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NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

Flex Time Ends; Summer Hours in Effect through Labor Day

The last flex day off is Friday, Aug. 20. Support Staff "summer hours" are in effect from Monday, Aug. 23 through Labor Day. During summer hours, support personnel work 32.5 hours a week, Monday through Friday. The most common schedule is 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Management must assure daily office coverage through 5 p.m. If you have questions about summer hours, call ext. 5108.

Employee of Quarter Nominations Due Aug. 27

Nominations for ACCC's next Employee of the Quarter are due Friday, Aug. 27. A nomination form is attached to this issue. 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.

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 on display 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.

Faculty In-Service Day Sept. 1

Dr. Donald J. Farish, president of Rowan University, will be keynote speaker at ACCC's Annual Faculty In-Service Day, Wednesday, Sept. 1. The day will begin with continental breakfast in C lobby on the Mays Landing main campus at 8 a.m., and move to the cafeteria at 8:30 a.m. for announcements from President **John May**, Vice President of Academic Affairs **Dr. Agnes Armao**, and Dean of Students **Carmen Royal**.

Dr. Farish will speak at 9:30 a.m. **Dan Thoren**, Middle States chair, will give an update on reaccreditation self evaluation. Adjunct faculty will meet with **Maryann McCall** in J-116 while 11 a.m. committee meetings are held. Lunch is at noon, followed by department meetings at 1:15 p.m.

Call **Laura Campbell**, ext. 4909, or e-mail her at lcampbel@atlantic.edu for more information.

Faculty Development Day, Best Practices Planned; Please Note Dates

Please mark your calendar for Faculty Development Day, Friday, Oct. 22, at Mays Landing Country Club. Also note that the annual "Best Practices" conference is planned for April 29, 2005, at Mercer County Community College. More information will follow.

Advancement Leadership Temporarily Under College Relations

Geoff Pettifer, director of marketing, will temporarily assume leadership responsibilities with the Advancement Office. As a direct report to **Kathy Corbalis**, Geoff will work in tandem with Kathy to provide in-house expertise and support services for Advancement and Foundation efforts. **Ellen Gregory**, administrative assistant to the president, also contributes to Foundation projects in a part-time role.

The College anticipates a smooth and effective transition as Geoff develops a short-term strategy for Advancement and the College decides how to proceed for the long haul.

The College extends thanks and best wishes to **Dr. Theresa DeFranco** in her challenging new role with the Middle Township School District.

We also wish Advancement Office Senior Manager **Jennifer Martucci** the best of health and happiness as she eagerly awaits the birth of her first child. In addition to Jen's temporary leave, Advancement Assistant **Hilary Hayes** has accepted a full-time human resources position with the Atlantic County Municipal Utilities Authority.

Middle States Accreditation Update

ACCC will undergo reaccreditation by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education in 2006, undertaking an intensive self-study of "its educational programs and services, with particular attention to student learning and achievement, (to) determine how well these programs and services accomplish the institution's goals, fulfill its mission, and meet the Commission's standards." This is a college-wide initiative and you will be kept apprised of the developments and opportunities to contribute to the process.

In the spring, **Dan Thoren** was named chairperson of the Middle States Committee, with **Maryann McCall** named co-chair. **Vickie Melograno**, assessment coordinator, will oversee the information and write the report.

Nine subcommittees were formed, consisting of more than 100 faculty, administrators, support staff, board members and students. Each subcommittee elected a chairperson who also serves on the Steering Committee. They are **Bobby Royal**, executive assistant to the president; **William Dougherty**, assistant professor, computer information systems; **Jack Hufty**, grants manager; **Otto Hernandez**, associate professor, computer information systems; **Lydia Lehr**, assistant professor, art; **Loretta Dicker**, assistant professor, computer information systems; **Marion Pool**, program officer, continuing education; **Dr. Joseph Rossi**, interim vice president, administration and finance; **Amy Shelton**, assistant professor, mathematics; and **Dr. Art Wexler**, associate professor, psychology and education.

Also serving on the steering committee are **Dr. Agnes Armao**, vice president, academic affairs; **Dr. Josette Katz**, dean, academic resources; **Nick Talvacchia**, trustee; Atlantic County; **Max Slusher**, ex-officio, assistant dean, research, and **Tiffany Novack**, president, Student Government Association.

