 40th logo can be obtained from the College Relations office, ext. 4907.

College departments are asked to tie the 40th Anniversary into any events they may be planning for the year. A 40th Anniversary Idea-sharing Committee has shared ideas for the celebration. All events should be included in the college's online calendar. To submit an event, visit www.atlantic.edu. At the upper right corner, click on Calendars. Scroll down and at the bottom left, select Add an Event form. If you need assistance, call **Kathy McGowan**, ext. 4923.

New Bookstore Manager Announced

Welcome aboard to the new bookstore manager for all Follett operations at ACCC, **Cathi Adair**. She succeeds **Phil Golden** who left to complete his master's degree at Stockton. She plans to visit the CMCC store once a week and will be stationed at the Mays Landing bookstore. She joins ACCC from Stockton.

Donations Sought for Online Auction; Proceeds Benefit ACCC Student Nurses

The ACCC Foundation is accepting donations from local artists and crafters for an online auction this fall to support scholarships for student nurses.

Artists or crafters can donate unique works of art, including prints, sculptures, hand-crafted jewelry, knitted or hand-sewn items, tickets to music or other performances or trips to local spas and more. Handmade items should have a beginning value of at least \$30.

Donors to the Arts, Crafts & Entertainment Online Auction will be included on the ACCC Foundation's Web site, www.atlantic.edu/about/foundation.htm, and in promotional e-mails if they desire.

The auction runs Oct. 30-Nov. 17, but the Web site will be available to preview in mid-September. For more information, or to donate an item, contact **Sean Fischer**, ext. 5674, or e-mail sfischer@atlantic.edu.

TIAA-CREF Counseling Sessions Announced for Fall

A TIAA-CREF consultant will be on campus once a month this fall. One-on-one appointments are available to discuss your financial goals with products, such as mutual funds and annuity accounts, or other financial matters you have. The consultant will help you develop long-term strategies, find the right allocation mix for you and discuss TIAA-CREF retirement income flexibility. Appointments are available 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Friday, Sept. 29, Friday, Oct. 27, and Wednesday, Nov. 29. To schedule an appointment, visit www.tiaa-cref.org/moc or call (800)842-8412.

Rutgers Contract Signing Aug. 30

Beginning this September, local residents can pursue undergraduate and graduate degrees through Rutgers University at ACCC's Mays Landing Campus. The partnership between ACCC and Rutgers allows students to continue their education while staying close to home.

Rutgers will offer an undergraduate degree in liberal studies and graduate courses in education at the Mays Landing Campus, expanding courses it already offers in Mays Landing and at its Charles D. Worthington Atlantic City Center toward its master's of business administration and bachelor's in hospitality management. All courses will be held during evenings in order to accommodate working professionals and will be taught by Rutgers' faculty. There will be a ceremonial signing of an agreement with Dr. Mora and Dr. Richard McCormick, Rutgers University president, on Aug. 30, in the faculty/staff dining room.

For more information on Rutgers offerings, call ext. 4995 or visit <http://rutgersataccc.org>.

Last Day to Register for Fall Classes is Sept. 1

Time is running out to register for fall classes. Seats are still available for dozens of course sections, but the deadline to register is Friday, Sept. 1. Students can register in-person, by mail or fax. Extended hours are 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Monday-Thursday, Aug. 28-31. Fall classes begin Sept. 5. Students with a PIN can register online at www.atlantic.edu/web4students.

Donations, Minority Affairs Committee Send Disadvantaged Youth to Kids College



This summer more than 30 disadvantaged youth ages 9-15 received scholarships to attend several weeklong Kids College workshops at ACCC's Atlantic City Center, July 10-20 and more than a dozen youth in grades 3-8 received scholarships to attend several weeklong Kids College workshops at ACCC's Cape May County Campus, July 17-21.

At left, students attending Kids College in Cape May speak with Louis Griesbach Jr., a director with Cape Savings Bank, who funded scholarships for the children to attend classes at CMCC. Kids College participants were treated to a breakfast in the campus cafeteria. At right, Lynn Baumgardner, ACCC Foundation member and co-owner of Baumgardner Construction, speaks with a Kids College computer student at WACC.

ACCC's Board of Trustees
Minority Affairs Committee

spearheaded the scholarship program in 2004 in order to introduce the idea of attending college to children during the early years of their education. Donations from Cape Savings Bank funded the scholarships at CMCC and donations from local businesses funded the Atlantic City program including: Baumgardner Construction, Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa, Kramer Beverage and Guthrie Glass and Mirror.

