

# ATLANTIC CAPE COMMUNICATOR

Atlantic Cape Community College's Information Source

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## NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

### Holiday Closing

The college's winter holiday break begins at close of business on Thursday, Dec. 23. We will reopen Monday, Jan. 3. The breakdown includes:

- Friday, Dec. 24 will be taken as Christmas Day.
- Monday, Dec. 27 shall be applied to Columbus Day.
- Tuesday, Dec. 28 counts as Election Day.
- Wednesday, Dec. 29 shall be observed as Veteran's Day.
- Thursday, Dec. 30 will be used as President's Day.
- Friday, Dec. 31 shall be considered New Year's Day.

College offices will reopen on Monday, Jan. 3.

### Next CommuniCator Jan. 21

The next issue of the *Atlantic Cape CommuniCator* will be Jan. 21. Deadline is noon, Monday, Jan. 17. Information should be sent to [mcgowan@atlantic.edu](mailto:mcgowan@atlantic.edu).

### More Than \$12,000 Raised for Ruth L. Williams Memorial Scholarship



*Ruth Williams' son, Chetley Williams, is shown handing a donation to Ruth Tunnell, donor campaign coordinator. Looking on, from left, are donor campaign officers Joseph Rossi, Charita McClain, Patricia Luciano-Federici and Bobby Royal.*

Relatives, friends and colleagues of the late Ruth L. Williams gathered Dec. 15 at Careme's Restaurant on the Mays Landing main campus to thank donors who helped raise more than \$12,000 for a memorial scholarship in the name of Ms. Williams. A former college Human Resources administrator, Ms. Williams passed away April 20, 2001, after 30 years of dedicated service to ACCC.

### Still Need a Holiday Gift?

#### How About an Autographed Book?

Forgot someone on your list? The ACCC Foundation has several books for sale. They make great holiday

gifts! All books are autographed by the author, except where noted. Books include: *About Town*, Ben Yagoda, \$24; *In a Different Voice*, Carol Gilligan, \$13; *The Birth of Pleasure*, Carol Gilligan, \$24; *The Summer Wind*, George Anastasia, \$24; *Summer of Deliverance*, Christopher Dickey, \$24; *Wild Nights*, Anne Matthews, \$22; *Niccolo's Smile*, Maurizio Piroli, \$20; *Mohawk*, Richard Russo, \$13; *Nobody's Fool*, Richard Russo, \$13; *The Future of the Past*, Alexander Stille, \$25 (not autographed); *Teens Can Make It Happen*, Stedman Graham, \$14; *The Glory Cloak*, Patricia O'Brien, \$14; *Sacred Time*, Ursula Hegi, \$25; *The Falls*, Joyce Carol Oates, \$26. Call **Anna Simmons**, ext. 4907.

## **ACA Awards 42 Medals and Certificates**

The Academy of Culinary Arts awarded culinary medals and certificates to 42 new chefs and baking/pastry professionals primed with the latest culinary knowledge on Dec. 22. More than 20 graduates honed their skills in the Academy's two-year culinary arts program, while approximately 20 others completed short-term, specialized training to earn certificates in hot food, baking and pastry, and catering.

The awards ceremony, held in the college's Walter Edge Theater, honored the graduates as they received gold, silver or bronze medals or certificates based on their grade point averages and criteria established by the American Culinary Federation. A reception at Careme's followed the ceremony.

**Joseph Sheridan**, executive sous chef at the Showboat Hotel and Casino, was guest speaker. Sheridan earned a gold medal and graduated from the ACA in 1996 with a 4.0 GPA.

**Vearl Harrington** was named valedictorian and winner of the Nathan Schwartz Award, which is presented to the top student of each graduating class.

## **PECC Campaign**

ACCC's Public Employees Charitable Campaign (PECC) for 2005 has ended just short of this year's goal of \$14,700. One hundred eleven people donated \$14,266. Thanks to all who supported the campaign.

## **HERE'S THE SCOOP**

ACCC's men's basketball team beat Delaware Technical College 109-101 in overtime. They beat Mercer 97-94 in overtime, Burlington 96-76 and Middlesex 84-80. Their record is 4-6.

It was good to see **Rhonda Petruzzi** from admin. services, City Center, who helped out in finance on the Mays Landing main campus for a few weeks. She returns to City Center after the holiday break.

Welcome aboard to **RaShun Stewart**, part-time EOF facilitator in student services.

