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## NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

### CMCC Grand Opening, Community Day Planned



The official Grand Opening ceremony of ACCC's Cape May County campus will be held at 2 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 24. College and regional government officials will participate in the event, which will include a ribbon-cutting ceremony and unveiling of the Leaves for Learning donor wall.

A fun-filled Community Day to showcase college offerings and services will be held 3-7 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 25. There will be giveaways, demonstrations and activities. Students will be able to

register at the new comprehensive enrollment center. Tours of the new campus will be offered. All are welcome to attend.

Volunteers from the college community will do demonstrations, lead tours and greet visitors. **Marion Pool** is chairing the Community Day committee. She can be reached at (609) 839-0286.

### College Gears Up for Start of Fall Semester with Academic Leadership Changes



**Dr. Peter L. Mora**, president, appointed **Dr. Art Wexler** as acting senior dean for academic affairs. Wexler served the college in a wide range of instructional, student development and administrative leadership positions for more than 28 years. He was associate dean for continuing education operations and associate dean for student development. He's directed counseling and career services and was chief operating officer at the Cape May County Extension Center in Rio Grande.

*Dr. Arthur  
Wexler*

Wexler's most recent assignment was as a faculty member and department chairman of social science. He earned a doctorate in education from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, a master's in developmental clinical psychology from Antioch College and a bachelor's degree in business administration from Bryant College.



Wexler appointed **Dr. Ronald McArthur** as acting dean of instruction. McArthur joined the college as director of admissions and records on Sept. 17, 1979. He also served as director of enrollment and personnel systems and was associate dean of enrollment services. The Mays Landing resident joined the faculty as assistant professor of history in September 1992. He was promoted to associate professor 10 years later. He served as academic advisor for athletics, as well as coordinator and then department chair for fine arts, humanities and physical education.

*Dr. Ron  
McArthur*

McArthur earned a bachelor's degree from Gettysburg College and a master's from Rutgers University. He also performed graduate studies at William Paterson College before completing his doctoral work in May 2002 at Rowan University. Prior to joining the college he served with the U.S. Army in Korea and was assistant director of admissions at William Paterson.



*Grant Wilinski*

Wexler also appointed Library Director **Grant Wilinski** as acting associate dean of academic support services. Wilinski is responsible for instructional technology, Distance Education, N.J. Virtual Community College, skills lab and tutoring, faculty support office, and the library. Wilinski joined the College in September 1988 as a Librarian II. He was promoted to director of library services on June 18, 2001. In 2003 he assumed supervisory responsibilities for the college's Learning Assistance Centers.

Wilinski taught applied music and music appreciation and has given presentations at adjunct instructor workshops. He achieved high honors as an undergraduate music major at Rutgers University before earning his master's degree in library science from the home of the Scarlet Knights. He was director at the Oaklyn Memorial Library and a library reference associate at Rutgers prior to joining ACCC. Wilinski served as president of the New Jersey Library Association.



*Cheryl Knowles-Harrigan*

McArthur appointed **Cheryl Knowles-Harrigan** as acting department chairwoman of Fine Arts and Humanities. She joined the college in 1992 as an adjunct instructor before coming on board full time seven years later as an academic computing specialist. She was promoted to program coordinator in April 2001. The Milmay resident became a full-time assistant professor of art in September 2002.

The former ACCC art gallery coordinator earned a master's degree in instructional technology from Richard Stockton College. She achieved her bachelor's degree in fine art (illustration) from the Philadelphia College of Art. Knowles-Harrigan also possesses a four-year certificate in painting and printmaking from the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts.

She's served ACCC as a non-credit instructor and adjunct mentor and trained colleagues at numerous New Jersey two- and four-year colleges on Web CT and other instructional technologies.



*Dr. Martin Marino*

**Dr. Martin Marino** was named acting department chair for social science. Marino joined the college as assistant professor II of psychology on Feb. 1, 1970. He was promoted to assistant professor I two years later. He achieved the rank of associate professor in 1974 and became a full professor in 1994.

