

ATLANTIC CAPE COMMUNICATOR

Atlantic Cape Community College's Information Source

Dec. 17, 2010

NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

College Closed Dec. 24-Jan. 2 for Winter Break

The college will close for holiday break at the end of the business day, Thursday, Dec. 23, and will reopen Monday, Jan. 3.



If you have any questions, contact human resources at ext. 5604 or ext. 5108.

Final 2010 Paychecks to Be Mailed Dec. 30

All paychecks and direct deposit stubs for the Dec. 31 pay will be mailed on Thursday, Dec. 30. If you do not want your paycheck or direct deposit stub mailed on Dec. 30, but would like to pick it up on Monday, Jan. 3, contact **Ronnie Devine**, payroll, at ext. 5265 or devine@atlantic.edu.

Assignment Forms Due to Human Resources Dec. 20

Assignment forms for the Dec. 31 payroll are due in human resources by noon, Monday, Dec. 20.

Payroll recap sheets (excluding security/facilities) are due in payroll by noon, Tuesday, Dec. 21.

Failure to adhere to these deadlines may result in no pay. Contact **Cindy DeFalco**, director of human resources, at ext. 5108 with questions.

Electronic Holiday Card Available

The college relations department created an electronic holiday card for faculty and staff to share. You can send the link www.atlantic.edu/holidaycard to your contacts.

CSA Students Selling Holiday Truffles



The Culinary Student Association is selling holiday truffles to raise funds for commemorative graduation plates. Truffles are a chocolate delicacy that will bring a smile to that special someone you just don't know what to get this holiday. The truffles are packaged inside a wine glass and festively wrapped for \$9.

Order truffles by calling the CSA advisor, **Sue Feye**, at ext. 4942, or stopping by Careme's or Strudels.

ACA Makes Sweet Donation to Food Bank 'Cookie Walk'

ACA Chef Educator **Dan Matt** and culinary students baked nearly 80 pounds of cookies for a "Cookie Walk" fundraiser to benefit the Community FoodBank of New Jersey-Southern Branch. The event will be held 5:30-8:30 p.m., tonight, at the



Ocean City High School cafeteria, 501 Atlantic Ave. The evening includes a festive night of merriment, music and cookies. Those who attend will be able to select from a wide variety of cookies and pay by the pound, with proceeds benefitting the FoodBank. Free hot chocolate and coffee will be served

Breakfast with Santa Draws a Crowd

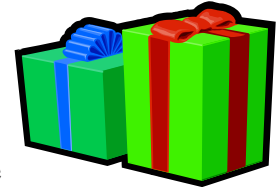


The Academy of Culinary Arts sponsored Breakfast with Santa at the Hamilton Mall Dec. 4, serving nearly 250 excited children and adults a delicious breakfast before Rudolph, Frosty, Mrs. Claus and Santa himself arrived. The ACA donated the food and their time. The \$1,215 in proceeds benefitted the Spread the Magic Foundation, which aims to spread hope and possibility to children battling cancer and their families. It also supports the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

Think Green, Reduce Waste This Holiday Season

The Environmental Protection Agency encourages families to "think green" and reduce waste during the holidays. A full list of tips is available at <http://www.epa.gov/waste/wycd/funfacts/winter.htm>.

- Wrap gifts in recycled or reused wrapping paper or funny papers. Also remember to save or recycle used wrapping paper. Give gifts that don't require much packaging, such as concert tickets or gift certificates.
- About 40 percent of all battery sales occur during the holiday season. Buy rechargeable batteries to accompany your electronic gifts, and consider giving a battery charger as well. Rechargeable batteries reduce the amount of potentially harmful materials thrown away, and can save money in the long run.
- Turn off or unplug holiday lights during the day. Doing so will not only save energy, but will also help your lights last longer.
- Approximately 33 million live Christmas trees are sold in North America every year. After the holidays, look for ways to recycle your tree instead of sending it to a landfill. Check with your community solid waste department and find out if they collect and mulch trees. Your town might be able to use chippings from mulched trees for hiking trails and beachfront erosion barriers.