Thanks to **John Stratton**, chemistry, for making the rounds again this year with mounds of home-baked goods. Yum!

We offer our deepest condolences to **Johana deJesus**, financial aid, on the passing of her beloved mother, Ana Delia Pagan. Expressions can be sent to Johana at 702 Meadowbrook Drive, Mays Landing, N.J. 08330.

Proud mom **Merrill-Jean Bailey**, assistant professor of English, tells us that her daughter, Tatia Leonne Bailey, recently accepted a management position in leadership development with MasterFoods in Hackettstown. Tatia is a 1992 graduate of Hampton University and is completing her master's thesis in organizational training and development at St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia.

Our thoughts and prayers are with **Donna** and **Ron McArthur**, business services and history professor, respectively, as they recover from a serious automobile accident on their way to work Dec. 6. A Galloway woman was ticketed for running a red light on the White Horse Pike (Route 30) as the McArthur's had the green light on Cologne Avenue. Ron was airlifted to Atlantic City Medical Center trauma unit where he is in critical condition. He suffered multiple injuries. Donna suffered a broken collarbone and is now home. Notes and cards are appreciated. Their home address is: 135 E. Nightingale Way, Galloway, NJ 08205. Please hold your phone calls.

We were saddened to hear that **Mary Haynie** died. Some of you may remember her from years gone by. She was a big supporter of the college and was instrumental in getting the allied health building built.

**Max Slusher**, research, who is serving in Iraq, is beginning to receive the packages that ACCCers sent him. He sent **Alison Blizzard**, his assistant, this note: "Please distribute this to all my thoughtful co-workers. My people and I at Al Asad, Iraq, appreciate the goodies and supplies that the college sent to us. The food is gone and the supplies divided. More importantly, the thoughtfulness of everyone is appreciated more than you could ever imagine. We receive hundreds of letters from students and many packages from our workers and loved ones. We treat all of them like Christmas Gifts, especially from the children who have written us; we spend what little free time we have writing them back to let them know we appreciate the time they took to make us feel a bit better.

At this time of year, the homesickness can become overbearing. We are a "slightly" older group, and, therefore, we are better prepared for this, but regardless, I spend considerable time ensuring that homesickness does not manifest into depression or worse. These gifts from home demonstrate that other people do care; their arrival at the right time can be the best medicine for the blues. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. My people and I do appreciate it.

Happy holidays to all, and may God bless you. Sincerely, Max Slusher"

Happy Birthday to: **Sandra Meischker**, Dec. 23; **Pamela Bigelow-O'Neill**, Dec. 24; **Mitch Mischlich**, Dec. 26; **Lisa Stein**, Dec. 27; **Merrill-Jean Bailey**, Dec. 30; **Sue Jones**, Dec. 31; **Joanne Gleason**, Jan. 1; **Marilyn Keiner**, Jan. 3; **Tina Baez-Laing**, Jan. 5; **Anna Simmons**, Jan. 6; **Esther Gandica**, **Todd Ford**, Jan. 7; **Al Ebinger**, **Bruce Johns**, **Connie LaMonaca**, Jan. 8; **Loretta Dicker**, **BettyAnn Inloes Hines**, Jan. 12; **Linda Eidell**, **Deborah Rogers**, Jan. 13; **Christina Cavage**, **Christopher Rand**, Jan. 14; **Anne Erickson**, **Charles Mettelle**, Jan. 16; **Regina Skinner**, **Anmarie Chelius**, Jan. 17; **Nelson Bugas**, Jan. 19; **Terry Kirkland**, Jan. 21.

Adjunct birthdays: **Raymond Harris**, Dec. 23; **Donna Szemcsak**, Dec. 24; **Gene Silnicki**, Dec. 28; **Susan Hellings**, **Mark Zappone**, Jan. 1; **Celeste Herse**, Jan. 3; **Anthony Zarych**, Jan. 5; **Linda Loughlin**, **Francine Stankiewicz**, Jan. 7; **Robert Oaks**, Jan. 8; **Sondra Yanniello**, Jan. 12; **Stephanie Cash**, Jan. 13; **Douglas Baart**, **MaryJean Maudsley**, Jan. 15; **Wanda Chudzinski**, **Jesse Deane**, Jan. 16; **Julie Stratton**, **Elizabeth Howell**, Jan. 17; **Rich DeMayo**, Jan. 19.