The Galloway resident earned his doctorate in philosophy and master's degree in counseling and guidance from Temple University. His undergraduate diploma in social studies was attained at East Stroudsburg State College.

Prior to joining ACCC, Marino taught in the Cherry Hill Public Schools, was an industrial therapist for Clarks Summit State Hospital and served as testing director for Upper Dublin High School.

In the early '70s Marino served the college in part-time roles with admissions and as school psychological counselor. He later became faculty coordinator for the cooperative education program, an adjunct mentor and coordinator of psychology.

**Dr. Agnes Armao, Dr. Josette Katz and Dr. Joyce Grohman** join the full-time faculty as professors.

## **Cavage to Head Newly-created ESL Department**

Recent program reviews and recommendations from academic administrators have resulted in the establishment of an English as a Second Language Department. ESL had been a part of the Arts and Humanities department.



**Christina Cavage** was named acting department chairwoman. Cavage, a recently promoted associate professor of ESL, joined ACCC in 1992 as an adjunct instructor before accepting a full-time teaching role in January 1994. She earned a bachelor's degree in liberal arts and Spanish from West Virginia University. Her master's degree in foreign languages (with a concentration in TESOL - Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) is also from Morgantown.

*Christine Cavage*

Cavage, an Absecon resident, has a certificate in Spanish culture, history and language from Spain's University of Valladolid. Prior to joining the college, Cavage was an ESL instructor at her alma mater and Fairmont State College.

## **Townsend Joins ACCC as Asst. Director, Facilities Management**



**Rob Townsend** joined the college as assistant director of Facilities Management Operations. Prior to ACCC, he was director of environmental services for Dockwoods Community of Lansdale, Pa., and contract project manager for Wackenhut Services of Pomona.

The former Downingtown, Pa., resident was facility manager for RMH Teleservices of Bryn Mawr, Pa., and director of physical plant for Malvern's Immaculata College.

Townsend served as facility engineer and group leader for UNISYS Corporation and Lockheed Martin in Paoli, Pa. and was an HVAC mechanic for Brewer Sheet Metal of West Chester.

He's earned numerous training certificates from Delaware County Community College, including citations for hazardous materials technology, building official and code administration, national electric code, HVAC installation and service, OSHA compliance, chlorofluorocarbon certification and electric ladder drawings.

## **Nominations Due Aug. 22 for Employee of the Quarter**

Nominations for ACCC's next Employee of the Quarter are due Monday, Aug. 22. 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 campus and Charles D. Worthington Atlantic City Center.

Contact **Cynthia Correa**, ext. 4906 or e-mail [ccorrea@atlantic.edu](mailto:ccorrea@atlantic.edu) for more information.

## Scholarships Provided for 60 Disadvantaged Youths to ACCC's Kids College



More than 60 disadvantaged youth ages 9-15 received scholarships to attend several weeklong Kids College workshops at ACCC's Atlantic City Center last month.

ACCC's Board of Trustees Minority Affairs Committee spearheaded the scholarship program in 2004 to introduce the idea of attending college to children during the early years of their educations. Donations from local businesses to fund the program included Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa, Kramer Beverage, Cape Savings Bank, Guthrie Glass and Mirror, the Fellowship of Churches, United Baptist Church, as well as several individual donors.

*From left, Bobby Royal, Trustee Lynn Baumgardner, Carmen Royal, Kathy Corbalis, Kathie Steiger, vice president, Cape Savings Bank; and Trustees and Minority Affairs Vice Chair Eric Reynolds pose with scholarship recipients.*

The students participated in weeklong workshops including Computer Programming and Tall Tales of New Jersey. These classes are also part of the line-up of Kids College classes

ACCC is offering this summer in Mays Landing and Ocean City.