Around the World in One Night: NORAD Tracks Santa

By Luis J. Olivieri, senior manager, GIS

For many years, I wondered how Santa managed to fly on Christmas Eve without a single accident. First, I thought he had Elf Fly Assistance but, with all the planning, I knew the elves were busy with other chores. A few years ago, I got the answer to my question in a scientific magazine in the area of remote sensing and GIS.



The North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) is a United States and Canadian organization charged with the missions of aerospace warning and aerospace control for North America. Aerospace warning includes the monitoring of man-made objects in space, and the detection, validation and warning of attacks against North America whether by aircraft, missiles or space vehicles, through mutual support arrangements with other commands.

Well guess what? For the last 50 years, NORAD has been tracking Santa during his Christmas Eve flight. In the early days, before the Internet or the web, NORAD had volunteers who continuously checked the radar and provided updates to people who called for information.

Today, NORAD has created an interface between their radar system, satellites, Santa Cams, fighter jets and Google Earth to provide real-time update on the location of Santa during his famous Christmas Eve

flight. The technology behind this interface is a geographic information system. Santa is tracked with a radar system, which determines his location. This location is then fed into a GIS that interacts with Google Earth to provide a map of his actual location, in real time.

When my kids were little, we sat in front of our computer to see how Santa was doing. The interface since that time has evolved into a piece of art with really nice graphics.

For more information about NORAD Tracks Santa, including detailed information on “How we track Santa,” or to actually track Santa during his Christmas Eve flight, visit:

<http://www.noradsanta.org/en/index.html>.

Earn College Credits in 11 Days during Winter Term

Atlantic Cape offers students an opportunity to earn college credits in two weeks, Mondays-Saturdays, Jan. 3-15. Classes include: Financial Accounting, Art Appreciation, Intro to Computers, U.S. History II, Concepts of Physical Fitness, Intro to Algebra II, Child Psychology and Principles of Sociology.

The last day to register in person for this session is Wednesday, Dec. 23. Mail, fax and online registrations will be accepted through Jan. 2. You must have a PIN to register online.

Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express are accepted. To register online or view an updated schedule of winter and spring courses, visit www.atlantic.edu. For more information, e-mail accadmit@atlantic.edu or ext. 5000.

Atlantic Cape’s College Relations Team Captures 10 Awards

Atlantic Cape earned statewide and regional recognition this fall for its public relations and marketing efforts, including being recognized as the top social media program for community colleges in the Northeast.



College relations staffers.

Atlantic Cape received five Medallion Awards at the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations District I Conference in Providence, R.I. The awards include: Gold for Social Marketing and Original Photography; Silver for Online Marketing/Advertising and Notes/Cards/Invitations; and Bronze for Communications Success Story.

The Philadelphia Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America awarded Atlantic Cape with a Peppercorn for Development or Fundraising and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education District II Accolades Awards program honored the college with a Bronze Award for Special Events-Individual Events. Both awards recognized the 2010 Restaurant Gala.

The Jersey Shore Public Relations and Advertising Association recognized Atlantic Cape with Gold Jaspers for Special Events Planning/Special Events Series and Television/Video/TV Special Programming; and a Silver Jasper for Print Material Brochure-Under \$8,000.

Major projects that garnered success this year include: the 2010 Restaurant Gala, “What’s Cooking” television segment on NBC-40, featuring Academy of Culinary Arts chefs and students; and Atlantic Cape’s social media program.

Award-winning college relations staff members include: **Mike Capen**, graphic artist; **Stacey Clapp**, public relations and publications manager; **Kathy Corbalis**, executive director of college relations; **Joe D’Agostino**, senior manager of web systems and marketing; **Geoffrey Pettifer**, director of college

marketing; **Chelsea Pizzi**, public relations and social media specialist; and **Anna Simmons**, office manager.