The subcommittees were charged with addressing 14 standards set forth by the Commission. The standards require examination of every factor comprising the institution: mission, goals and objectives; planning and resource allocation; institutional resources; leadership and governance; administration; integrity; institutional assessment; student admissions; student support services; faculty; educational offerings; general education; related educational activities; and assessment of student learning.

The subcommittees' first task was to develop questions that will analyze the college's strengths and

determine where improvement is needed, and when answered, will provide evidence that ACCC meets accreditation standards. In addition to the common avenues of documentation, both student and open forums will gather information to help attain a comprehensive study.

In July, a preliminary draft of the self-study design was written, which delineates the nature and scope of the self-study, goals, charges to the subcommittees, the inventory of support documents and timeline. This document will be distributed to the Steering Committee prior to their next meeting on August 31.

On Sept. 28, the Middle States Evaluation Team leader, Dr. Robert Schneider, will visit the Mays Landing main campus and meet with the various constituent groups. Your participation may be requested. Look to the *Communicator* for updated news of Middle States developments.

Free Ambassador Card Offering Discounts with Area Businesses Available in HR

ACCC is a participant in the Ambassador discount program offered through the Atlantic City Convention and Visitors Authority. The Ambassador Card entitles you to receive savings, discounts and special offers at Atlantic City area businesses and organizations including Holiday Inn Boardwalk, Howard Johnson Hotel, Historic Cold Spring Village, Lucy The Elephant, Ocean Life Center, Passport Voyages of Discovery, AC Photo, Fisher Flowers, Resorts Atlantic City, Trump Taj Mahal Casino Resort, Hard Rock Café, Flying Cloud Café, Tun Tavern Brewery and Restaurant, Atlantic City Cruises, Inc, Bel Haven Canoes and Kayaks, and Airport Chariot. Cards are available in Human Resources. Visit www.atlanticcitynj.com/ambassador to see the exciting shops, restaurant, entertainment venues, etc. that honor the Ambassador Card.

South Jersey Gas Customers Invited to Support *School Counts!*

South Jersey Gas customers are encouraged to check the box on their next gas bill to donate \$1 a month to the *School Counts!* program. The *School Counts!* program in Atlantic and Cape May counties urges high school students to demonstrate workforce readiness by meeting grading and attendance requirements.

South Jersey Industries, a participating *School Counts!* employer and owner of South Jersey Gas, last year established a foundation to raise scholarship funds for students who earn their *School Counts!* certificates. Donations from South Jersey Gas customers will support the scholarship fund.

Atlantic County initiated the *School Counts!* program two years ago. Businesses that register as *School Counts!* employers are linked to a greater number of dependable entry-level applicants through participating schools' career centers and school-to-work programs, in addition to being listed on the N.J. Chamber of Commerce's Web site, www.schoolcounts.org. Registration is free. Registered *School Counts!* employers send a message to high school students that classroom performance can influence future employment opportunities.

For more information on School Counts!, contact the program coordinator, **Kathy Simione**, ext. 5659.



Culinary Bridge Goes Aboard Spirit of Philadelphia

Students in the EOF Summer Culinary Bridge Program cruised with the Spirit of Philadelphia July 29 and enjoyed a two-hour scenic trip on the Delaware and a tour of the ship's kitchen. Students also had a buffet lunch and learned how the cruise line prepares its meals for hundreds of patrons.

Mark Your Calendars for Annual Open House and College Fair Oct. 3

ACCC will hold an Open House on Sunday, Oct. 3, on its Mays Landing main campus from 1-4 p.m. in conjunction with the 41st Annual College Fair, which will be held 1-3 p.m. Information on various college services and career and academic programs will be available. The Academy of Culinary Arts will host an Open House from 1-4 p.m. Information about the culinary program, its alumni, career opportunities and placement will be available.

More than 100 colleges, including The College of New Jersey, Drexel University, New Jersey Institute of Technology, Rowan University, Rutgers University, Tuskegee University and University of Delaware are expected to attend.

The College Fair is sponsored by the Atlantic County Branch of the American Association of University Women and the Kiwanis Club of Atlantic City. For more information call **Linda McLeod**, ext. 5009, or or e-mail mcleod@atlantic.edu.

Receiving Inappropriate E-mail? Have Spam Filter Installed

Employees are receiving e-mails containing inappropriate messages and pictures. If you receive such mail from the address of someone at ACCC, it is almost certain that the address was spoofed, that is made to look as if it were coming from someone at ACCC when the origin is really outside of the college. Anyone at the college knowingly sending inappropriate e-mail would be subject to discipline.