## ACCC Foundation Adds to Library Collection



*From left, front row: Lynda Pagliughi; Millie Ciraolo, library specialist; Sandy Meischker, library specialist; Ellen Parker, librarian; Dr. Peter Mora, president. Back row: Grant Wilinski, Kathy Fritz, library technician; Susanne Sacchetti, librarian; Robert Benner, library clerk; and Matt Moeller, Foundation member.*

The ACCC Foundation Board presented the college with more than 100 new books for the libraries at the Mays Landing and Cape May County campuses. The Foundation purchased the books with \$3,620 donated to its 2004 end-of-year appeal from the community.

Foundation President **Lynda Pagliughi** presented the books to **Grant Wilinski**, acting associate dean of Academic Support Services, during a reception at the college's William Spangler Library on Aug. 16. "The end-of-the-year appeal was the first in the history of the college. Because of your generosity we were able to do this," Pagliughi said. The new books largely include original works and criticisms of classics of American literature.

## Atlantic Cape May WIB Receives National USDOL Award for Program with ACCC

The Atlantic Cape May Workforce Investment Board (WIB) received a first place Recognition of Excellence Award from the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration for its Allied Health Advancement Program operated by ACCC. It was selected from more than 100 applicant organizations nationwide. The award was presented at the Workforce Innovations 2005 Conference held last month in Philadelphia.

The WIB was honored for its leadership, innovative techniques and collaboration with business, industry and essential partners in workforce development to solve the education, training and hiring challenges of serving at-risk, out-of-school young adults. During its first three cycles, AHAP enrolled over 50 out-of-school youth who gained valuable healthcare credentials such as EKG and Phlebotomy certifications.

Approximately 30 participants attained employment with area healthcare providers. The WIB established partnerships with AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center, Burdette Tomlin Memorial Hospital and Shore Memorial Hospital to train and hire qualified youth from the program for entry level positions within the healthcare industry.

“Our goal was to design a program that provided the local healthcare industry with highly demanded entry-level healthcare workers, while at the same time providing meaningful employment opportunities for at-risk out-of-school youth,” stated Earl Axelson, chair of the WIB Board. “Our area WIB and its partners have played the ‘catalyst’ role in achieving these nationally acclaimed collaborations and this award illustrates our commitment to meeting the labor demands of our local industries and helping our youth sustain self-sufficiency and meaningful employment.”

## **ACCC Receives Scholarship Funds from South Jersey Gas Initiative**



*From left: Charles Bisciegli, a South Jersey Learns to Work Foundation trustee, Dr. Peter Mora, ACCC president, and Richard Walker, secretary of the South Jersey Learns to Work Foundation.*

ACCC received \$4,000 from South Jersey Gas to award scholarships to students who completed the workplace preparation program *School Counts!* while in high school. South Jersey Gas raised the funds through customer donations, and Charles Bisciegli, a South Jersey Learns to Work Foundation trustee, presented **Dr. Peter Mora**, ACCC president, with a check on Aug. 1.

South Jersey Gas launched its *School Counts!* Scholarship campaign in September 2004 by offering customers the opportunity to donate \$1 a month through their gas bills to the scholarship fund. The scholarships will be awarded to Atlantic and Cape May County high school graduates who plan to continue their education at ACCC.

## **Health Tips from the College Nurse**

*Sara T. Ryan, R.N., M.S.N., PHN, Human Resources Specialist, provides tips on staying healthy.*

### **Tips on Exercising:**

The best time to exercise is in the morning, when you burn off more fat. We should exercise for at least 60 minutes, not counting warm up and cool down time. You can break this down to 20 minutes three times a day. We get the most benefit from exercise in the first 10 minutes. After 30 minutes you are burning off half fats and half carbs. When beginning an exercise regimen, first increase intensity, then duration.

If you have diabetes and give yourself injections...do not give yourself injections in your legs if you are planning to walk or jog that day as this will increase the effect of the insulin. Remember, blood sugar continues to drop 24 hours after exercise. This is true of everyone.