Atlantic Cape Offers New Solar Installation Course

If you're unemployed or interested in changing to a career in the "green" industry, Atlantic Cape is offering a new solar installation training course. The 490-hour certificate program begins Jan. 18 through the college's continuing education department.

This comprehensive program provides the knowledge and skills necessary for photovoltaic installation on residential and commercial projects. The solar installation training prepares participants to take the NABCEP entry-level exam. Upon successful completion, this program qualifies students for an Atlantic Cape Community College Certificate of Completion with 26.0 CEUs and 24 college credits toward a two-year technical studies degree.

Training modules include: Basic Math for PV Installation and Design; Electricity Basics for Photovoltaic; Introduction to National Electrical Code; Green Building Today; Basic Computer Skills; Introduction to PV Design and Installation; OSHA Electrical Review; and a paid internship with a solar company. This program may be funded by the Atlantic County One Stop Services Center for eligible participants.

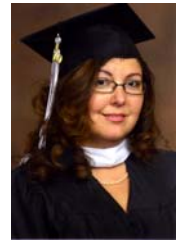
For more information on the solar installation training program, contact **Carol Fraone** at cfraone@atlantic.edu or ext. 5650.

HERE'S THE SCOOP

WaccRadio.org will play Christmas music Dec. 24-25. The station can be heard on your computer, iPhone, Google Droid at <http://www.WaccRadio.org>. It can also be heard through your Roku Netflix box by using the RadioTime channel.

Celebrate the holidays at Careme's Restaurant, which is offering three-course dinner specials for \$19.95 through Dec. 21. Call ext. 4940 for a reservation.

Congratulations to **Danays Alvarado**, account finance control specialist, Academy of Culinary Arts, who graduates from The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey this weekend with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Studies with a concentration in accounting. Hats off to Danays for her hard work and perseverance!



Danays



Several students from the Asian Student Alliance recently attended the Bayanihan Philippine Dance Festival at Stockton College's Performing Arts Center.

Back row, from left: Morgan Arrington, Aica Agovida, Rosy Vu, Brianna Brennan and Mary Margrethe Falcone Lumor. Front row, from left: Advisor Jay Peterson, Mark Osunero-Lanuza and Ryan Aishiteru Arashiro.

Deepest condolences to **Barbara Kozek**, continuing education, on the passing of her beloved husband, Eric. He was 50. Expressions may be sent to Barbara at 434 Turnbridge Drive, Galloway, NJ 08205. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Matt and Jeff Kozek College Fund, 434 Turnbridge Drive, Galloway, NJ 08205.

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/pressofatlanticcity/obituary.aspx?n=eric-alan-kozek&pid=147118554>

We regret to report the passing of retiree **Judy Matsunobu's** beloved daughter, Naomi. Naomi passed away Dec. 2 after a nearly 4-year battle with cancer. Expressions may be sent to Judy at 347 Clarktown

Road, Mays Landing, NJ 08330. Donations may be made to the South Jersey Cancer Fund, P.O. Box 1084, Brigantine, N.J. 08403, or USC Norris, 1441 Eastlake Ave., Suite 8302, Los Angeles, CA 90033. <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/pressofatlanticcity/obituary.aspx?n=naomi-k-matsunobu&pid=146999444>