There are two issues: spoofed addresses and the more general problem of unsolicited commercial e-mail (known as spam). Spoofed addresses are often a result of Windows-based viruses which walk through Microsoft Outlook address books and gather lists of e-mail addresses.

Because the Windows platform is standard, the Outlook mail program has long been a target of these attacks. The Outlook platform has features to make these attacks possible. At the same time, email as it was originally designed, has no authentication mechanisms; anyone may easily forge a sending address. Combined, these account for the many emails people see that are either "sent" by correspondents they "know" or appear to be sent by themselves.

As for spam, the problem shows no signs of abating. If the problem persists, ITS will install a spam filter on your PC. Spam filters allow you to individually tailor the filter to catch what you find to be useful vs. junk. They appear to be generally effective with few user requirements in their setup and configuration. Contact your tech support if the problem persists.

HERE'S THE SCOOP

Our best wishes go to Navy Reserve Lieutenant Commander **Max Slusher**, research, who as the commanding officer of Mobile Air Cargo Handlers Two, was deployed to the Middle East. He expects to return home in seven months. MACH Two, made up of two officers and 23 enlisted personnel, will be deployed across eight airfields in Iraq and Kuwait. Its mission is to locate and receive all repair parts and supplies being shipped to the Third Marine Air Wing and ensure that these supplies are routed expeditiously to the intended aircraft and helicopters. Max will be predominately stationed at Al Asad, an Iraqi air base 150 miles west of Baghdad, but he will spend half his time traveling to other sites to troubleshoot logistics and personnel problems. He may be contacted using his college e-mail address: mslusher@atlantic.edu. Good luck, Max!

Get well wishes to **Anna Simmons**, college relations, who had unexpected foot surgery. She expects to be out eight-10 weeks.



Dave Capelli, theater manager, is working at the Olympics in Greece. After a volunteer stint in the baseball stadium, he's working in transportation. Since things are slow, he's been able to see several other events. He enjoyed the water polo and is taking in a lot of the historical sites. He said he feels very safe.

At left: Dave Capelli pictured at the Olympics in Greece.

Janet DeCicco, facilities management, sent this note: "I want to thank **Dorie Keener**, **Agnes Gallo** and **Bill Keener** for all their help in keeping my office running during my recent vacation. Phil and I went to Disney World with all of our grandchildren and had a great time. Thanks again."



Agnes with her grandson Nico

Agnes Armao, vice president of academic affairs, enjoyed a visit from her grandson recently. Nico was accompanied by his dad (Agnes' son, Drew) and his mom (daughter-in-law, Stephanie).

It was great to see **Joan Augustine**, retired board of trustees secretary, who stopped in for a visit while in the area Aug. 4. After visiting a former neighbor and ACCC, she went on to visit cousins and friends in Pennsylvania and take her cousin Joyce back with her for a visit. They planned to visit Tangier Island, Va., on the way down.

Get well wishes to **Henry Spier**, English adjunct and part-timer, who is recovering from surgery after falling at a Phillies game and breaking his arm in three places. We miss you Henry!

Good luck to **Hilary Hayes**, advancement office part-time assistant, who leaves ACCC to accept a full-time human resources position with the Atlantic County Municipal Utilities Authority.

We wish a fond farewell to **Bob Kachur**, assistant of professor of accounting and business, who has taken a similar role with Richard Stockton College.

Dr. Richard Perniciaro, associate dean for the Center of Regional and Business Research, and **Phyllis Bagnell**, office assistant, have moved to the Mays Landing main campus from the Atlantic City Center. They are in the office space formerly occupied by **Donna McArthur**, business services, who moved into the purchasing office space. **Agnes Gallo**, purchasing, moved over to the facilities management area. She will retain her purchasing duties.

We wish a fond farewell to **Dr. Theresa DeFranco**, executive director of advancement programs and the Foundation, who joins the Middle Township school system as acting supervisor of curriculum and instruction, replacing the assistant superintendent of schools.

Welcome aboard to:

--Part-time security guards **Andrew Graves**, **Charlene Cabell** and **Hector Nieves**.

--**Brandy Brooks**, part-time accounts receivable clerk at City Center.

--**Sonia Cruz**, part-time GED instructor.