ACCC Wins Four Awards for American Heart Walk



ACCC won four awards for its participation in the 2006 American Heart Association Heart Walk. The college was named a Silver Circle Team for raising more than \$5,000. ACCC was named Top Scholastic Institution. **Pat Kubaska** was named the Top Walker, raising \$950. The team T-shirt, designed by **Kathy Fritz**, library technician, came up with the winning design and **Donna Leeds**, graphic artist, brought the design concept to fruition.

'A Vision for Excellence' Sept. 29 at CMCC; Employees Invited

The ACCC Foundation presents "A Vision for Excellence," a scholarship fund-raiser and inaugural celebration honoring ACCC President **Dr. Peter L. Mora**, 6-9 p.m., Friday, Sept. 29, at the college's Cape May County Campus. This year marks an exciting time in ACCC's history, the 40th anniversary of the college as well as the inaugural year of the college's eighth president. The ACCC Foundation will celebrate these two milestones at the event.

The format will be business casual, with heavy hors d'oeuvres and elegant desserts prepared by Academy of Culinary Arts' chefs and students. The event will feature wines from Cape May Winery and Vineyard. The Back Bay will provide entertainment. Proceeds from this event will go toward a scholarship endowment fund. Tickets are \$50.

All employees are invited to attend. To reserve a ticket or for sponsorship information, contact **Jennifer Martucci**, ext. 5634, or visit <http://www.atlantic.edu/vfe>.

To date, event sponsors include: Platinum Sponsor: Cape Savings Bank; Food Sponsor: Hoffman Agency Inc.; Wine Sponsor: NIA Group Associates LLC; Gold Sponsors: Avalon Carpet Tile and Flooring, Crest Savings Bank; Silver Sponsors: 1st Bank of Sea Isle City, Agate Construction; Dessert Sponsor: Morey's Piers; Bronze Sponsors: Fitzpatrick, Bongiovanni & Kelly, J. Byrne Agency, Inc., Newfield National Bank, Northeast Community Lending, South Jersey Transportation Authority.

Oct. 13 Cape May Championship Golf Tournament to Benefit ACCC Students

Sponsors and players are needed for the 2006 Cape May County Championship Golf Tournament "Scramble Fore Scholarships," planned for Friday, Oct. 13, at Cape May National Golf Club in Cape May. Partnering with the ACCC Foundation, CMNGC will host the tournament to raise scholarship money for ACCC students. This year's goal is to raise \$10,000 in scholarships for Cape May County students and another \$10,000 in grants-in-aid for nursing students. For sponsorship or player information, call **Sean Fischer**, ext. 5674, or visit www.atlantic.edu.

HERE'S THE SCOOP

Farewell to **Phil Golden**, bookstore manager, and **Mike Eastlack**, textbook manager, who both resigned from ACCC's Follett Bookstore last month. Phil is completing his master's degree at Stockton and plans to graduate in the spring. Mike is tired of customer service and dealing with frustrated students and is spending some time traveling the country. Good luck to both of you!



Congratulations to **Pat Owens** on the arrival of her grandson, Will, born June 28, at 6:09 p.m., weighing 6 lb., 1.2 oz, and measuring 19" long. He's the first born of her son, Bill, and his fiancé, Noel, and is a very happy, pleasant baby.

At left, Pat Owens' new grandson, Wil.

Ben Ward, facilities management, was ordained for Full Gospel Ministry on July 23 by the Reborn Evangelistic Center, Inc., a nondenominational body, giving him full authorization to conduct weddings, funerals and all ministerial functions. His is pastor for Walk of Faith Church in Vineland. His church plans to open a child care center and offer a youth care program. He also plans a program to help men released from prison. Congratulations Pastor Ward!

John Feldbauer, ITS, is selling chances for the Galloway Township Athletic Association's All Fall Sports Fund-raiser. For a \$10 donation, you can take a chance on \$2,800 in prize money. Cash prizes will be awarded once a week for 10 weeks with a grand prize of \$1,000. See John for details or call him, ext. 4983.