Happy birthday to: **Dorothea Dunayer**, Dec. 18; **Crista Golden**, Dec. 20; **Cheryl Ann Garwood**, Dec. 22; **Missie Taylor**, Dec. 24; **Lisa Stein**, Dec. 27; **Carolyn Coulter**, Dec. 28; **Luis Hidalgo**, **Linda Jones**, **Tina Lashley**, Dec. 29; **Paula Pitcher**, **Paula Roberson**, **Merrill-Jean Bailey**, Dec. 30; **Imtiaz Chowdury**, Jan. 1; **Marilyn Keiner**, Jan. 3; **Anna Simmons**, Jan. 5; **Esther Gandica**, Jan. 7; **Al Ebinger**, **Bruce Johns**, Jan. 8; **Barbara Long**, Jan. 9; **Loretta Dicker**, **BettyAnn Inloes Hines**, **Kathy Nickolich**, Jan. 12; **Linda Wohlman**, **Deborah Rogers**, Jan. 13 Adjunct faculty: **Lester Keeper**, Dec. 18; **Ralph Ivie**, **Antoinette MacQueen**, Dec. 22; **Donna Szemcsak**, Dec. 24; **Mitch Mischlich**, Dec. 26; **Patricia Kennedy**, **Frank Linek**, Dec. 30; **Celeste Herse**, **Kathleen Palermo**, Jan. 3; **Gina Innocente**, Jan. 5; **Patty Laveglia**, **Julie Stratton**, Jan. 7; **Michael Carr**, Jan. 9.

NEWS FROM ATLANTIC CAPE'S OTHER LOCATIONS

Greetings from the Charles D. Worthington Atlantic City Campus

By **Diana Lojewski**



The Mondrian Ensemble concert was held Dec. 3 in the Walter Edge Theater. The event was sponsored by the Office of Community Affairs. The concert included performances by members of the Philadelphia Orchestra string section, including: Noah Geller, violinist; Aurelia Mika Chang, piano; Anna Marie Ahn Petersen, viola; and John Koen, cello.

Pictured from left: Barbara Beitel, Dean Bobby Royal, Aurelia Mika Chang, Dean Carmen Royal, Dr. Peter Mora, Dr. Theresa DeFranco, Noah Geller, Anna Marie Ahn Petersen and John Koen.

The Atlantic Cape Public Employees Charitable Campaign ended on Dec. 3. In total, Atlantic Cape employees donated \$5,625.16. The Office of Community Affairs extends a big thank you to all the employees who contributed to this year's campaign. It is because of your generous donations that we're able to support the programs and services of charities across the state, country and world.

On Dec. 9, the Office of Community Affairs hosted a UCEDC Mini Training in partnership with Main Street Atlantic City for local merchants and aspiring entrepreneurs. The Union County Economic Development Corporation is a nonprofit development corporation dedicated to stimulating economic growth for small businesses. UCEDC accomplishes this by providing financial and technical assistance to new and existing businesses with an emphasis on benefiting under-served people and communities.



Torrina Bennett-Michael, director, community affairs, front row, with UCEDC participants and trainers.

The Perennial Garden project reported on in the last issue of the CommuniCator did not include details of how the project was funded. The Student Government Association paid \$410 to fund the project after being approached by **Dean Bobby Royal**. SGA will dedicate a plaque next semester that says it was

Happy Holidays from the Latin Experience Club!

funded by the 2010-2011 SGA. **Lisa Stein**, assistant professor, social science, and **Gwen McIntyre**, assistant professor, ESL, organized the project between two of their classes this fall.

Greetings from the Cape May County Campus

By **Lisa Apel-Gendron**

Whoosh! That was the sound of fall 2010 flying by. It was a busy and productive semester at CMCC, one that saw a 9.9 percent growth in credits over the previous fall semester, with a total of 1,403 credit students enrolled. The semester also marked the addition of new classes like HIST 117, The Holocaust and Genocide; the addition of a new student club, Rotaract; and not one, but four community service drives between Thanksgiving and semester's end. It was indeed a good semester.



Student Government Association brought its annual Adopt-A-School holiday party to CMCC Dec. 8, hosting 46 kindergartners and first graders from Woodbine Elementary School in the campus dining room. This was the first time the event was held at CMCC, and it was a smashing success. Students from the three CMCC-based clubs helped the SGA leaders entertain the children during their four-hour visit. Activities included a sing-along with nursing student **Joe Halpin**, his wife and son, playing their respective instruments; arts and crafts; games with **Tammy DeFranco**, counseling; story reading with student **Padraic Roney**; pizza; coloring; gifts and a visit from Santa. CMCC grad **Mary Beth Zenyuk**, now a Stockton senior, came back to visit and help with the party. A “great job” shout out goes to **Lisa Givens** and **Cynthia Correa**, student development, who oversee SGA. A fine time was had by all!