If you missed the performance of **Geoff Pettifer**, director of marketing, in *The Three Musketeers*, you still have a chance to catch the production. A rain date performance by the Midsummer Night Players is scheduled for Friday, Aug. 27, 7:30 p.m., at Kennedy Park in Somers Point. The production is free. Bring your lawn chair and a picnic basket and enjoy a lovely evening of live theater under the stars. It's a great production and Geoff is fabulous swashbuckling in the role of Rochefort!

Welcome aboard to **Lois Adcock**, nursing skills laboratory and clinical placement coordinator in the Allied Health and Nursing Department. The Somers Point resident earned a master's degree in nursing from the University of Pennsylvania and a bachelor's degree in nursing from Gwynedd-Mercy College.

Deepest sympathy to **Shirley Shields**, LAC, on the loss of her beloved mother, Jeanine Pardue, on July 27.

Deepest sympathy to The Rev. **John Bryant** on the passing of his mother, Colleen. She was 80.

Birthdays: A belated happy birthday to **Henry Spier**, English adjunct, who celebrated Aug. 2. Happy Birthday to: **Marcia Kleinz**, Aug. 19; **Mindy Hoag**, **Jay Peterson**, Aug. 20; **Debby Starr**, Aug. 21; **Grace Adams**, **Grant Wilinski**, Aug. 24; **Barbara Clark**, Aug. 25; **Mark Jones**, **Yechiel Lehavy**, Aug. 26; **Pat Kubaska**, Aug. 27; **Terri Hamby**, Aug. 29; **John Mohr**, Aug. 30; **Beresford Martin**, Sept. 2. Adjunct birthdays: **Melville Trempe**, Aug.20; **Suzanne Haggerty**, Aug. 21; **Anthony DeLuca**, **Tom Martin**, Aug. 23; **Gail Pearsall**, **Robert Holden**, Aug. 24; **Joseph DaGrossa**, Aug. 25; **Ernest McCain**, **Michael Raspa**, Aug.27; **Kate Flanagan**, Aug.28; **James Arsenault**, Aug.30.

NEWS FROM ACCC'S EXTENSION CENTERS

Greetings from Charles D. Worthington Atlantic City Center

by **Brittany A. Williams**

Rene Char once said, "That which comes into the world to disturb nothing deserves neither respect nor patience." That being said, City Center is now in full construction mode and kudos go out to all of the employees and students who have acclimated so well to the changes. Some temporary logistical changes have taken place as was long anticipated and WACCers have worked well together as a team to make the adjustments seamless and efficient.

Nearly all phone numbers and faxes remain the same, however, if you're walking through the building, you may wonder where people are located now.

Admissions personnel and CCI have moved into the bookstore area and Administrative Services. The bookstore has moved to the lobby of the second floor. **Carol Nicaastro**'s office has relocated to the County Building. Her phone is now 345-6700, ext.2758. **Jo-Ann Volpe** has relocated to Mays Landing East (building T). Her new extension is 5601. Also, **Phyllis Bagnell** and **Dr. Richard Perniciaro** are now located in J Building of the Mays Landing main campus. Many of our continuing education staff remain at City Center. Their office spaces have been rearranged as room for classrooms was created.

A warm welcome to **Darick Garrison** who joined the City Center testing office. Darick can be reached at ext. 4831 or at dgarriso@atlantic.edu. The GED info line remains ext. 4728.



Congrats to **Marlene Felicetti** whose daughter, Karen Taylor, gave birth to a son, Matthew Frances Taylor on July 29 weighing 6 lbs. 13 oz., and measuring 19.5 inches long. Karen, her husband Tom, and their two-and-a-half year old son, Tommy J., are all doing very well with the newest addition to their family.

At left: Matthew Frances Taylor with his Godmother, ACA student Kristin Schmid.

City Center is also happy to welcome **Brandy Brooks** who will be working along side **Mike Wozniak** as the new accounts receivable clerk. Brandy is an Atlantic City resident and a criminal justice major at ACCC.

A word from Jean McAlister reporting from construction central:

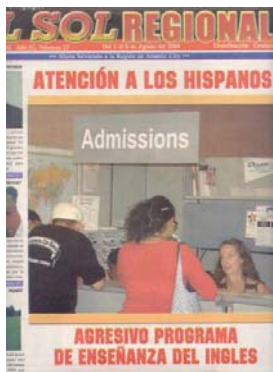
The demolition of the old HVAC ductwork on the Baltic Avenue side of the building and the cafeteria has started. When one enters the building you will notice our new “Ernie’s Café” in the lobby. Snack, soda, juice, and food machines are available. The coffee machine and ice cream machine will not be available until this phase of the construction is complete. Wawa is just a drive away.

