



# ATLANTIC CAPE COMMUNICATOR

## Atlantic Cape Community College's Information Source

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### NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

#### ACCC Receives \$1.25 Million GIS Job Training Grant

ACCC has received a \$1.25 million Community-Based Job Training grant from the U.S. Department of Labor. The grant is for the GIS (Geographic Information Systems) Workforce Education Project of Southern New Jersey, a partnership between ACCC and various area schools and colleges, community employers and organizations.

Introduced by former President George W. Bush in 2004, the primary purpose of the CBJT grants is to build the capacity of community colleges to train workers to develop the skills required to succeed in high growth/high demand industries.

ACCC was one of 274 candidates nationally to apply for a share of the \$123 million in awards, 68 of which received grants. ACCC and Salem Community College were the only two southern New Jersey colleges to receive grants.

“As the economy continues to struggle and finding work grows increasingly difficult, effective job training programs must be utilized to their fullest potential to give workers a leg up on the competition,” U.S. Rep. Frank A. LoBiondo said in announcing the awards. “Atlantic Cape and Salem Community colleges have long been successful in giving their students a solid educational foundation on which to build their careers. This funding will go a long way in furthering those programs in high demand fields.”

The project will focus on the burgeoning GIS/geospatial technology field to include New Jersey's four southernmost counties: Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland and Salem. GIS is used prominently in southern New Jersey in industries that are expected to grow at the fastest rates between now and 2014: government, education, health care, wholesale trade, business and professional services.

“This grant award for advancement of studies in the area of Geographical Information Systems (GIS) technology is a clear recognition of ACCC's emerging leadership in the area of STEM-based (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) instruction,” **Dr. Peter Mora** said.

“Over our 40-plus-year history, ACCC has displayed the ability to provide associate degree education programs and workforce training programs in response to the changing economic development needs of our service area. The college is most excited about the opportunity to now serve as a center for excellence for instruction in Geographical Information Systems. This GIS project is yet another example of ACCC's efforts to truly fulfill its legacy of serving as the ‘community's college’,” he said.

The project will target high school and college students, entry-level workers, dislocated workers,

incumbent employees and ancillary users of GIS.

Partnership members are:

- Community College: Atlantic Cape Community College
- Investment Board: Atlantic Cape May Workforce Investment Board
- Employers & Industry Related Associations: Rodriguez Consulting LLC, Hamilton Township Municipal Utilities Authority, Great Egg Harbor Watershed Association, Michael Baker Corporation, Cape May County Planning Department
- Continuum of Education: Atlantic County Institute of Technology, Cape May County Technical School, Cumberland County Technical Education Center
- Four-Year Colleges: Rutgers University, The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey
- Community Organizations: Jewish Family Services, Cape May County 4-H Cooperative Extension

GIS, which touches the lives of people around the world daily, is a computer-based mapping tool that takes information from a database about locations such as streets, buildings, water features and terrain, and turns it into visual layers. The power supplies directed to homes, the patrol cars and fire trucks that keep neighborhoods safe, and the delivery trucks on the road are more efficient because of GIS. People in almost every profession, from farmers to Homeland Security, reap the benefits of this burgeoning technology.

ACCC joined the worldwide GIS Day celebration in November 2008.

Over the next three years, ACCC will create a GIS Workforce Education model that is relevant to the labor market in the southern New Jersey coastal region, train GIS users for geospatial industry certifications, integrate GIS education into multiple academic disciplines, and establish a pipeline for GIS education for students transitioning from high school to community college to four-year colleges and universities.

“ACCC will begin offering its first GIS course, Introduction to Geographic Information Systems, GIST101, in the summer of 2009,” said **Loretta Dicker**, Assistant Professor, Computer Information Systems and Co-coordinator of the GIS Day event.

A formal check presentation is planned for the spring.

### **Black History Month Events Ongoing at ACCC**

ACCC is celebrating Black History Month with various fun, educational activities throughout February at all three campuses. All activities are free and open to the public.

The J-Building lobby of the Mays Landing Campus will be the site of the African-American Market Place, with vendors selling African-American art, books, jewelry and other collectibles, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday, Feb. 17-19.

The Cape May County Campus will host inspirational speaker George D. Arnold, who will present “Echoes of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.,” and the Charter-Tech High School of Somers Point Choir Ensemble in Room 212 at 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 17.