Joyce Grohman, professor, and husband, Dennis, are happy to announce the birth of two grandchildren. Son, Michael ('92, '97), and wife, Mari-Len ('92), welcomed Michael Edward Jr. on June 22, at 2:02 p.m. Michael weighed 7 lbs., 6 oz. and measured 20 inches. Older sister, Madison (age 2) loves her little brother. Son, Adam ('97), and wife, Kendall, welcomed Liam Patrick on July 12 at 4:54 p.m. Liam weighed 7 lbs., 10 oz. and measured 20 inches. Older brother, Aidan (19 months) is fascinated with his little brother and cannot wait for him to join in playing. Congratulations to all!



Meet our three new 'students' who came to do research at the William Spangler Library on the Mays Landing Campus, subject: Flying. They were perched with their mom right outside the library and were eager to learn. They were under careful supervision of everyone in D-building and recently took flight. Thanks to **Tak-Shun Chung**, library information systems specialist, for the photo.

We heard from former ACCCer **Tony Fortini**, who became a grandpop recently when his daughter, Angelina, gave birth to his first grandson on Aug. 2. His name is Anthony and he weighed in at 7 lbs., 9 oz., and measured 21" long. Both mommy and baby are doing fine. Congratulations!

ACCC is a member of the South Jersey Cultural Alliance and coupons to area cultural events are available free to ACCC employees. The coupon generator is on the SJCA Web site – www.sjca.net. Check it out.

Welcome aboard to **Vanessa English**, part-timer in the president's office.

Don't forget to join in the fun when ACCC faculty and staff play volleyball on Tuesdays beginning at 5 p.m. in the gym on the Mays Landing Campus. Come out and join the fun... you don't have to be athletic! Call **Angela Stewart**, ext. 5267, or e-mail astewart@atlantic.edu for more information.

Deepest sympathy to **Sean Fischer**, advancement office, on the passing of his 33-year-old brother on July 25 from injuries in an auto accident in Florida where he lived. Expressions can be sent to Sean at: 210 W. Beach Road, Williamstown, N.J. 08094.

Deepest sympathy to **Kitty** and **Richard Kalman**, student services and faculty, respectively, on the loss of Kitty's mother, Gladys Kopelman. Expressions can be sent to Kitty and Richard at 5961 Estell Ave., Mays Landing, N.J. 08330. They thank the college community for their cards, notes, flowers and other expressions of sympathy, which comforted them in their time of sorrow.

Happy birthday to: **Nancy Hand**, **Vincent Tedeschi**, Aug. 18; **Marcia Kleinz**, Aug. 19; **Debby Starr**, Aug. 21; **Grace Adams**, **Grant Wilinski**, Aug. 24; **Barbara Clark**, Aug. 25; **Patricia Kubaska**, Aug. 27; **Terri Hamby**, Aug. 29; **John Mohr**, Aug. 30. Adjunct birthdays: **John Stroebele**, Aug. 18; **Melville Trempe**, Aug. 20; **Suzanne Haggerty**, **Valerie Stirm**, Aug. 21; **Anthony DeLuca**, Aug. 23; **Joseph DaGrossa**, Aug. 25; **Ernest McCain**, **Michael Raspa**, Aug. 27; **Michael Carr**, **Penny Santa Maria**, Aug. 28; **James Arsenault**, Aug. 30.

NEWS FROM ACCC'S OTHER LOCATIONS

Greetings from Charles D. Worthington Atlantic City Center

by Daymis Alicea



The Student Services Office and colleagues held a surprise party for **Lynette Ingram**, financial aid, to commemorate her accomplishments. She was really surprised and loved her gifts and would like to extend a big thank you to all involved.

It was a hot, hot day in the middle of our heat wave and the air conditioning system in the city gave a hiccup and silently shut itself down. It got hot, it got muggy, but we trooped through it with icy lemonades and ice tea. Shortly thereafter, the system came on and in no time we were shivering gladly in our offices. Thanks to **Rob Townsend**, facilities management, who rushed over and investigated the problem and fixed it so quickly. Kudos to you!

"El Maestro" **Josie Chivalette**, administrative office, is still recruiting for the unpaid and thankless job of being a band member for the WACCy Band. Hurry up and register your instrument before we decide to randomly volunteer you. Call for details and rehearsal information at ext. 4804.

The City Center hosted a garage sale ... no, really, a GARAGE SALE of the contents in, well, the garage! Many items were available on the cash and carry day of Aug. 14. It was a successful marriage of clean-up and clear-out with the main purpose of getting the garage ready for its new lease on life. It will henceforth be known as the Health Professions Institute. So say goodbye to the humble garage and hello to new classroom space.