Many thanks to everyone in the building for their patience while we moved more than 20 full- and part-time staff, relocated classroom furniture, cleared out of closets, moved the tech room and set up labs where classrooms were. It takes a great team to make a move like this happen and we’re lucky to have that kind of staff working here.

A great job and special thank you to the facilities/housekeeping team of **Tommy, Mike, Dave, Chris, Kevin, Joe, Phil** and ITS team of **Nick, Trent, Alex, Graham** and **Buster**. Thank you also to my WACC tech team of **Nelson, Al, Mike H.** from Cape May, **Mike B.**, and **Gail**. Thank you to the night crew to also helped **Todd, Virgil** and **Jose**. Special thanks to **Rhonda** for coordinating all of the classes and media.

The good news is that we’re on track and hope to complete this phase by the start of the new year. - Jean

The Press of Atlantic City recently highlighted ACCC’s Kid College accomplishments in Atlantic City. “The students in Delcher’s chess class and another group in Don Harris’ Web page design class are a lot younger than the typical student at Atlantic Cape Community College’s Atlantic City Center. Sixty Atlantic City public school students in grades three through eight are getting a free introduction to the college this summer in the form of a pilot Kids College program created to develop an interest in college among the city’s youth. The project was spearheaded by the college board of trustees’ Minority Affairs Committee, which hopes that by bringing students into the college, they can develop a comfort level and plant the idea of attending college when they graduate high school,” the article stated.



In addition to the Press, media coverage of the college also recently included an article in *El Sol*, the Spanish language newspaper of Atlantic City. **Brittany Williams** and **Emily Brown** were pictured on the cover of *El Sol*. An article inside detailed the college’s ESL programs and bilingual services.

At left: El Sol cover featuring Emily Brown and Brittany Williams with students at the Admissions office at WACC.

MJ Burke and **Brenda Douglass** are happy to report that they have been busy working with summer youth camps to promote nursing careers. “Our puppet show increases awareness in nursing careers for children 5 years of age and older,” Douglass said. The skit was written by Burke and introduces a diverse cast of characters to its audience. Douglass is also pleased to report that in the fall she will be moving into the schools to address the students. Retired nurses interested in mentoring/volunteering for the programs can contact Burke to get involved in the *I Care About Nursing* program, ext. 4714.

A WACC presence was at the Atlantic County 4-H Fair recently. **Sherwood Taylor, Carol Nicastro, Tommy Giardina, Sean Gallagher** and **Brittany Williams** all joined **Linda McLeod** and Chef **Paulett Strand** at the fair.

Kudos to **Jean McAlister** for encouraging a boost of student activities during construction. **Daymis Alicea** and **John Mohr**, student services, are pleased to announce that the office will be coordinating welcome packs compliments of student activities for incoming students on Sept. 2. Beginning Sept. 6,

there will be Mocha Mondays and Wacky Wednesdays. “These programs are being offered to enhance the student’s enjoyment of the school environment during such a hectic and occasionally noisy time,” Alicea said. Contributions to the events would be appreciated or if you’d like to sponsor or promote a Wacky Wednesday, contact Daymis at dalicea@atlantic.edu. Student Services will also host a commemoration event to remember Sept. 11. All are welcome to attend.

Marion Pool continues to invite ACCCers to celebrate the 150th Birthday of the City of Atlantic City. A variety of family entertainment and events (most of which are free) are scheduled throughout the year at various sites on the boardwalk, in the casinos, at the parks and museums throughout the city. Come - join in the celebration and enjoy music, dance, history, speakers, authors, art, movies - fun for the whole family and something for everyone. There is music on Mondays, speakers on Tuesdays, ethnic dancing on Wednesdays, jazz on Thursdays, variety shows on Fridays, movies and gospel festivals on Saturdays, beach Olympics and movies on Sundays as well as parades, beach parties, fashion shows, tea parties, and talent shows. Please link to <http://www.cityofatlanticcity.org/calendar3.htm> for the entire schedule of events.

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

by Lisa Apel-Gendron

Hello from soggy Rio Grande!

