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NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

Last Chance to Nominate Employee of the Quarter

If you didn't get a chance to send in your nomination for Employee of the Quarter, you have until Monday, Feb. 19. 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. If you need a nomination form, contact **Rose Marie Wargo** in human resources, ext. 4906, or rwargo@atlantic.edu.

More Than 500 Serving Overseas Enrolled at ACCC Online

ACCC continues to provide online courses in history, literature and psychology degree programs to soldiers serving in the U.S. Army through the eArmyU and GoArmyEd initiatives. More than 500 service men and women in Iraq, Afghanistan, Germany, Korea and the United States have declared ACCC as their home institution for pursuing higher education.

Scheduling a Room? Here's Who to Contact

To schedule an academic classroom for any college- or student-oriented activity at the Mays Landing Campus, please e-mail your request to **Dolores Giannini** at dgiannin@atlantic.edu, or fax your written request to ext. 5678. If you are working with an outside vendor or need to schedule J-202, J-204, J-Hallway, J-Lobby (up and downstairs), the theater, the faculty dining room or cafeteria A and/or B, contact **Judy Niewender**, ext. 5039 or niewende@atlantic.edu.

Lindback Teaching Award Call for Nominations

It's time to nominate a faculty member for the Lindback Distinguished Teaching Award. Previous recipients include **Regina Van Epps**, Donna Albano, **Richard Benner**, **Dr. Louise Kaplan** and **Effie Russell**. This prestigious award offers academic and professional recognition as well as a \$4,000 stipend supported by the Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback Foundation.

Distinguished teaching is recognized as that which inspires a heightened understanding of the disciplines presented; an ability to approach academic content with active curiosity, creativity, and critical thinking; a disciplined and rigorous approach to learning; and a sustained level of interest in the affected discipline that would extend beyond the life of the course.

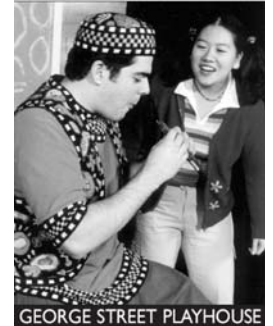
A nomination form is attached to this issue. Faculty should submit nominations to **John Stratton**, chair of the Faculty Assembly Executive Committee, and staff and students should send their nominations to **Dr. Art Wexler**, senior dean of academic affairs. Deadline is Thursday, March 1. The FAEC will review the nomination forms to see that the criteria are met. Following that initial screening, accepted forms will be forwarded to the president, who will appoint a review committee with representatives from faculty, student development, academic administration and SGA. **Dr. Peter Mora** will select the recipient from

the finalists recommended by the review committee. The recipient will be announced at graduation.

ACCC Presents Free Play for Children March 11

“New Kid,” a play presented by ACCC and the New Jersey Theatre Alliance, will offer two free performances by George Street’s Playhouse for children and their families on Sunday, March 11. The play will be staged at the Middle Township Performing Arts Center in Cape May Court House at noon and at the Walter Edge Theater on ACCC’s Mays Landing Campus at 4 p.m.

The play is the story of a family of immigrants from a fictional country and their adjustment to new customs, a new language and a new way of life. The comedic twist is that the play’s Americans speak a kind of gibberish, which neither the immigrants nor audience understands. The play promotes tolerance and compassion for new Americans’ problems in coping with the demands of immigrating to a new land. “New Kid” remains the touring company’s most successful program, addressing racism, prejudice, peer pressure and conflict resolution.



After the play, actors and audiences engage in a discussion of the problems that arise from impaired communication. The performances are part of Family Week at the Theatre, an annual festival offering free and discounted tickets to youngsters and their families to more than 125 plays and other special events in each of New Jersey’s 21 counties. The festival is also supported by the N.J. State Council on the Arts, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts.

Reservations are necessary to see this free production of “New Kid.” For tickets for the Mays Landing performance, call ext. 5411, or visit ACCC’s Web site, www.atlantic.edu. For tickets for the Cape May County performance, call the Middle Township Performing Arts Center at (609) 463-1924 or visit www.middlepac.com.

Can’t Spring \$100 for Gala Raffle Ticket? How Does \$10 or \$20 Sound?

ACCC employees interested in taking a chance on the gala 50/50 raffle but who can’t spring for a \$100 ticket can still get in on the deal. Group tickets will be available by sending \$10 (for a 10-way split ticket) or \$20 (for a five-way split ticket) to **Jo-Ann Volpe**, advancement office. There’s no need to get your own group together, although you can do that also. Jo-Ann will make up the groups and give you your ticket number.

Only 750 tickets will be sold at \$100 each. Five cash prizes will be awarded, including: \$22,500, first prize; \$7,500, second prize; and \$2,500 third, fourth and fifth prizes. Dollar amounts are based on all 750 tickets being sold. Proceeds benefit student scholarships. The winning tickets will be drawn at the Gala on Wednesday, March 7, at the Atlantic City Convention Center.