Historian Ralph Hunter will present artifacts from the African American Heritage Museum’s Traveling Exhibit in the Mays Landing Campus Cafeteria B, 12:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 19.

The works of self-taught Atlantic City artist Tyrone L. Hart will be on display in the student lounge of the Atlantic City Campus, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 19.

For questions about events in Mays Landing, call **Cynthia Correa** at ext. 5089, or **Patricia Gandy** at ext. 4827 for events at the Atlantic City and Cape May County campuses.

### **Enrollment Growth Continues at the College**

Enrollments at ACCC are continuing an upward trend, with the highest spring semester enrollment ever. According to enrollment records, credits taken for spring 2009 totaled 69,616, an increase of 6.67 percent over spring 2008. A total of 6,908 students are registered this spring, compared to 6,574 last spring—a 5.08 percent increase.

Enrollment in the Mays Landing Campus rose to 40,739 credits from 39,175 in 2008 for an increase of just under 4 percent. The number of students enrolled increased to 4,642 from 4,447, an increase of 4.38 percent.

Credits taken at the Cape May County Campus were up 10.15 percent with 8,941 credits taken for 2009, up from 8,117 in 2008. Student head count rose 7.28 percent to 1,105 from last spring's 1,030.

The number of students enrolled at the Charles D. Worthington Atlantic City Campus is up 7.52 percent to 1,186 from 1,103, with credits taken up to 8,167 from 7,536 for an 8.37 percent increase.

There was a 12.77 percent increase in credits taken for the online courses to 11,769 from 10,436, with head count rising 7.01 percent to 2,275 from 2,126. Online offerings have grown steadily since fall 1997 when the college offered six online classes.

### **Open Enrollment for State Health Benefits**

There is a special open enrollment period this month for the State Health Benefits Program.

In December, the State Health Benefits Commission approved coordination of benefits for the NJ Direct Plans, which was previously not allowed. If you are covered under two NJ Direct Plans (as an employee and as a dependent) you can now have the benefit of both plans.

This special open enrollment period is for plan changes only. You cannot add or delete dependents at this time. Plan changes will be effective May 1. Contact **Bart Musitano**, Human Resources, at ext. 5611.

### **Last Chance for Mammography Appointments at CMCC**

If you didn't make your mammogram appointment yet, there's still time. The RNS Mobile Mammography Van will be at the Cape May County Campus, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 17. To schedule an appointment, call (800) 246-2404. Most insurance plans are accepted.

### **College Adopts Cyber Harassment Policy**

ACCC has added the following cyber harassment policy to the Student Handbook:

ACCC requires a college community free from threats, intimidation, stalking, harassment and other harassing behaviors. These behaviors may include, but are not limited to, the following: Repeated, unwanted/unsolicited contact that includes face-to-face contact, telephone calls, voice messages, text messages, electronic video and/or photography, electronic mail, instant messages, written letters, unwanted gifts; Verbal or written abuse, threats, harassment, coercion, or any other conduct that places another individual in reasonable fear of his or her safety through words or actions directed at that person,

or substantially interferes with the working, educational or personal environment of the individual; Persistent offensive, threatening communication through the Internet, via e-mail, chat rooms or other electronic devices. Students who are found responsible for Cyber Harassment will be in direct violation of the Student Code of Conduct Policy.

For questions, contact **Nancy Porfido**, Director, Student Development and Judicial Officer, at ext. 5095.

### **ACCC Launches ‘Club 60 Plus’ for Young-at-Heart Seniors**

Active seniors now have the opportunity to learn new skills and have fun, with the college’s new Club 60 Plus programs through the Continuing Education Department.

These workshops and seminars designed specifically for adults 60 and older will include Introduction to Personal Computers for Seniors, for those who have no previous experience. There’s also Microsoft Word for Seniors, also for the beginner; Exploring the World Via the Internet for Seniors; Manage, Edit and E-mail your Photographs; All in the Family: Genealogy Online for Beginners; Cherished Heirlooms and Curious Finds, during which participants may show and tell about their treasures; and Yoga for Seniors, which also will include components of tai chi.

For more information or to register for workshops, call ext. 4829, or visit [www.atlantic.edu/conted](http://www.atlantic.edu/conted).