In just two weeks we’ll be back to three sites again. **Buzz Hauf** will staff the Tech School faculty support office beginning Sept. 2. Buzz is located in Room 319 and his hours are 4-9:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. His phone extension is 4010 or 886-7189, ext. 4010 off campus, or e-mail bhauf@atlantic.edu. His office supplies interoffice mail, phone, fax, copier, messages and a/v equipment. If you’re teaching at TSCM, Buzz will be glad to help support your instructional needs. The Coast Guard Base will house three credit classes this fall: Principles of Sociology, Intro to Business and Public Speaking. Faculty teaching there will use CMCEC for faculty support.

Please pass the word that the college bookstore will visit CMCEC next week to sell books used in fall Cape May County sections. The red-letter dates are: Tuesday, Aug. 24 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., and Wednesday, Aug. 25 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. They will also buy back books still in use. Books for online sections should be ordered via the bookstore’s Web site.

Maryann Fleming-McCall visits CMCEC Tuesday, Aug. 24 from 5-6 p.m. to meet with new adjunct instructors. RSVP directly to Maryann, ext. 5608.

If you’re a closet writer in Cape May County, please join the ACCC writers group, convened by ESL instructor **Elinor Mattern**. Meetings move from campus to campus and are usually held at lunch time. If you’re interested, please e-mail Elinor at emattern@atlantic.edu or phone 886-7189, ext. 4880.

LAC coordinator **Mike Sargente** reports that our capable team of tutors and lab aides is poised to return to CMCEC for fall semester. We welcome back: **Dereck Pruszinski, Mike Hadrava, Bob Williams, Yusuf Gunawan, Javad Razizad** and **Al Alessi**.

Interoffice mail makes its way to CMCEC each Monday and Wednesday morning. If you’re not sure how to get mail to CMCEC, please contact the receiving department at ext. 5245. Service to the Tech School faculty support office resumes Sept. 8.

Have a dry, sunny weekend!

ACCC IN THE NEWS

The Courier-Post ran a story on ACCC's Summer Culinary Bridge Program at Giumarello's restaurant in Haddon Twp. **Sam Giumarello**, the owner of the restaurant, graduated from the Academy of Culinary Arts in 1986. The program offers a dozen students who show leadership skills the opportunity to adjust to the intensive culinary curriculum starting in the fall. In that program, "the students get a taste of college life so they're more at ease and confident in the fall," said **Paulett M. Strand**, Bridge program coordinator.

The Herald Times ran an article on the nomination of two new members to the ACCC's Foundation Board—**Richard G. Barker** of Ocean City and **Leslie DiLuigi** of Marlton.

The Courier-Post ran an article on **Leslie DiLuigi's** nomination to the ACCC Foundation Board. DiLuigi is a member of the Press of Atlantic City Restaurant Gala Steering Committee, which raises scholarship funds for ACCC students.

The Press of Atlantic City ran a story on ACCC's Kids College at the Atlantic City Center where the program is offered for the first time this year.

The Press of Atlantic City's Health Topics supplement included articles about ACCC's allied health program and the new noncredit healthcare offerings this fall.

The Culinary Press, a publication by the American Culinary Federation's Professional Chefs Association of South Jersey, featured photos and an article about the first ACF practical certification test held at the ACA in May. The Academy is now the only approved ACF test site in New Jersey and will begin offering certification tests several times a year.

The Herald Times and the Cape May County Gazette included a photo and news item about students **Kathleen McAlarnen** and **Boyd DeLanzo**, who were honored at a statewide Phi Theta Kappa honor society event.

Richard C. Perniciaro, director of the Center for Regional and Business Research at ACCC, was quoted in an article in The Record about boosting Atlantic City's entertainment, tourism, and other non-gaming options.

News Report, a Gloucester County College newsletter, published a photo of **Kathy Corbalis**, executive director of college relations, with Bill Clark, director of public relations at Salem Community College presenting a \$400 check for the Richard Smith Scholarship, on behalf of the Delaware Valley Community College Marketing Group and NJ Public Relations Officers. The "big check" was presented to Richard H. Smith, executive director of college relations at Gloucester County College, at his retirement party.

Atlantic City Press published a feature story and photographs of students in ACCC's Kids College.

Mainland Journal and Atlantic City Record published brief articles on ACA fall registration, and ACCC's special weekend registration hours.

Herald Times published a brief article on special weekend sign-ups at ACCC.
A news release on ACA fall classes appeared in Egg Harbor News.