## **NEWS FROM ACCC'S EXTENSION CENTERS**

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

**by Brittany Williams**

The holidays are coming!

City Center staff has been busy with credit and non-credit registration lately. Kudos to all of our students, staff and faculty who have patiently worked very hard during the construction and crowds the past few weeks.

ESL classes are filling up, but check SIS for added classes in all subjects. **Christina Cavage** is teaching a newly added ESLN 213 Advanced Grammar on Monday evenings from 6-7:50 p.m.

Jump Start is under way and in the past few weeks, the recruitment crew has visited Lower Township, Absegami, Wildwood, Ocean City's Extension School and the Atlantic County Institute of Technology.

Looking for **John Mohr**? He is temporarily relocated to Mays Landing J Building. His extension is the

same.

Congrats to **Lynette Ingram** who recently completed a paper toward her master's degree at Capella University. Her paper was titled *Beyond the Political Quagmire: A Multicultural Counseling Look at Discrimination in the Gay Community*.

**Jeff Wenzel** reports that Workshops and Seminars recently began registering students for the following Fine Arts classes: *Portraits from Photos, The 3 R's of Colors, An Impressionist Paints Watercolor, Drawing Nature with Color Pencils*. Call Jeff, ext.4829.

**Therese Sampson, Dr. Peter Mora** and **Jean McAlister** recently addressed a group of City Center employees regarding the construction progress at the campus. Minutes were taken by Jean and can be obtained by contacting her.

This issue's holiday tip: stay warm and happy and good things will come your way.

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

**by Lisa Apel-Gendron**

It's so quiet here now. Semester's end is bittersweet.

Our holiday Toys for Tots drive wrapped up Dec. 18, and we're uplifted by the generous participation of staff, faculty and students alike. With two 3 ft. x 2 ft. cartons brimming with toys, games and stuffed animals, we collected more than 140 items for local children. Thanks to Robert Bethel of the Marine Corps Reserves in Cape May Court House for helping us get started. This will no doubt become an annual tradition at the Cape May County campus.

Thanks to **Carlo Canale**, ITS, for visiting CMCEC to videotape student speeches. What a great service to our students. We appreciate your help so early in the morning, Carlo!

**Nick Ganaway**, ITS, has been working around the clock it seems to try to restore our phone service. Apparently, construction in a neighboring parking lot did some real damage to underground Verizon lines serving CMCEC and our faculty support office at the Tech School. Thank you, Nick. You're always there for us.

Our faculty support office at the Tech School, staffed by **Buzz Hauf**, will close at 9:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 23 and reopen at 4 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 18.

Enjoy your break! See you all Jan. 3. Go Eagles!

## **ACCC IN THE NEWS**

The Academy of Culinary Arts was mentioned in a Cape May County Herald article on the Restaurant Expo at Trump Taj Mahal. The event helped raise scholarship money for ACA students.

Thirteen Hospitality students in **Donna Vassallo's** food and beverage operations class participated in a 60-second segment for Ed Hitzel's *Hitzel a la Carte* television program that airs on NewsChannel 40 NBC every weekend. The students shared holiday hosting food and kitchen safety tips. The segment is scheduled to air on Christmas Day at 8:58 a.m. (during NBC's Today show) and on Sunday, Dec. 26, at 11:17 p.m. (during the local news). Both Ed and the producers from NBC 40 were so impressed with the students, and they promised each of the students a tape of their performance! Be sure to check out

NewsChannel 40 on Comcast cable to see the students in action--and maybe even pick up a few helpful tips!

News releases promoting ACCC's winter term have appeared in The Press and local weekly newspapers.

**Eric Reynolds**, ACCC trustee and vice president of development for Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa, was featured in a Press of Atlantic City story on the Academy of Hospitality and Marketing Careers at Atlantic City High School. Students are trained for careers in the casino industry. Some students in the program said they plan to go to ACCC's Academy of Culinary Arts when they graduate.

ACCC graduate **Karen Matsinger**, last year's student representative on the board of trustees, was featured in the Cape May Herald newspapers. Matsinger spoke about her experience serving on the board. "My opinion counted," she said. "They're open. They listen to what you have to say."

A photo of **Dr. May** appeared in a holiday ad from the Atlantic Cape May Workforce Investment Board. The ad thanked board and committee members for their years of service, commitment and dedication to the workforce development system in the two counties. Dr. May is treasurer of that group.