### **Feb. 21 Memorial Event to Support ACA Scholarship**

The Nate Allen Memorial Benefit on Feb. 21 will raise funds for a scholarship to the Academy of Culinary Arts in Allen’s name. Allen, a Cape May County resident who graduated from the Academy in 2003, died in a car accident in February 2006 at age 22.

Allen loved nature, adventure, sports and cooking. “When he was not off on a snowboarding trip, going on a spontaneous road trip, playing or practicing golf, he could be found whipping up a nice meal for his friends,” said his sister, Alyssa Jones.

He was a 2001 graduate of Middle Township High School and worked at the former Ocean Drive Seafood and Oyster Bay in Cape May.

The “Night for Nate” benefit begins at 5 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 21, at the Avalon Golf Club in Cape May Court House. Tickets are \$20. Proceeds will benefit the scholarship fund.

In addition to chili, pulled pork and more, there will be a “werewolf” putting contest with glow-in-the-dark golf balls, music, T-shirts and raffle prizes. For more information, or to make a donation, contact Alyssa Jones at [lyssaleah@hotmail.com](mailto:lyssaleah@hotmail.com).

### **ACCC Art Gallery Features ‘The Reality of Abstraction’ in February**

ACCC’s Art Gallery features the work of Clifford Maddox through Feb. 27. The Pleasantville resident is mostly self-taught and shaped his perceptions by being a “keen observer and committed visionary.”

The exhibit, “The Reality of Abstraction,” will feature oil paintings, most exceeding six feet in size. The exhibit is free. Current gallery hours are Monday and Wednesday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; and Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information, contact **Buddy Jacobs**, Art Gallery Coordinator, at ext. 5346 or [bjacobs@atlantic.edu](mailto:bjacobs@atlantic.edu). Visit the gallery online at: <http://www.atlantic.edu/artgal/artgal.html>.



*The Victorian Valentine's Day centerpiece created by students in the Classical Confections class.*

## Culinary Students Create Valentine's Sculpture

Under the direction of Chef Educator **Annmarie Chelius**, seven advanced culinary students in the Classical Confections class completed a Victorian Valentine-themed sculpture. The piece is made of white chocolate and decorated with other edible confections like truffles and European cookies.

The nearly four-foot-tall sculpture will be displayed at Carême's for Valentine's Day, and adapted for the South Jersey Men R' Cookin' fundraiser in Atlantic City this month. Local media, including NBC-40, 6-ABC, The Press of Atlantic City and the Ocean City Sentinel, reported on the students putting the finishing touches on the piece this week.

Students were: **Catharine Ball, Juliano Cannuscio, Robin Carman, Stephanie Condron, Caitlin Crossin, Rita Janssen and Kathryn Laspino.**

## Tickets Available for Feb. 26 South Jersey Men R' Cookin'

South Jersey Men R' Cookin', the fundraising event for the Boys and Girls Club of Atlantic City, will feature 75 area amateur and professional chefs as well as wines, frozen cocktails and more. ACA students and Director of Culinary Operations **Bruce Johns** are participating in the Feb. 26 event. Tickets are \$50. Contact **Jean McAlister** at ext. 5688 or [mcaliste@atlantic.edu](mailto:mcaliste@atlantic.edu).

## Go Red Event raises \$380 for American Heart Association

Thanks for the support and creativity of the employees at all three campuses for participating in the AHA "Go Red for Women" event. Professor **JoAnne Barbieri** is judging the campus photos for the "Go Red Campus Champions" based on the most red, creativity, uniqueness of photo, heart health message, etc. The number of participants (based on campus size) and campus donations will be considered if there is a tie. Pick your favorite photo and see if you agree with Judge JoAnne. (See photos on Page 13.) A total of \$380 was raised and goes toward our May 16 "Start! Southern NJ Spring Heart Walk." Now we have to get in shape, organize our teams, and do fundraisers, so look for upcoming events. If you have any ideas, contact **BettyAnn Inloes Hines**, Heart Walk Company Leader, ext. 5100.