When picking things to do to keep fit...remember you are trying to make a LIFE CHANGE...do things you like. For instance, join a dance class. You will meet new people while benefiting from exercise.

## **HERE'S THE SCOOP**

A fond farewell to **Ellen Gregory**, president's office, who leaves to take a position as director of development with Egg Harbor Township public schools.

We wish a fond farewell to **Mindy Hoag**, continuing education, who resigned, effective Aug. 8. Mindy has decided to devote full time to her young family.

A fond farewell to **Rachel Wettstein**, continuing education, who took a position with Pine Hill school district, teaching seventh grade social studies. Rachel was surprised with a farewell party/bridal shower in her honor on Aug. 16. Her wedding is planned for mid-November.

Our thoughts and prayers are with **Rudolph Rodriguez**, a long time ESL adjunct, who suffered a very serious stroke yesterday. He is in critical condition. It was only his second day in the Dominican Republic.

A big welcome back to **Phyllis Bagnell**, research, planning and administration. Phyllis gave us all a scare with some heart troubles, but thankfully she's back and better than ever! She sent this note a few weeks ago, "I am getting stronger and feeling better each day. The thoughtfulness so many have shown through their cards, phone calls, visits, flowers and fruit basket has been overwhelming. Each one of you has touched my heart and will be remembered always. Thank you to my ACCC family." It's great to see you back, Phyllis!

**Linda McLeod**, admissions, says, "Thank you ACCC family for showing me 'The Love.' I really appreciate the warmth and caring showed with flowers, cards, calls and words of comfort. I'll be back. Love, Linda."

The Greater Atlantic City Tourism Council will hold its summer's end mixer and meet the new officers night at the Beach Bar at Trump Plaza, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 1. Cost is \$5 and includes light refreshments and music by a DJ. There will be a cash bar. **Jean McAlister** is secretary of the organization. RSVP [atlanticcityregion@comcast.net](mailto:atlanticcityregion@comcast.net) or call ext. 4882 if you plan to attend.

We extend our deepest sympathies to **Vickie Melograno**, academic resources, on the passing of her father, Larry Mills. Services were held in North Carolina. Expressions can be sent to Vickie at 3 Race Track Drive, Town Bank, NJ 08204.



**Danays Alvarado**, ACA, proudly introduces her new baby, Trixter, a pure Chinese Shar Pei adopted on July 23, from the Noah's Arc Project, a rescue in Bellerose, NY. He was born on April 1, to a breeder and because he had a heart murmur he couldn't be sold so he was dropped off at the shelter. "We were very lucky to find him through Petfinder.com, a Web site I greatly recommend to anyone interested in pedigrees or mix breeds and wishing to save a life through adoption," she said. "I've learned a lot these past few months about what animals go through in shelters and encourage others to do so."

We offer our sympathies to colleague **Myra Caplan** and her family on the passing of Myra's mother, Frances. Mrs. Caplan passed on July 20. The family requests that any donations in the memory of Frances Caplan be sent to: Jewish Federation Housing Associates, 3051 Chapel Ave., Cherry Hill, N.J. 08002. Expressions can be sent to Myra at 19 Pickwick Place, Sewell, N.J. 08080.



*At left: Donna Leeds, Paulett Strand, Anna Simmons and Sue Jones, were some of the many ACCCers who worked the Cape May County 4-H Fair to answer questions about ACCC and the new Cape May County campus.*

**Dennis Huey**, associate professor, science, returned from "13 glorious days touring Portugal." His Freemason group traveled throughout the country visiting numerous castles, cathedrals and churches. They also visited Fatima, the grape growing areas on the North, and the beautiful Southern coast. Dennis said he enjoyed "Great food, especially seafood, good breads and wonderful

wines. So much history! What a great country to visit.” After recovering from that excursion, he took a trip to Kansas City to visit his newest grandchild, Bryce Michael Huey, born May 21 weighing 8 lbs., 6 oz. Dennis said “He’s considerably larger now. Big sister, Elise, is adjusting well to his presence.” Congratulations!