A news release announcing that two ACA graduates and a current student earned top honors at the three-day Baking Expo in October appeared in the Cape May County Herald newspapers. **Denise Percoski** won first place medal in the Miniature Wedding Cake division. **Ruth LaTorre**, who earned a Baking and Pastry certificate from the ACA in 2002 won second place medals in the Miniature Wedding Cake and Soft Icing Wedding Cake divisions, and student **Leo Perez** won first place in the Wedding Cake division. He works at the Borgata and attends ACA part time.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**Dr. Richard Perniciaro** was contacted by National Public Radio on Nov. 24 to discuss Trump's bankruptcy filing with Steve Inskeep on Morning Edition. NPR had his name on file because he had done a piece on *All Things Considered* last year for the 25th Anniversary of gaming in AC.

He was interviewed at WFGP studio in Northfield for the NPR piece which was generally Q and A about how the changing marketplace in AC has left Trump behind serving the "older" clientele. Trump has lost market share to Borgata, which has replaced Taj as the revenue leading property.



*Pictured, from left, Bobby Royal, executive assistant to the president; Dr. John May, president; Redenia Gilliam-Mosee, honoree; and Eric Reynolds, Board of Trustees liaison.*

At their monthly meeting on Dec. 9, the Minority Affairs Committee presented **Redenia Gilliam-Mosee**, senior vice president of governmental relations and planning at Bally's, with an award of appreciation. She was honored for initiating the subcommittee of the board of trustees, and for her contributions and years of dedicated support to the college. A plaque read "In recognition of your pioneering contributions to the Minority Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees of Atlantic Cape Community College, and for your continued support of academic and financial programs for disadvantaged minority students."

Former board of trustees member **Al Ruggiero**, vice president of South Jersey Industries, was elected to chair the board of the directors of the Chamber of Commerce of Southern New Jersey recently.

We heard from **Lew Fine**, English retiree, who lives in Arizona. He has two more books being published in the spring and another in the summer, bringing his total to six books since retiring in 1999. They are all reflective-writing textbooks for 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade, college and adult education. Congratulations, Lew! His address is 3764 S. Wagon Trail, Flagstaff, AZ 86001.

## MIDDLE STATES MATTERS

The semester is winding down but the work of the Middle States subcommittees continues. A resource room has been set up in the library to house all the documents which will be used to address the questions of each committee. In addition to the documents, the subcommittees continue to explore ways of garnering feedback, such as interviews and forums, from the various segments of the college population. A third student forum will be held on Jan. 14 as part of the Faculty Development Day.

Subcommittee seven has been charged with addressing Standard 10: Faculty, which states “The institution’s instructional, research, and service programs are devised, developed, monitored and supported by qualified professionals.” Since faculty are central to student learning, this subcommittee will examine such issues as the appointment processes for adjunct and full-time faculty, the institution’s support of professional development for faculty, and how instructor evaluations are used to ensure effective teaching.

Among the questions subcommittee seven will answer are the following: How does the college ensure that the faculty and other professionals are appropriately prepared and qualified for the positions they hold, with roles and responsibilities clearly defined, and sufficiently numerous to fulfill those roles appropriately? How are educational curricula designed, maintained and updated by faculty and other professionals who are academically prepared and qualified and is there appropriate cooperation and support across academic fields and across types of professionals? How does the college demonstrate institutional support for the advancement and professional development of faculty? Are the criteria for the appointment, supervision, and review of teaching effectiveness for part-time, adjunct and other faculty consistent with those for full-time faculty?

**Amy Shelton**, assistant professor, mathematics, is chairperson of this committee. Members include **Myra Caplan**, assistant professor, nursing; **Susan DePhilippis**, assistant professor, ESL; **Neera Desai**, assistant professor, developmental mathematics; **Dr. Joyce Grohman**, dean of instruction; **Dr. Jim MacNair**, associate professor, sociology; **Dr. Ron McArthur**, associate professor, history and government; **Maryann McCall**, director, adjunct instructor support and development; **Kelly McClay**, assistant director, ACA; **Lenora Sheppard**, assistant professor, mathematics; and **Karen Zaniewski**, assistant professor, nursing.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The calendar is updated regularly at [www.atlantic.edu/about/monthlycal.shtml](http://www.atlantic.edu/about/monthlycal.shtml).

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