## Tickets for Restaurant Gala, 50-50 Raffle on Sale Now

The ACCC Restaurant Gala moves to Bally's Atlantic City for the 26<sup>th</sup> annual event, Thursday, March 12. Guests will "board" a cruise ship ready to set sail for the Caribbean. Once on board, guests will be able to enjoy a true "Taste of Paradise," sampling the cuisine from more than 40 of the area's premier restaurants in a one-of-a-kind dining experience, with the cocktail reception catered by the chef educators and students of the Academy of Culinary Arts. Tickets are \$200 each and available through **Sean Fischer** at [sfischer@atlantic.edu](mailto:sfischer@atlantic.edu) or ext. 5674.

The ACCC Restaurant Gala 50-50 Raffle supports general scholarships and emergency funding for students. Tickets cost \$100 each and can be purchased individually or by groups. First prize will be \$15,000, second prize will be \$7,500, and third prize will be \$2,500, based on 500 tickets being sold.

There is no need to get your own group together for raffle tickets, **JoAnn Volpe** will make up the groups and give you your ticket number. She has the following slots available:

--\$25 for a chance at two tickets...\$12.50 on each ticket, eight people will share the winnings.

--\$20 for a chance on one ticket...five people will share the winnings.

--\$10 for a chance on one ticket...10 people will share the winnings.

--\$100 to purchase your own ticket.

If you are interested in buying a ticket, contact **Sean Fischer** at [sfischer@atlantic.edu](mailto:sfischer@atlantic.edu) or ext. 5674, **Jo-Ann Volpe** at [volpe@atlantic.edu](mailto:volpe@atlantic.edu) or ext. 5653, or in Cape May **Jennifer Martucci** at [jmartucc@atlantic.edu](mailto:jmartucc@atlantic.edu) or ext. 4511. Visa, MasterCard, American Express, checks and cash are accepted.

### **International Education Committee Plans March 3 Tea**

The International Education Committee will host an International Tea Program on Tuesday, March 3, from 12:30-1:45 p.m. in J-202. There is seating for 24. Ann Laltrello will prepare a program on the History, Culture and Types of Tea, followed by the tasting of four teas from China, Japan, Taiwan and India. She will also give a brief overview of British Legacy and provide a special tea of her choosing. RSVP to **Neera Desai**, Assistant Professor of Developmental Math, at [ndesai@atlantic.edu](mailto:ndesai@atlantic.edu) or ext. 5648.

### **March 5 Information Session about NJ STARS Planned**

ACCC will host an information session for high school students eligible for free ACCC tuition under the NJ STARS scholarship program. The event is scheduled for 6 p.m., Thursday, March 5, in the Walter Edge Theater.

Jacob Farbman, Director of Communication for the New Jersey Council of County Colleges, will discuss changes to and the benefits of the NJ STARS program. ACCC administrators and staff will address reasons students should consider choosing ACCC to begin their higher education.

For more information, contact **Linda McLeod**, Assistant Director of College Recruitment, at ext. 5009 or [mcleod@atlantic.edu](mailto:mcleod@atlantic.edu).

### **College-wide Book Volunteer Day Planned for March 7**

The College-wide Book facilitators will lead a group of ACCC community members in a volunteer day, 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, March 7, at the Community Food Bank of New Jersey—Southern Branch, 6735 Black Horse Pike, Egg Harbor Township. Interested students, faculty and staff should contact **Stephanie Natale-Boianelli** and **Leila Crawford** at [cwbook@atlantic.edu](mailto:cwbook@atlantic.edu) for more information or to sign up. There is a limit of 20 volunteers for the group. All participants must secure their own transportation to and from the Food Bank. Only participants who have signed-up with the College-wide Book facilitators will be allowed to partake in the event's activities.

*Listening Is an Act of Love* (2009-2010 College-wide Book): Copies of this book are on reserve at all three campus libraries for faculty interested in reading the book. Please take the opportunity to review the book so that you can see how you might incorporate it into your fall classes. Don't forget that if you are interested in using the book, free copies of the book will be available for your students if you reserve them. Later this semester, they will begin collecting these fall orders.

### **The Institute for Community Development to Offer Spring Training for Nonprofits**

On March 14, the Institute for Community Development of Southern New Jersey will launch its spring training schedule with "Writing Persuasive Grants: An Introduction to Grant Writing." The half-day workshop will provide a foundation for effective grant writing. The ICD will also offer a four-part intensive grant writing boot camp starting on March 18.