Happy birthday to: **Nancy Hand, Vincent Tedeschi**, Aug. 18; **Marcia Kleinz**, Aug. 19; **Jay Peterson**, Aug. 20; **Debby Starr**, Aug. 21; **Grace Adams, Grant Wilinski**, Aug. 24; **Barbara Clark**, Aug. 25; **Mark Jones, Yechiel Lehavy**, Aug. 26; **Patricia Kubaska, Charlene Borgersen**, Aug. 27; **Terri Hamby**, Aug. 29; **John Mohr**, Aug. 30. Adjunct birthdays: **John Stroeble**, Aug. 18; **Melville Trempe**, Aug. 20; **Suzanne Haggerty**, Aug. 21; **Anthony DeLuca**, Aug. 23; **Gail Pearsall, Robert Holden**, Aug. 24; **Joseph DaGrossa**, Aug. 25; **Ernest McCain, Michael Raspa**, Aug. 27; **Kate Flanagan, Eric Morano**, Aug. 28; **James Arsenault**, Aug. 30.

## NEWS FROM ACCC’S EXTENSION CENTERS

### Greetings from Charles D. Worthington Atlantic City Center

By **Brittany Williams**

**Bobby Royal** is looking forward to a follow-up luncheon (TBA) to discuss the many great ideas provided by City Center staff at the July 20 luncheon he hosted. Faculty and staff completed surveys pertaining to such things as visions for City Center, best services provided, room for improvement and commitment to support changes. Royal commented that the luncheon was well-attended and some excellent ideas were presented. Bobby said that a brochure advertising the Worthington Center is near completion. The brochure is designed to promote the myriad services offered at the city center.

Who wants money? Well, if you are a student anticipating a book check from financial aid for fall semester, those checks will be available beginning Aug. 29 at the Mays Landing campus only.

Extended hours will begin this month. Students may visit the City Center campus’ Business, Student Services and Admissions offices from 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Sept. 2-12 (excluding Fridays and weekends).

**Rick Collins**, security, is proud of his daughter Erin, a lifeguard at the ACHS swimming pool. Erin saved a 14-year old boy’s life on July 28. During an open-swim session, Erin discovered that the boy, who dove into the pool, did not rise to the surface immediately. She immediately blew the whistle to alert the other guards on patrol and to evacuate the pool. Her three years of guarding experience at ACHS told her that time was of the essence. She immediately dove into the deep end of the pool and rescued the boy from the floor. Paramedics that arrived at the scene said that Erin’s actions saved the boy’s life and had he been underwater any longer, he may have suffered brain damage.

The Adult Basic Education/Free ESL classes have resumed accepting students. The classes are scheduled to begin Sept.12. Instruction is offered in the morning, afternoon and evening. Space is limited, so apply as soon as possible. Students must have social security numbers and pay \$15. Applications are available at the Admissions Office in Atlantic City only.

CCI staff and students are enjoying the new carpeting on the casino floor. The old beige carpeting has been removed and a blue patterned carpet now brightens up the area.



**Marilyn Favara** is pleased to announce the birth of her first grandchild, Ryan Daniel Marsh. Ryan was born in Charlotte, NC, on May 17. He and his mom, Bonnie Marsh, are doing very well.

*At left: Ryan Daniel Marsh*

Congratulations to **Christina Cavage** on her appointment as ESL department chair. Also, congrats to the ESL staff as a whole on their new designation as an independent academic department.

**Carol Drea** and **Jeff Wenzel** recently returned from a Workforce Development seminar in Salt Lake City, Utah. The intensive workshops focused on sales management techniques and the pair has returned to ACCC with lots of great ideas on how to increase sales and revenue.

This month Ingrid Thompson from Public/Private Ventures will be wrapping up her work from over the past year. Ingrid has been providing in-depth training and insight to ACCC's continuing education team under the Working Ventures grant.