TAKE NOTE: There is NO garage. Therefore, there is NO storage within the garage (which no longer exists). This is effective immediately. So store stuff in your own office space.

The summer days are quickly coming to an end...and with them go our summer hours. We will mourn,

we will be sad, but all it means is that the holiday break is that much closer and that our kids are headed back to school! One last Friday off so make it count!

Until next time . . . adieu.

Greetings from the Cape May County Campus

by Lisa Apel-Gendron

Any guess about who the most popular employee at CMCC is these days? Well, if you count the number of students needing to see her, it would be our new financial aid team member, **Sonya Tardy**. An ACCC grad, Sonya earned her BA in English and a paralegal certification at Old Dominion University. After graduation, she spent a year working in ODU's financial aid office before returning to New Jersey. In addition to her collegiate experience, Sonya served four years in the US Marine Corps in Norfolk, Va., and Okinawa, Japan. You can reach Sonya, ext. 6788, or e-mail stardy@atlantic.edu.

Yoga, anyone? We're trying to get a lunchtime yoga group together at CMCC. For more information, contact **Linda Hair**, ext. 3502. **Regina Van Epps** is on board. Is anyone else willing to give it a try?

Librarian **Susanne Sacchetti**, MLIS, our CMCC librarian, is sporting a new SUV, an attractive blue Ford Explorer. She was accepted by Drexel University as an adjunct faculty in the College of Information Science and Technology and will teach online. Way to go, Susanne!

Electra Stulak, student services, is back from a week in North Carolina visiting her son and daughter-in-law. Trusted companion Spike, a shih-tzu, made the trip with Electra.

We hosted the Cape May County Dept. of Facilities Aug. 8-11 for software training. Thanks to **Chris Vallese** and the ITS team for their diligent work in setting up the technology for this marathon training.

A New Day in Drug Treatment was the theme for a full-day conference for drug and alcohol counseling professionals Aug. 3 at CMCC. More than 70 attended. We couldn't have done it without the support of **Chris Vallese**, ITS; **Thom Partin**, receiving; and **Roy Burnham**, **Tim Cliggett**, **Curtis Fitzpatrick**, **Skip Roe**, **Matthew Liggins** and **Trish Wickham**, facilities. Thank you all for a successful team effort!

Continuing Education is offering a number of information events via ITV about its career training programs. The first one, regarding the Medical Assistant Program, is Aug. 24 from 6-7:30 p.m., in room 113. For more information, contact **Ghyll Theurer**, ext. 5652.

If you come to CMCC early in the morning, take a look in the trees around the parking lot. You may see one of several peregrine falcons who live on campus. Now if we could just get them to take the placement test and register for fall classes. . .

Enjoy your weekend!

CONTINUING EDUCATION NEWS

by Sherwood Taylor

Spread the Word! Clinical Medical Assistant Information Session: Continuing Education will hold its second "Live Interactive Information Session" (LIIS), 6-7:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 24, to provide information on the curriculum and benefits of our new Clinical Medical Assistant Program for prospective students. The session will be broadcast from our Mays Landing Distance Education room to the Worthington Atlantic City Center and Cape May County Campus. Participants will have the opportunity to hear information on the program's benefits, salary and career options and working conditions of a clinical medical assistant. For more information or to reserve a seat, call Ghyll, ext. 5652.

Youth Program Begins in September – Out-of-school youth ages 18-21 can receive free training from ACCC in conjunction with Job Connection, a partner of the Atlantic County One Stop System, to become certified nurse aides. Students who complete the six-week program will be prepared to sit for the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services written exam and skills evaluation. Training will take place at Meadowview Nursing Home in Northfield and Crest Haven Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Cape May Court House. The certified nurse aide training is unusual in that the training is free, trainees are paid for their time in the classroom and on-the-job training, and their transportation, uniforms and textbooks are provided. Some assistance for childcare is provided. Please direct questions and interested parties to call ext. 4808.

Career Training Programs Info Sessions - Continuing Education is holding information sessions to provide valuable information on our Career Training programs. The following topics will be covered at each session: Benefits of ACCC Training, Admissions Requirements, Office and Technology Programs, The Health Professions Institute, Casino Career Institute, The Academy of Culinary Arts, Out of School Youth Programs, Paying for Your Training Program, Next Steps. The information sessions will be held at our Mays Landing Campus, every Thursday at 1 p.m., Mays Landing East, Building T, Room 103 and the Cape May County Campus, the 1st and 3rd Thursday at 1 p.m., Room 103. Please encourage anyone interested in our programs to attend a session.