The ICD is a collaborative project of ACCC and The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey. The institute provides training, consultative and technical assistance to nonprofit organizations throughout the region. "The ICD was developed because both colleges believe in supporting the valuable work being

done by the nonprofit community,” said **Jean McAlister**, Associate Dean for Continuing Education.

Nonprofit agencies are crucial to providing services to the community. During uncertain economic times, these organizations struggle with funding challenges, infrastructure development and shrinking resources. The ICD exists to strengthen the nonprofit community throughout the Atlantic and Cape May counties. Other courses being offered as part of the training schedule include: “What Every Nonprofit Should Know When Buying Insurance,” March 31; “Elements of a Business Plan,” April 15; “Business Continuity for Social Service Agencies,” April 22; “How to Start a 501(c) (3),” April 16; and “Building a Better Agency by Building Your Capacity,” June 3.

For more information call (609) 626-3599, or visit [www.atlantic.edu/icd](http://www.atlantic.edu/icd).

### **Family Week at the Theatre Features ‘A Midsummer Night’s Dream’**

ACCC’s Community Affairs Program will host “A Midsummer Night’s Dream” through the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Week at the Theatre and the Stages Festival. The performance is presented by the NJ Theatre Alliance and The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey’s Shakespeare Live. There will be two free performances Sunday, March 22. The first show is at noon at the Middle Township Performing Arts Center, for reservations, call (609) 463-1924 or visit [www.middlepac.com](http://www.middlepac.com). The second show is at 4 p.m. at ACCC’s Walter Edge Theater. For reservations, call ext. 4878 or visit [www.atlantic.edu/dream](http://www.atlantic.edu/dream).

The show is targeted at children in grades K-6 and their families.

### **HERE’S THE SCOOP**

**Kathy McGowan**, College Relations, thanks all ACCCers who sent e-mails, get well cards, gifts and other well wishes while she was recovering from surgery. “I appreciate the well wishes more than I can say,” she said. She plans to return Monday.

**Marge Battistelli**, Academic Support Services, would like to thank everyone for the many beautiful cards, fruit baskets, kind thoughts and prayers she received following the death of her mother-in-law. They were deeply appreciated.

**Angela and Eric Stewart**, Finance and Student Development, respectively, welcomed Josiah Lee Stewart to the world at 8:46 a.m., Feb. 3. Josiah weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces, and everyone is doing well. Congratulations!



*Josiah Stewart*

Calling all runners and walkers! The Polar Bear Run/Walk for Autism is planned for Sunday, Feb. 15, at 11 a.m., beginning at the LaCosta parking lot in Sea Isle City. Registration is \$15 and includes a T-shirt. For more information, contact Mike Monichetti at (609) 263-9559. The race is in conjunction with the Sea Isle City Polar Bear Plunge Weekend Festival.

Congratulations to **Kathleen Landau**, Bursar, who received her bachelor’s degree in Business Administration.

Welcome aboard to **Bill Banks**, ITS Technician.

Congratulations to **Dorie Keener**, Business Services, on earning her bachelor’s degree.

A reminder that all Follett Bookstores will be closed for inventory Thursday, Feb. 19.

Happy birthday to: **Kenya Long**, Feb. 14; **Lisa Apel-Gendron**, **Lydia Lehr**, Feb. 17; **Josie Chivalette**, **Dominic Zanghi**, Feb. 20; **Sara Turner**, Feb. 21; **Philip Cragg**, Feb. 22; **Joseph Jaloway**, **James MacNair**, **Joe Rossi**, **Carmen Royal**, Feb. 23; **Serena Palmer**, **Geoffrey Pettifer**, Feb. 25; **Mary Jane Santilli**, Feb. 26. Adjunct birthdays: **Mary McKee**, Feb. 14; **Phillip Golden**, Feb. 17; **Robert Maderia**, Feb. 19.

## NEWS FROM ACCC'S OTHER LOCATIONS

### Greetings from the Charles D. Worthington Atlantic City Campus

by Daymis Alicea

This is definitely a snowy winter, and I really like it that way. Yeah, it makes driving a hellish experience, but the white stuff can really make the world look beautiful. So let it snow, let it snow.



*The Oakcrest High School Choir.*

information on Black History Month events, visit [www.atlantic.edu](http://www.atlantic.edu).