A brief article on computer workshops offered at ACCC was published in Herald Times.

Atlantic City Record and Mainland Journal featured an article on a week-long summer program at Shore Memorial Hospital for children ages 11-16, held in conjunction with ACCC's Kids College. The program introduced students to healthcare careers in a hospital setting.

Mainland Journal featured an article on the **Rev. Jeff Burton, S.J.**, celebrating his golden jubilee as a Jesuit. Rev. Burton is a priest in residence at the Church of the Assumption Parish in Galloway Township and is campus minister at ACCC and Richard Stockton College.

ALUMNI

Lauren Erica Birdsong, '03, was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology by Thomas Edison State College. Birdsong is a substitute teacher for Egg Harbor Township School District. She is attending Canyon College to complete her Master of Arts degree in counseling psychology. She is a tutor at ACCC.

George Kyrtatas, '99, ACA has a new cookbook out that compiles traditional Greek recipes from the family archives as well as newer creations in "My Big Fat Greek Feast." An article in the Philadelphia Inquirer featured Kyrtatas and the book, giving the recipes a thumbs-up.

The Philadelphia Inquirer reviewed Anthony's restaurant in Haddon Heights, which is co-owned by **John Pilarz**, '84, ACA. Pilarz told the Inquirer that Anthony's provides a slow tempo for people to relax and enjoy a gourmet Italian meal without rushing.

These ACCC graduates have earned their baccalaureate degrees from the following four-year colleges:

- **Doney Bharat Jain**—Montclair State University
- **Kristin DeRogatis**—William Paterson University
- **Leon C. Doell**—William Paterson University
- **Nancy C. Middlemas**—William Paterson University
- **Isaac Pappas**—William Paterson University
- **Jason W. Reed**—William Paterson University
- **Amy B. Pedicone**—Rowan University
- **Virginia Louis**—Rowan University

Four ACCC graduates scored at the 90th percentile nationwide on a standardized examination that measures student's knowledge of core business subjects. The ETS Major Field Test in Business was administered by Rowan University to its seniors enrolled in the Business Policy course. Congratulations to **Amy B. Pedicone, Virginia Louis, Suzanne Cavalier** and **Noemi Tavarez** for their outstanding achievements. Amy and Virginia were also inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma, the national honors society for business programs.

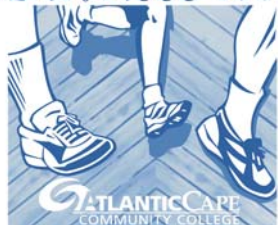
Michael Schlow '87 ACA, was featured in an article in *Experience Bermuda 2004*, a travel guide to the island that Chef **Klaus Muller**, dean of the ACA, picked up while vacationing in Bermuda this summer. The article recapped the growing reputation of Bermudian cuisine and the fact it now hosts an annual Culinary Arts Festival that drew renowned Chef Schlow. The article mentioned Schlow's training at the ACA and recapped his success in Boston's restaurant industry.

A recipe for Maine Lobster Asparagus Salad by Chef **William Fischer**, '84 ACA, was featured in the *Gloucester County Times* and the *Caffe Aldo Lamberti* newsletter. He is executive chef at the Cherry Hill restaurant.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Dr. Richard Perniciaro, associate dean for the Center of Regional and Business Research at ACCC, spoke at the New Jersey Senate Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation committee meeting about the potential impact of Atlantic City's emergent competition from slot machines in New York and Pennsylvania, and how the city has responded and will respond to this challenge.

TEAM ACCC 2004



ACCC's American Heartwalk T-shirt design by **Donna Leeds**, graphic artist, college relations, won an honorable mention from the American Heart Association. The graphic is pictured at left. Great going, Donna!

Large Majority Of ACCC Students First in Family to Attain College Degree

According to results released in the 2004 *Faces of the Future* Survey report, only one in five mothers and one in four fathers of ACCC's students have earned bachelor's or higher degrees. Calculated another way, 80% of students' mothers and 75% of fathers do not have college degrees.

These numbers reflect the fact the college is achieving a key element of its mission statement: accessibility to education, along with its commitment to being student-centered and comprehensive. *Faces of the Future*, an annual survey of credit students at member colleges across the nation, is prepared by ACT Survey Services. The above is just one nugget in a cornucopia of demographic data the survey provides the college's Office of Research.

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

--**Kathy McGowan**, 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, AUGUST 27.