CCI's introduction to casino games and poker classes began on Monday. The classes will likely start again in September.

**Mike Sargente** is happy to announce that Sept. 6 marks both the start of the fall semester as well as the first day of the LAC's "Pay to Print and Copy" system. Students will be able to purchase a debit card from the cashier to cover the expense of their print-outs and copies (\$.08 for b/w and photo printouts and \$.50 for laser color printouts). The lab will resume Saturday hours on Sept. 17.

Need a gift idea? In the market for hoagies, cheesecakes or candles? Well, look no further. You can purchase scented candles for \$8, Wawa hoagie tickets for \$3 and cheesecakes (prices vary) from **Rhonda Petrucci** to support her daughter, Holly, and the Oakcrest High School Color Guard. Proceeds will go toward sending Holly and her peers to their annual musical enrichment program in Canada. Rhonda may be reached at ext. 4856.

**Ann McClaskey**, all smiles, recently returned from DeBary, FL, where she surprised her engaged daughter, Yvonne, at her bridal shower. "It was so great. She hugged me and wouldn't let go," Ann said. The wedding is planned for Oct. 30 here in South Jersey.

## **Farewell from Rio Grande!**

**by Lisa Apel-Gendron**

Today, Aug. 18, is indeed an uncomfortable day. It's our last day at CMCEC. We're all processing the combination of fond memories gleaned from a decade plus at our various Cape May County sites with the anticipation of going to work in our new campus Monday morning. I'm actually not sure how I feel about this whole thing right now.

It's no secret that when I was lucky enough to follow in **Dr. Art Wexler's** shoes nearly eight years ago, I was surprised at how Spartan an operation CMCEC was. Since I had worked at the University of Houston and University of Pennsylvania, I wasn't familiar with how community colleges – and their satellite sites – worked. My education had just begun.

The facility was cramped. There was never enough space for what you needed to do. Parking was at a premium. Sometimes the roof leaked. And then we had our satellite sites in the evenings to manage; they often needed special attention.

In the beginning, like Dr. Wexler, I was the only academic advisor, but then we saw double digit enrollment jumps. Slowly we began adding additional services. And we became experts at multi-tasking. We all learned to give the *AccuPlacer*. **Faith Gager** learned financial aid and admissions and enrollment services. **Jim Devine** in security learned which forms to hand evening students for transcripts or drop/add. **Dereck Pruszinski** in the computer labs learned front desk operations as well. **Matt Bailey**, our advisor, too, mastered the basics of the front desk. **Buzz Hauf** learned everything on his own at the Tech School.

**Denise O'Connor** and **Melissa Moy** learned pretty much everything: cashiering, admissions, enrollment services, faculty support, testing and financial aid. **Linda Hair** learned to back up Denise and Melissa. And we all supported faculty, lent our offices for math tutoring, dealt with plumbing problems and dug students out of snow banks.

And our faculty. . .what they had to endure! Ask anyone who has taught a full class in Room 3 about education in a fox hole. Or those who ventured to the Coast Guard Base, the Tech and Middle Township high schools because that's where we could find space to hold the class. Full time and part time, they've all found a way to put a positive spin on our situation and through the years keep the bigger picture squarely in focus.

I have loved this job every minute that I've been fortunate enough to serve as CMCEC director. Certainly I had no idea what I was getting into, but I'm so thankful that I was allowed the privilege of working with the finest employees, faculty and students in the world. This was certainly the best introduction to community colleges that I could have hoped for. You have all crystallized for me the mission of the community college. And you've taught me that superior education and attention to student needs doesn't require a fancy building; it simply requires the commitment to do the very best possible job you can at any given moment. A spacious building is nice, but it's not a prerequisite for making a positive difference in the lives of your students.