On that very snowy day last week, we held the Black History Month's opening ceremony with a packed house. As the white stuff blanketed the city, students, faculty and staff gathered to enjoy the inspiring vocals of the Oakcrest High School Choir. Their voices carried to every part of our building, bringing forth a feeling of joy and reverence. It was followed by storyteller Michelle Washington Wilson, who left her audience touched by the character-building stories and songs that highlight triumphant moments in the lives of people around the world. It was a resounding success followed by an ethnic inspired

luncheon in our cafeteria. Great job **Patricia Gandy**, who put in many hours organizing this great event. For additional

Staff gathered near and far to celebrate "Go Red Day" at each campus. It was a veritable pantheon of jean-clad, red-shirted staffers who gathered for their picture on the second floor at WACC. Some never made it to the photography session, so to those people I say, "Thanks for wearing red. But next year remember to RUN upstairs, because a picture is worth a thousand words, and this year's picture says, 'Hey, where's \_\_\_\_\_?'"

Some rearranging of staffers is in progress so next time you are in town, stop by the Admissions area and see the new layout. In the meantime, please excuse our appearance while we fix up the place.

The clubs are up to their busy eyebrows in events. Soon you will see collection boxes for used cell phones in the lobby and in the second floor Student lounge area. Please donate your old cell phones to benefit soldiers serving overseas.



*From left, Bobby Royal, U.S. Rep. Frank LoBiondo and Dr. Peter Mora.*

Currently at the city campus, we host the Cross Cultural Club (advisor **Mike Kammer**), The Latin Experience Club (advisor **Carmen Cabrera**) and the Digital Photography Club (advisor **Wayne Cooper**). If any student is interested in joining a club or starting a new one please refer them to the Student Service Office so that we can give them information on how to participate.

On Feb. 6, the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) hosted a town forum at the Worthington Atlantic City Campus. More than 150 members from Atlantic and Cape May counties were treated to lunch and had the opportunity to meet with U.S.

Rep. Frank A. LoBiondo to discuss important issues such as health care and financial security. **Dr. Mora** welcomed the group, and **Dean Bobby Royal** participated.

Many thanks to **Kay Pandit**, Conference and Meeting Services, for planning the event and making comfortable arrangements for all of the guests. Thanks also to **Nick Ganaway** and **Nelson Bugas**, ITS, **Ben Ward** and **Mike McHale** for assisting with the setup, **Wayne Cooper** for photography, work study students **Tonya Bowdish** and **An Ni**, registration, and **Patricia Gandy** and **Janet Brenner** for welcoming the guests..

That's all folks.... I hope that next time when I write this... I'm home on a SNOW day!

## **Greetings from the Cape May County Campus by Lisa Apel-Gendron**

Red, red and more red. CMCC positively went red Feb. 6 in support of the American Heart Association. Thanks to enthusiastic coordinators **Denise O'Connor** and **Terri Hamby** for managing the event, collecting donations, decorating and raising awareness about women's risk of heart disease. Standout job, ladies!

**Sherwood Taylor's** office is providing Microsoft Office training throughout February to various populations from Cape May County. Likewise, customized training for financial services employees continues through February. We appreciate the exceptional tech support provided by **Chris Vallese**, ITS, for all of these classes.

Don't forget about the Black History Month events at CMCC Tuesday, Feb. 17. At 12:30 p.m. in Room 212, come and listen to a tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. performed by George D. Arnold, followed by the Charter Tech High School choir. We have 100 seats, so please encourage your students to come.

Last call for mammograms. The mammography van visits CMCC Tuesday, Feb. 17. So why not take in the Black History Month event and get your mammogram on the same trip? Dial (800) 246-2404 to make your appointment. We are offering prizes to the first five women who schedule appointments. For more information about breast health, check out the information table on the first floor, near the Career and Academic Planning Center. Thanks to **Sara Turner**, RN, MSN, for coordinating the mammography van visit.

Sexual harassment training for full-time employees is scheduled 1-4:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 24, and 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 26, both in Room 104. Pick one of the dates and let your supervisor know. He or she will reserve a seat for you.