FREE Customer Service Training Still Available - The Corporate Training Office is excited to offer this FREE training program. The Seashore Customer Service Training Initiative is funded through a grant from the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development. The Seashore Customer Service Initiative will help small to medium businesses focus on the importance of customer service. Call today and see how this offer can help your company shine as a customer service star! Help us spread the word. Refer anyone interested in this program to ext. 4829.

FINALLY UNPACKED - My office location has moved. I can be located at Mays Landing East, Building T. My extension is the same 5689 and my new fax number is ext. 5661.

ALUMNI

We heard from **Jason Fridrich**, ACA '95, who wrote, "After graduating from ACCC I transferred to Johnson and Wales University where I received a B.S. degree in food service management. Since then I have made stops at several upscale restaurants along the East Coast. I spent five years as executive sous chef at Frescos in Cape May. Following that I worked as the executive chef at Magnolia Brooklyn in N.Y. and as Chef at Nicole's in Avalon. Next, I spent time as the executive chef at Six Tables Boca Raton and am currently the executive chef at Gleiberman's Deli and Grill in Charlotte, N.C. My career has been exciting and rewarding and I can thank my time and experience at ACCC for setting my career in motion."

Gerard Bragg, former ACCC'er and '93 grad, writes, "The educational and work experience from ACCC has taken me further than I thought possible. The sky is truly the limit. I went on to finish a B.A. in accounting at University of Maryland, MBA in finance at Southeastern University in Washington, DC, and plan to sit for the CPA exam this year. I've never stopped learning...and never will. ACCC was a phenomenal start."

ACCC IN THE NEWS

ACCC nursing student **Mike Kummings** was featured in The Press in an article titled, *Too hot to scream for ice cream*. Kummings walks the beaches selling ice cream and business was way down in the 100 degree temperatures.

According to The Press of Atlantic City, the path to teacher certification for community college students

got a little smoother with the signing of articulation agreements between The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey and three community colleges. The agreement with ACCC, Cumberland County College and Camden County College assures that specific education courses taken at the community colleges will be transferable to Stockton.

Richard Benner, assistant professor, philosophy and religion, was quoted in a Current newspapers article on the revitalization of Mays Landing's downtown. "I've always been in favor of the idea," said Benner. "Certainly, we received a big help from the county and I'm happy about that."

The promotions of **Godfrey Barlatt**, from associate professor to professor of science, and **Paula Manns**, from assistant professor to associate professor of business and economics, appeared in the People in the News column of the Atlantic County Record.

An article titled, *Couples can now add the words 'I donate' to 'I do,'* which appeared in The Press, included ACCC's Foundation as a local charity couples can designate as a charity of choice when tying the knot.

ACCC's 8 percent tuition increase was included in a Star Ledger article titled *Tuition going up at nearly all county colleges.*

Elinor Mattern, ESL, was honored as part of a celebration of area poets at the Ventnor Cultural Arts Center last month. Mattern's poems and essays have appeared in several publications and she has exhibited her photographs, paintings and collages and speaks to groups on many aspects of creativity, culture and communication.

A photo of participants in ACCC's Kids College Exploration in Health Careers at Shore Memorial appeared in The Current.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

An article, titled *Scrap This*, written by **Susanne Sacchetti**, CMCC librarian, was published in the August issue of *Library Journal*. The article provides advice for libraries when selecting scrapbooking resources for their collections, and provides an annotated list of recommended scrapbooking resources that libraries should consider for their collections.

Adjunct instructor **Katherine M. Morris** was named a partner in the firm of Cooper, Levenson, April, Niedelman and Wagenheim, P.A.

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Winter Rental, Furnished House: 123 North Wyoming Avenue, Ventnor (7000 block - three blocks to beach), two bedrooms, washer, dryer and dishwasher, new carpeting and kitchen, small garage for storage, \$800/month plus gas & electric, security. Call 856-547-3950.

Next CommuniCator Sept. 1

The next issue of the *Atlantic Cape CommuniCator* will be Friday, Sept. 1. The deadline is noon, Monday, Aug. 28. Submit articles by e-mail to **Kathy McGowan**, e-mail mcgowan@atlantic.edu.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

--Kathy McGowan, editor