You need not be present to win. The winners will be announced on the college Web site on March 8. Call Jo-Ann, ext. 5653, or stop by and see her, second floor, J building or send your checks interoffice mail to her, room J-250, made payable to ACCC. Write “gala raffle” in the memo line.

Vote on Next College Book at Feb. 20 Meeting

Faculty members can vote on the next College Book, 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 20. There will be discussion on the nominees before voting. The meeting will be held in the Distance Ed Room (D-131) and broadcast to the Worthington Atlantic City Campus and the Cape May County Campus. If you would like to place your vote and you can’t make it to the meeting, send an e-mail to mroussea@atlantic.edu with your choice by Feb. 19. The list of nominees was included in the last issue of the *Atlantic Cape CommuniCator*. If you missed it, visit www.atlantic.edu and click on News & Events and view back issues.

ACCers Participate in ‘Go Red for Women’ Day

All campuses participated in the American Heart Association’s national Go Red for Women day on Feb. 2 to raise awareness that heart disease is the number one killer of women. Participants made a \$5 donation to the AHA and were given a “Go Red” pin to show their support. The total collected from all campuses was \$469. We are off to a great start! The Heart Walk theme is *Start!*, a challenge to walk more, eat well and live longer. To learn more, visit www.americanheart.org/start.

The Heart Walk chairpersons are brainstorming and will be in touch about upcoming activities. Send your suggestions to **Mike Kammer, Pat Kubaska, Charita McClain** or **Jo-Ann Volpe**.



Pictured, left to right, seated: Ghyll Theurer, Joan Dillon. Standing, Susan Singleton, Tim Cliggett, Electra Stulak, Al Jayne, Thom Partin and Denise O’Connor, heart captain. Not pictured: Karen Morelli, Dr. Joe Rossi and Lisa Apel-Gendron, your humble photographer. CMCC raised \$60.

Front Row, L to R : Julia Ratliff and Esther Gandica. Back Row, L to R: Barbara DeCamp, Kathy Nickolich, and Pat Kubaska (who was visiting East).

WACC participants, L-R, seated: Jenny Giardina , Christina Cavage, Joanne Gleason (from Mays Landing Campus), Lauren Quinones, Gwen McIntyre, Angela Wang. Standing: Diana Lojewski, Barbara Kozek, Angela Miller, Lauren Coyle, Lisa Pollard, Mike Wozniak, Sharon Kretmar, Sherry Rose, Michael Kammer, Silvia Schottinger, Judy Walden, Carol Drea, Kay Pandit, Susan Lee, John Mohr, Di Alicea, Ann McClaskey, Jean McAlister and Rhonda Petruzzi.



Mays Landing Campus participates in Go Red for Women day, from left, seated on the floor: Nick Ganaway (photographer), Kathy McGowan, Brittany Ehrke, Danays Alvarado. Second row seated: Mike Rennick, Dr. Peter Mora, Bart Musitano, Dr. Richard Perniciaro, Leslie Jamison, Angela Stewart, Linda Loughlin. Standing: Brittany Williams, Phyllis Bagnell, Carol Melkonian, Charita McClain, Gail Mischlich, Michelle Andrews, Marge Mettille, BettyAnn Hines, Judy Niewender, Johana DeJesus, Liz Franchetti, Valerie Weller, Maryann Ferrigno, Sue Weisgerber, Gina Skinner, Pat Kubaska, Renee DeAngelo, Linda McLeod, Rosemarie Conaghy, Tammy DeFranco, Kathy Corbalis, Cathie Skinner, Geoff Pettifer, Lynette Ingram, Hal Lugerner, Terry Sampson, Eric Stewart, Dr. Dottie Dunayer, Helen Bennett.

If you forgot to make your donation, see the heart captain in your area: **Leslie Atherholt, Aline Bennett, Tom Borucki, Janet DeCicco, Kathy Fritz, Dr. Joyce Grohman, Pat Heller, Sue Jones, Michael Kammer, Susan Lee, Pat Kubaska, Marge Mettille, Denise O’Connor, Dom DiPietro, Charita McClain, Gail Mischlich** and **Jo-Ann Volpe**.

Make Appointment for TIAA-CREF Visit

TIAA-CREF Individual Consultant Peter Contini will return to the Mays Landing Campus, room J-202, Thursday, March 8. Appointments are available 9 a.m.-5 p.m. If that date won't work for you, he'll return on Friday, April 13; and Friday, May 4. Call (800)842-8412 to make an appointment or schedule online at <http://www.tiaa-cref.org/services/meetings/index.html>.