*Students showed their heart health spirit last week by crafting a leviathan heart in the snow behind CMCC. The heart was visible from classroom windows.*

CMCC Ambassadors Club is sponsoring its inaugural Viva Volunteering! Fair Wednesday, March 4, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on campus. Representatives from area nonprofit agencies, including the Coalition Against Rape and Abuse (CARA,) the Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts, Beacon Animal Rescue, Literacy Volunteers of America and the Brendan Borek High Tides Memorial Fund, will set up displays and meet with prospective volunteers during the fair. All students, faculty and staff are invited to come and learn about volunteer opportunities throughout Cape May County. Bring your class! The public is invited, as well, to visit the fair and tour the campus.

**Wayne Piersanti**, who teaches real estate courses for both credit and Continuing Education, writes a column in Cape May Magazine. Wayne calls the column “Keeping it Real,” and he’s been writing it for about a year. Of course, he mentions ACCC whenever possible. Thanks, Wayne!

Continuing Education workshops running at CMCC this month include: Real Estate Pre-Licensing, Fire Protection ICS, Magazine Writing, Adobe Photoshop Elements and Conversational Italian. **Dharmesh Dave**, Program Coordinator, squeezes those workshops in whenever we have an available classroom.

Our food drive is gaining momentum. Last week, a healthy assortment of canned foods, assorted pasta and dessert mixes appeared in the drop boxes. The drive runs through March 31, and drop boxes are located at the main entrance and Faculty Support.

Ashes will be distributed at CMCC on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 25, at a time and location to be determined. Look for signs throughout the building regarding for details.

The IRC’s faculty forum will be simulcast to CMCC’s Room 324 Tuesday, Feb. 24, from 12:30-1:45 p.m.

For the myriad of serious baseball fans at CMCC, including **Mike Bolicki, Deanne Gipple, Jen Martucci, Thom Partin, Roy Burnham** and **Tim Cliggett**, pitchers and catchers report to Spring Training Feb. 14. This is indeed an encouraging sign for all of us who love warm weather.

Have a worry-free weekend!

## CONTINUING EDUCATION NEWS

by **Sherwood Taylor**

**DID YOU KNOW?** CCI is celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> year of providing instruction and consulting to the gaming industry. CCI is planning a CCI Honors and Appreciation event, Play Night. CCI will exhibit at the upcoming Pennsylvania Gaming Congress, National Indian Gaming Expo and the East Coast Gaming Congress to help promote and spread the word about CCI’s continued commitment to training and consulting for the gaming industry.



**IN THE NEWS:** **Carol Drea**, Director of CCI is quoted in an article called “Back to School” by Maya Mariner in the January edition of Casino Connection. The complete article can be viewed at <http://www.casinoconnectionac.com/articles>.

CCI is busy these days training 60 Borgata dealers in additional games. Craps, Pai Gow Tiles and Pai Gow Poker are being taught by CCI instructors **Joe Carchia, Pete Landolfo, Bob Taylor** and **Paul Yu**. Welcome back to **Tony Devlin** who came in from California to help us with the training. Dealers add value to their portfolios with expertise in several games.

Corporate Training recently kicked off a new training program at Congress Hall in Cape May. Participants who take five modules of eight hours each will receive three credits toward Principles of Management. The content of these five classes mirrors the Principles of Management credit course. The classes are taught by **Dr. Josette Katz**, Professor of Business, and Assistant Professor of Hospitality Management **Donna Vassallo** and are funded by a grant from the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development. The same program is scheduled to start at the Chelsea Hotel on Feb. 17.

Corporate Training welcomed 60 firefighters to WACC for Introduction to Computers, Word and Outlook

training. We were impressed by their punctuality and their attention to the required paperwork without prompting by the instructors or staff.

Reliance Medical Group returned to WACC in force on Jan. 30. Sixty employees took part in a Personality Style presentation led by long-time Corporate Training Instructor **Nate Terrell**. Nate mentioned they were a lively group, and he enjoyed his time with them.

**Corporate Training in Need of Boxes:** If you have empty paper boxes, please send them to **Melissa Greener**, Mays Landing East. Thanks!

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Seven ACCC archers qualified for the National Indoor Championships with top-three finishes at the New Jersey State Indoor Collegiate Archery Championships at ACCC Feb. 7. **Joe Jao** won the men's recurve, with **Robert Raymundo** second and **Brandon Sexton** third. In women's recurve, **Stephanie Suhr** finished first, **Mariam Hussein** second and **Sarangi Patel** third. **Doug Beardsworth** qualified in men's compound.