As we move into our spacious new campus, the same team will be there to help students and faculty. Although we'll be on three floors (so different from CMCEC!), we're still the same cohesive, creative, junk food-dependent bunch we've always been. We have one retirement to report, that of the unflappable **Buzz Hauf**. Faith Gager will still be around, but in a new role. She's leaving ACCC to join the CMCC bookstore staff. So we'll still see her smiling face in the building. We'll have some new faces, too, to help us continue our mission of service. **Marion Pool, Mike Sargente, John Mohr, Al Jayne, Nicasio Rabino, Tom Clark, Electra Stulak, Kathleen Denice** and **Dr. Joe Rossi** will officially join our CMCC team.

It will be different, for sure. The sheer vastness of the building is staggering to me at the moment. I'm honestly a little intimidated by the building's size. I know every inch of CMCEC so well. How will I ever get to know the new building so intimately? And yes, I'm nervous about the move and getting set up and making everything work smoothly. Yet much will remain the same. The same positive attitude shared by our staff and faculty, the same work ethic, that same holistic concern for our students, that same belief that the only way to do something is the right way, and that same cohesiveness that's kept us going through the tough times at CMCEC...those attributes have nothing to do with the size or opulence of the building, but rather with the character of the individuals who give the building a face and a personality.

Knowing those who will shape the personality of this new building as well as I do, I think it's going to be an awesome ride. We're ready for the next step. Let's load that moving truck. The CMCEC/CMCC team is ready to write the next chapter of education history in Cape May County.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

More than 1,000 children enrolled in ACCC's Kids College this year, the best in three years.

**Maria Torres**, ACCC board of trustees member, was one of five women named "Girl Scouts of the South Jersey Pines 2005-2006 Women of the Year." The recipients are described as "among the best and brightest in South Jersey, and as such, are perfect role models for today's Girl Scouts. Each one is an eminent leader in her respective field." Maria is an Oakcrest High School guidance counselor.

**Cheryl-Knowles Harrigan** will appear in the 9th edition of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*.

ACCCer **Linda Dolan** was quoted in a Press of Atlantic City front page article on Aug. 10. Before returning to the college, Dolan was employed by the Jewish Federation of Atlantic and Cape May counties. The story focused on a new senior citizen initiative Dolan called “Senior Neighborhood Network.” One participant quoted in the article said, “I’ve found the most exciting, most entertaining part of my life here. What Linda has done for us is amazing. She makes each and every one of us feel special. And now, we’re like family.” The story said part of the program’s goal is to help seniors stay independent and living in their own homes.

## ALUMNI

**Edelmiro Ramirez**, who completed the eight-month bilingual culinary training program in April, was recently promoted to sous chef at Bally’s Casino. He was one of 33 UNITE HERE Local 54 members to complete the program, which was funded by a U.S. Department of Labor grant. The program, created in cooperation with the Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees International Union and Nevada Partners, taught basic knife skills, soups and sauces, cooking methods, introduction to baking, and garde manger to students with limited English skills.

**Jennifer Hall Librizzi**, ’93, office systems technology graduate and cooperative education student, is now the president of the FAA Technical Center’s chapter of the International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP). Jennifer is a division secretary at the FAA Technical Center.

The Center for Community Arts’ Youth Art Program Summer Visual Arts Camp in Lower Township, run by ACCC Senior Adjunct **Cheryl Crews**, was featured in The Press of Atlantic City and local weekly newspapers.

ACA graduate **Robert D. Marshall Jr.**, ’84, was named president and general manager of Wheeling Island Gaming, one of the largest regional gaming and entertainment attractions in West Virginia. An executive with more than 15 years of senior hospitality and entertainment experience, Marshall has been in one of the top leadership posts for Delaware North Companies Parks & Resorts since 2003, managing a portfolio of some of the company’s top destinations including Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex, Niagara Falls State Park and the Balsams Resorts in New Hampshire.