At left, there was a whole lot of giggling going on Dec. 8 at CMCC.

Winter term at CMCC looks promising so far. We are offering two classes: MATH 074 and CISM 125. Each section has strong enrollment so far. CISM 125 is new to winter term at CMCC, and it appears that it will run. **Mary Yoa** is scheduled to teach the section.

A grass-roots effort focused on volunteering on the Martin Luther King Day of Service Jan. 17 is developing at CMCC. Coordinated by Director of Community Affairs **Torrina Bennett-Michael** and English Adjunct Instructor **Rich Russell**, the effort will concentrate on the issue of hunger in Cape May County. The tentative plan is to meet at CMCC and then head to a local grocery store to hand out literature about the Free Meal Center, a new soup kitchen scheduled to open in February in Middle Township. At the same time, a group of students and employees based at WACC plan to volunteer at Sister Jean's Kitchen in Atlantic City. If you're interested in either activity, contact Torrina at tbennett@atlantic.edu or Rich at russell@atlantic.edu.

Curtis Fitzpatrick, facilities, and his wife are extremely proud of their daughter, Curstina Fitzpatrick-Tabb, RN, who received her BSN degree with honors Dec. 11 from Norfolk State University in Hampton, Va. According to Curtis, Curstina says the BSN degree is just the beginning of her education. You go, Curstina!

Jake Van Epps, M.A., University of Georgia, former student of Atlantic Cape, has successfully defended his dissertation at Penn State's Department of Counseling Psychology. Additionally, former Atlantic Cape student **Gemma Van Epps Downham**, MPH, Drexel University, has been promoted to the managerial position of epidemiologist of all AtlantiCare systems. **Regina Van Epps**, assistant professor of English, couldn't be prouder!

Fond farewell. . .**the Sherbacks** (**Charlie**, math adjunct and **Karen**, formerly HPI) relocated to Virginia

over Thanksgiving weekend, as Karen accepted a position that commenced Nov. 29. Charlie, always a trooper, commuted to CMCC from Virginia for the balance of the semester, so that his students would finish the semester with the same instructor. Now, that's honoring one's commitment! Best wishes, Karen and Charlie!



Atlantic Cape's Rotaract Club, under Prof. Mike Bolicki's direction, collected 180 coats for children and young adults during November and December. Club members sorted and bagged coats Dec. 10 at CMCC, and delivered them to Cape Human Resources.

Nice job, **Sue Van Rossum**, English adjunct instructor, for volunteering to take over management of The Free Meal Center's Facebook page. Sue does quite a bit of volunteer work in Middle Township, and we're proud of her many contributions to the community.

Congratulations to **Liz Jackson**, facilities, whose daughter attends Drexel University and was recently selected to represent the student body at a university gala. Very nice!

Happy winter break to everyone! See you Jan. 3.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

By Sherwood Taylor

Solar Professional Certification w/ Internship program begins Jan. 18 - The 490-hour certificate program begins Jan. 18. This comprehensive program provides the knowledge and skills necessary for photovoltaic installation on residential and commercial projects. The solar installation training prepares participants to take the NABCEP entry-level exam. Upon successful completion, this program qualifies students for an Atlantic Cape Certificate of Completion with 26.0 CEUs and 24 college credits toward a two-year technical studies degree. This program may be funded by the Atlantic County One Stop Services Center for eligible participants. For more information on the solar installation training program, contact **Carol Fraone** at cfraone@atlantic.edu or ext. 5650.