FOCUS Users Group Meets Wednesdays

The FOCUS Users Group meets 3-4 p.m. every Wednesday. Anyone interested in attending should e-mail the FOCUS Users Group at focus@lists.atlantic.edu for meeting place and agenda. All are welcome to attend. A wide range of topics, from beginner to advanced users, is covered. Hope to see you there!

Learn 'How to Make Pizzas, Stromboli and Calzones' with ACA Noncredit Class

Learn how to make pizzas, Stromboli and calzones with your own flair with an ACA continuing education class, 6-9 p.m., Tuesday, March 20. Cost is \$60. To register, call ext. 4829.

ACCC Art Gallery Exhibit Features Paintings by Maryland Artist

ACCC's Art Gallery features the recent work of artist Calvin A. Coleman II through Feb. 23. The exhibit is free and open to the public. Coleman, a resident of Upper Marlboro, Md., exhibits a group of acrylic and mixed media paintings. His collection shares his appreciation for architecture, nature, sports and the human form. Each body of work was constructed to ignite the senses and emotions in a different manner, but by using the same technique and style. Born in Hampton, Va., Coleman spent his adolescent years in Swarthmore, Pa. He attended Lincoln University and earned a degree in early childhood education. After 14 years of teaching, Coleman committed to becoming a full-time artist in 2004. Coleman has exhibited work in Toulouse, France, New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and Washington, D.C.

ACCC Iron Student Chef Competition Winners Announced

Fifteen eager culinary students gathered in Careme's gourmet restaurant to get their cooking orders on Feb. 6. It was time to start the Iron Student Chef competition sponsored by the Culinary Student Association at the Academy of Culinary Arts. The students were organized into five teams.

Their mission: to create four dishes, each incorporating a tightly guarded secret ingredient revealed only minutes before the start of cooking. The teams were given 10 minutes to create recipes and 90 minutes to cook.

The secret ingredient to be included in each team's four dishes, from appetizers to entrees to desserts: eggplant. The teams were given several eggplants and other ingredients and told to produce two plates for each dish, one for display, the other for judging.

The first place trophy-winning team included **Michael Inferrera** of Millville, **Scott Carlino** of Brick, and **Will Myers** of Oceanview. Their menu included Sea Scallops with Eggplant Strada, Mediterranean Paella with Eggplant, Veal Siciliano and Roasted Eggplant Neapolitan.

The second place team, silver medal winners: **Ali Palacios** of Little Egg Harbor, **Alex Witzke** of Little Egg Harbor, and **Modesto Ortiz** of Manchester.

The bronze medal third place team: **Lauren Waida** of Haddon Heights, **Kristen Curcio** of Pennsauken, and **Meg Camp** of Pitman.



Jonathan Karp '92 ACA and chef at New York 151, and Joe Sheridan '96 ACA and executive sous chef at Showboat Casino Hotel, critique an entry in the ACA's Iron Student Chef competition.

Also participating in the competition were: **Stephen Daily** of Medford, **Jermaine Richardson** of Beverly, **Ralph Pride** of Willingboro, **Clint Hale** of Berlin, **Jim Moran** of Manahawkin and **Clarence Still** of Lawnside.

The competition judges were **Jonathan Karp** '92 ACA and chef at New York 151, and **Joe Sheridan** '96 ACA and executive sous chef at Showboat Casino Hotel. They said they were impressed with all of the entries. ACA chef educators **Annmarie Chelius** and **Jeffrey Phillips** judged kitchen sanitation and technique. Judges awarded up to 10 points each on flavor of the dish, knowledge of item, presentation, originality and sanitation. Teams lost 10 points for lateness and 10 points for unsatisfactory kitchen/lab clean-up.

Feb. 24 Autism, Disabilities Conference Includes College Book Discussion

Don't forget to attend the 2007 South Jersey Possibilities Conference on Autism and Developmental Disabilities on Saturday, Feb. 24. The event will begin with a welcome in ACCC's Walter Edge Theater and is open to families, friends and professionals. The afternoon session is free to ACCC students and faculty.

The afternoon will begin with a book discussion on ACCC's college book, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time*, led by **Francine Stankiewicz**, CMCC adjunct instructor and writing tutor. The last issue of the *Atlantic Cape CommuniCator* lists the program.

The event will close with evaluations and awarding of CEUs. William Stillman books can be pre-ordered for \$15 each. Call (609) 412-3750 to register.

ACCC Celebrates Black History Month with Exhibits, Performances

ACCC continues to celebrate Black History Month with events at the Worthington Atlantic City Campus including:

- Tuesday, Feb. 20, noon, "Yewande," a multicultural performance by singer, songwriter and lecturer Yewande
- Tuesday-Wednesday, Feb. 20-21, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., "African-American Market Place," vendors specializing in African-American art, books, jewelry and prints
- Wednesday, Feb. 21, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., "The African-American Heritage Museum Traveling Exhibit," a private collection of historical and cultural artifacts



The Patti Harris Dance Troupe performed as part of ACCC's Black History celebration.