After graduating from the ACA, Marshall transferred to Widener University’s School of Hotel and Restaurant Management. He began his career in hospitality as a management trainee at Adam’s Mark Hotel in Philadelphia, moving to Atlantic City, to work his way through the ranks at the Sands Hotel, Casino and Country Club. Six years with Wyndham Hotels and Resorts allowed Marshall to hone his skills as both a resident and general manager. Under his leadership, Wyndham recreated the Sugar Bay Beach Club and Resort in St. Thomas, USVI, as an all-inclusive resort and maintained a guest satisfaction index (GSI) of 93 percent.

Prior to Delaware North Companies, Marshall was the director of facilities and services with Accenture, where he was responsible for eight locations in the Chicago metro area, and oversaw office operation, budgeting and project management. Additionally, he worked to implement the office hoteling concept to reduce real estate expenses.

## ACCC IN THE NEWS

Channel 40 featured the presentation of a \$4,000 check from South Jersey Gas to **Dr. Peter Mora** for *School Counts!* scholarships in one of its broadcasts.

The Courier-Post wrote an article about **Andrea Seltzer**, ’05 ACA, who is a pantry cook at the Casbah Cafe at Trump Taj Majal. Seltzer, of Marlton, faces additional challenges in the restaurant industry

because she is deaf. During her training at ACCC, the college provided two sign language interpreters to aid Seltzer in her classes.

**Tom Celandine**, assistant professor, college skills/sociology, who works as a correspondent for Times Graphics newspapers Atlantic County weeklies, wrote a feature story based on an interview with ACCC President **Dr. Peter Mora**. The article, titled *Mora charts college's future*, talked about the new president's vision for the college.

**Michael Huber**, ACA chef educator, writes a savory summer column in The Press. One recent column titled, *Somehow, crabs taste better when you catch them yourself*, gave a recipe for cooking blue claw crabs. Another, titled *Shake your head in wonderment over delicious tautog*, talked of a way to enjoy what many fisherman refer to as a "trash fish." A third column, titled *The perfect wine for summer is one you might not expect*, talked about good rosé wines.

ACCC was included in a Trenton Times article titled *Charting a tougher course: High schoolers seek college-level work*.

The Cape May County Gazette published an article on a presentation that **Dr. Peter Mora** and **Dr. Joe Rossi** made to the Middle Township business community at a Chamber of Commerce meeting. They spoke about the opening of the Cape May County campus.

The Cape May Herald Times newspapers ran a story titled *Public presentations key to the 4-H experience*, which featured ACCC student **Jessica Klecz** speaking at ACCC's press conference announcing the Marjorie Ward Endowment scholarship. A photo of Jessica speaking at the event, with the ACCC Marjorie Ward banner in the background, accompanied the article.

The Atlantic Cape May Workforce Investment Board being honored by the U.S. DOL for their program operated by ACCC, appeared in local weekly newspapers.

The naming of **Robert Mullock** of Cape May Point to the ACCC Foundation Board was featured in the Cape May Herald newspapers. Mullock is owner-president of Cape May National Golf Club.

A news release on CCI offering gaming training appeared in local weekly newspapers. The Press of Atlantic City ran an article titled *Longtime educator picked to fill ACCC board opening*, announcing the appointment of **David Evans** as a member of ACCC's board of trustees. He was appointed as a state representative by Acting Gov. Richard Codey.

The Cape May Herald newspapers ran a story of recent graduate **Jessica Aprill**. At 17, she is one of ACCC's youngest graduates. Next week, she'll pack her things and move to TCNJ where she'll continue her education. Her dream is to someday teach elementary or special education students.

**Pat Owens**, acting dean of continuing education and resource development, was interviewed on NJ101.5 News radio on ACCC's Institute of Service Excellent in response to an Associated Press article on cashiers/retail clerks being one of the nation's top jobs.

The Press of Atlantic City ran an article titled *ACCC branch campus no longer academic*. A photo of the 100-seat lecture hall wired for laptop computers accompanied the article.

The Mainland Journal ran a feature article on **Dr. Louise Kaplan**, professor of anthropology and bioethics, who received the Lindback Award at ACCC's graduation.

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--**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.

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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 MONDAY, AUGUST 22.**