Meetings and Speakers Available: Plan your next retreat or staff meeting at the Institute for Service Excellence. The ISE, located at the Hamilton Mall, is the perfect location. We have ample parking and access to the Hamilton Mall's food court and restaurants. Continuing Education coordinators, program representatives and directors are available to make presentations to your groups. Call **Sherwood Taylor**, ISE director, at ext. 5690 for details.

Outreach for ADVANCE: Post TANF/Dislocated Worker Grant for Health Care Careers – Training is available for participants who received Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) in the past five years and currently work in the health care field and wish to upgrade their skills to further advance their careers. Direct interested participants and any inquiries to **Sonia Cruz** at ext. 5685.

Tuition Assistance and Scholarships Available for Slot Training, Table Games: Tuition assistance is available, including scholarships up to \$1,000, for slot technology training. Scholarships are available through a donation from the Association of Gaming Equipment Manufacturers. In addition, students enrolled in table games classes can apply for support through the Tuition Assistance Program to offset the cost of courses like Introduction to Casino Games/Blackjack, Craps, Baccarat, Poker, Roulette and more. CCI has provided top-notch training for those entering or advancing a casino career for 30 years. Classes include electronic equipment technician training, surveillance training and table games. For additional information contact **Trudy Mills** at ext. 4814.

NJBIA Basic Skills Classes: New Jersey Business and Industry Association members, New Jersey Chamber members, private-sector companies and nonprofit organizations are eligible for training classes through a grant to the NJBIA funded by the N.J. Department of Labor. Contact **Trudy Mills** at ext. 4814

for questions or to refer companies with groups of 10 or more. Available courses and schedules are listed at www.atlantic.edu/njbia.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Mike Bolicki, assistant professor of education and psychology, attended the Multi-Cultural Conference at Rutgers University Graduate School of Applied and Professional Counseling. The topic of the event was “Addressing Culture, Race and Ethnicity in Different Contexts.”

Donna Marie McElroy, assistant professor of social sciences, took three students from her Social Agency Skills Class to Cumberland County College to attend a “Meet & Greet” with students majoring in social work and human services. Donna Marie is the newly elected chairperson of the Atlantic/Cape May/Cumberland Unit of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) and organized the event where professional social workers shared their experiences with the students. The students from Atlantic Cape and Cumberland County colleges enjoyed meeting each other and the professional social workers.



From left: Jonas Akpassa, Loretta Sutton, Donna Marie McElroy and Leonard Smith.



The college’s Rotaract Club, which recently relocated to the Cape May County Campus, is off to an energetic start. The members were welcomed to Cape May County by the Mid-Jersey Cape Rotary Club President Francey Burke and Rotary officers Nancy Pearson and Crys Papperman. They also invited the Rotaract members to a luncheon meeting to interact with the area Rotarians and to learn of community service projects.

Rotary Club members are welcomed to CMCC by members of the regional chapter.

ATLANTIC CAPE IN THE NEWS

An article in The Press of Atlantic City about job retraining during the recession included quotes from **Sherwood Taylor**, director of the ISE, on opportunities available at Atlantic Cape.

http://www.pressofatlanticcity.com/business/article_ff821cd2-dcce-5fa4-8178-7ed1f8acb0b8.html

The Campus Kitchen program that the Academy of Culinary Arts helps coordinate with Stockton College and Atlantic City High School students was featured in The Press of Atlantic City.

http://www.pressofatlanticcity.com/communities/atlantic-city_pleasantville_brigantine/article_e5fdcf1a-04dd-11e0-a09b-001cc4c002e0.html. The students volunteer to cook and pack meals for needy families in Atlantic City using donated food.

The Press of Atlantic City covered the air traffic control information session that drew a large crowd to campus to learn about the new degree program.

http://www.pressofatlanticcity.com/news/breaking/article_6e501146-0413-11e0-87bb-001cc4c03286.html.