**Gina Skinner**, Admissions, was a member of a panel that presented a seminar on "Improving Dialogue Between Counselors and Community Colleges" at the Middle States Regional Forum 2009 in Baltimore in February.

## ACCC IN THE NEWS

The archery team's success at the New Jersey State Indoor Collegiate Archery Championships was highlighted in The Press of Atlantic City.

**Dr. Richard Perniciaro**, Director of the Center for Regional and Business Research at ACCC, predicted a "pretty good summer" for the Jersey Shore in an article in The Cape May County Herald. Perniciaro's summer business forecast has been accurate the last two years the Herald has interviewed him.

A Press of Atlantic City article about campus life growing at New Jersey community college's included information on ACCC's plan to build a science and technology building and modernize existing space.

NBC 40 reported on CCI's slot technician open house Jan. 31 that guaranteed new students who complete the training an interview with Advanced Gaming Associates for a job as a traveling slot technician.

**Karen Sherback**, Senior Instructor of the Health Professions Institute, was quoted in an article in the South Jersey Healthcare newsletter. ACCC's surgical technology program named Jennifer Lockman, an OR Technician at Elmer Hospital, "Preceptor of the Year" for her dedication and enthusiasm for working with ACCC students on their clinical rotation.

ACCC General Studies student **Jeffrey Barbagallo** was featured in the Hammonton Gazette for sustaining a 4.0 GPA for the past three semesters.

## ALUMNI

ACCC grad **Paolo Imberti**, '08, recently was sworn in as a police officer in Absecon. He beat out several dozen other candidates vying for this and one other position with the department. Prior to entering ACCC, where he obtained an AS degree in General Studies, he served with the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, which included a one-year deployment to Iraq.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

**Dr. Mora** extends his appreciation to Atlantic and Cape May counties for their ongoing support of the ACCC mission. The Board of School Estimate meeting was held recently at ACCC's Mays Landing Campus. County leaders join together annually for the BSE to review county appropriations to the college's operations and to approve bonding/projects supported by the Chapter 12 capital fund. Atlantic County agreed to issue bonds to support the funding for Blueprint 2020 projects, chiefly the Science/Technology/Engineering/Math building this year.

Approving the budget and Chapter 12 allocation this year were Atlantic County Freeholders James Curcio and Thomas Russo, Cape May County Freeholders Daniel Beyel and Ralph Bakley, ACCC Board of Trustees Chairman **Nicholas Talvacchia** and Trustee **Terrence Crowley**.

**Dr. Mora** was in attendance at the opening day event for Black History Month and is looking forward to attending more of the events throughout the month. He would like to thank Community Affairs, the Dean of Students department, The Black History Month Committee and everyone else behind the scenes working hard to coordinate the month-long celebration.

## ASSESSMENT TIP OF THE MONTH

Student-Created Test Questions: Before a major exam or test, ask your students to write two or three questions they think should be asked on the assignment. In this way, the professor can see what the students think are the most important topics that have been discussed, what the students think are relevant questions, and whether there are key themes that the students have missed.

## 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](http://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 Feb. 27

The next issue of the *Atlantic Cape CommuniCator* will be Friday, Feb. 27. Deadline is noon, Monday, Feb. 23. Please e-mail your submissions to **Kathy McGowan**, [mcgowan@atlantic.edu](mailto:mcgowan@atlantic.edu).

--Stacey Clapp, editor



*Dozens Mays Landing Campus staffers wore red in support of the American Heart Association.*



*The small, but highly spirited CMCC team goes red for the American Heart Association. Pictured are from bottom left: Cheyenne Hamby and Terri Hamby, (second row left to right) Lisa Apel-Gendron, Denise O'Connor, Jen Martucci, Cheryl Kirby, Tim Cliggett, Jen Botwin, (third row left to right) Chris Vallese, Kathy Fritz, Thom Partin, Linda Hair, Sam the Skeleton, Al Jayne, Tammy DeFranco, Nari Kovalski, Deanne Gipple and Elmo. Not pictured is Regina Van Epps.*



*The Atlantic City Campus shows its red spirit.*