Dr. Rich Perniciaro, dean, facilities, planning & research, was quoted in a Press of Atlantic City article about Atlantic and Cape May counties being among the poorest in the state.

http://www.pressofatlanticcity.com/news/press/atlantic_city/article_ecef2778-07ef-11e0-965f-001cc4c03286.html

The Cape May County Herald covered the county’s Disabilities Awareness Day event, which included a presentation by **Tammy DeFranco**, counselor.

The many community service drives organized by students and staff at CMCC were mentioned in The Current newspapers at <http://www.shorenwstoday.com/index.php/2010-04-07-20-18-16/2010-04-07-20-18-16/6584--sponsor-community-service-drives.html>.

Breakfast with Santa, prepared by students and faculty at the Academy of Culinary Arts, was mentioned in The Current newspapers at <http://www.shorenwstoday.com/index.php/ocean-city-mainmenu/ocean-city-events/6569-breakfast-with-santa-benefits-chop.html> and in the “Eating in South Jersey” blog at <http://www.eatinginsjersey.com/2010/12/friday-foodstuffs-12-3-10-growing-up-brings-about-changes.html>.

Registration for the winter and spring terms at Atlantic Cape was promoted in The Cape May County Herald at <http://www.capemaycountyherald.com/article/schools/cape+may/68382-register+now+spring+sessions+atlantic+cape>.

The Cape May County Herald printed a photo of the “pieing” of CMCC’s **Joan Dillon**, a fundraiser for The Free Meal Center organized by the CMCC Ambassadors Club.

The Press of Atlantic City featured siblings John and **Laura Ball**, owners of Laura’s Fudge of Ocean City franchise. Laura is a graduate of the Academy of Culinary Arts.

FROM THE PRESIDENT’S OFFICE



From left: James Davies; Ishara Casellas-Katz, research assistant with NJCCC; Dr. Mora; Dr. Edward Yaw, president of the County College of Morris; Dr. Larry Nespoli, president of the NJCCC.

On Dec. 6 the New Jersey Council of County Colleges held its annual Board of Trustees retreat at the Enterprise Center at Burlington County College. Trustees **Maria Torres** and **Helen Walsh**, along with **Dr. Mora** and **Sean Fischer** took part in presentations and workshops centered around the NJCCC’s “Big Ideas” initiative and the “Future of New Jersey Community Colleges.”

strategies to increase efficiency and capacity to meet the challenges of the sector. As part of this broad initiative, Dr. Mora along with Dr. Edward Yaw of the County College of Morris, will chair group #5, which will focus on strengthening joint purchasing practices across the sector. Drs. Mora and Yaw convened the first meeting of their committee at the NJCCC Office on Dec. 13. **Terry Sampson**, executive director of business services, also will serve on the committee.



From left: Kathryn Gover, dean of human resources, Brookdale Community College; Dr. Peter Mora; Sean Fischer; Trustee Helen Walsh; and Trustee Maria Torres.

Dr. Mora attended the advisory board meeting groups for both the accounting program and paralegal studies program. He was impressed by the dedication of the advisory board members, which are comprised of faculty, administration and community partners. If you would like to invite Dr. Mora to your next advisory board meeting, please send an invitation to **Vanessa English** at venglish@atlantic.edu.

Dr. Mora recently attended the Dragon Masters Awards Ceremony as well as the Multicultural Lunch presented by the International Education and Multicultural Awareness Committee. He thanks both groups for their invitation.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The calendar is updated regularly at <http://www.atlantic.edu/calendars/index.php>. Be sure to add your events. Go to www.atlantic.edu and at the top right, click on calendars. Scroll down and at the bottom left, select Add Event Form and submit your event!

Next CommuniCator Jan. 14

Due to the holiday break, the next issue of the *Atlantic Cape CommuniCator* will be Friday, Jan. 14. Deadline is noon, Monday, Jan. 10. Please e-mail your submissions to sclapp@atlantic.edu.

--Stacey Clapp, editor