Call **Lisa Givens**, ext. 5010, for more information.

HERE'S THE SCOOP

Welcome aboard to **Barbara Long**, office assistant for academic support for a one-year, full-time appointment, who is filling in for **Becky Fishman** while she's on maternity leave.

Michelle Bevan, instructional technology, and **Diane Damask**, academic support, sent this note, "We thank everyone for their expressions of sympathy through cards and prayers on the recent death of Pericles Damask, our grandfather and father in-law. They were very uplifting to us."

Help the Girl Scouts of America provide cookies to our soldiers abroad. You buy the cookies for \$3.50 a box, the Girl Scouts will pay for the shipping. **Danays Alvarado**, ACA, says her daughter, Dianeli, is a cadet supporting the "cookies for soldiers" program. If you'd like to purchase cookies for a soldier overseas, call Danays, ext. 5623.

Esther Gandica, continuing education, sent this note, “Thank you to all my ACCC colleagues and friends for your many cards, words of sympathy, and support in my mother’s memory. I really appreciate your kind thoughts and the care you showed during this difficult time.”

Have an old cell phone that’s not in use? Donate it to ACCC’s Rotaract club. The fundraiser, to benefit United Way, ends Feb. 28. Phones should be sent to **Mike Bolicki**, Rotaract advisor, room B-122, Mays Landing Campus, or can be picked up by a Rotaract member. Contact Bolicki, ext. 5032, or e-mail mbolicki@atlantic.edu.

Congratulations to **Sue McNamara**, admissions, and her co-workers who were the recipients of an “office mugging” by Marc Miller, the morning show host at SOJO104.9 radio. Miller showed up on Feb. 1 and handed out SOJO 104.9 T-shirts, travel mugs and stickers. They took a picture of those who were in the office at that time and put it on their Web site with their other “muggings.”



At right, admissions staffers were “mugged” by SOJO 104.9 radio morning host Marc Miller on Feb. 1, from left, Sue McNamara, Paula Hamilton, Yadira Estrada and Rosemarie Conaghy, Career and Academic Planning Center.

Tickets are available for South Jersey Men ’R Cookin,’ 6-8 p.m., Feb. 28, at the Boys and Girls Club in Atlantic City. Tickets are \$50 and include a free cookbook featuring all of the chefs at the event, complimentary valet parking, and a complimentary copy of Denzel Washington’s new book, *The Hand That Guides Me*. This fundraiser for the Atlantic City Boys and Girls Club is a fun event and features approximately 60 local men and restaurants. Look for our ACA students and staff who are cooking for this event. For ticket information, contact **Jean McAlister**, ext. 4801.

Lisa Givens, student life, sent this note, “Thank you to all my co-workers who purchased Gianni’s Pizza Snacks from my daughter, Giannay, for the Atlantic Christian School PTF fundraiser. She won second place as the top school-wide seller, and her class won the pizza and ice cream party.” Lisa serves as executive board member of the ACS PTF.

Donna and **Dr. Ron McArthur**, dean of instruction, became grandparents again with the birth of two grandchildren. Ron’s daughter, Erin, gave birth to Cara Elizabeth Rivera on June 6. Big sister Anna Jean welcomes her new baby sister. Donna’s son, Kevin, became a dad when Kevin Charles Wolfe, Jr. was born on July 13. All are fine. Congratulations to all.

Congratulations to **Patricia Gandy**, community affairs office, on the birth of her second grandchild, **Zyla-Rae Trishel Smith**, who arrived on Feb. 1 weighing 6 lbs., 11 oz. Proud parents daughter, La Shonine, and her husband, Alexander, and big brother, Alexander II, are very excited and doing well. They live in Mays Landing.



We were saddened to hear of the passing of **Cosimo Marcozzi**, 55, former ACA dining room educator, in Las Vegas. Mr. Marcozzi authored a storybook/cookbook for children titled, *The Culinary Raccoon’s Children’s Cookbook*. After moving to Vegas, he served as food and beverage training manager at the Crazy Armadillo Tex-Mex Grill & Oyster Bar at the Stratosphere before retiring. He is survived by his wife, Sherry, and four children.

Happy birthday to: **Lisa Apel-Gendron**, **Lydia Lehr**, Feb. 17; **Josie Chivalette**, 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; **Maria Rose**, Feb. 27; **Matthew Liggins**, Feb. 28; **Richard Collins**, **Lenora Sheppard**, March 1. Adjunct birthday: **Colleen Coyle**, Feb. 27.

NEWS FROM ACCC'S OTHER LOCATIONS

Greetings from the Worthington Atlantic City Campus

by Daymis Alicea

We had lots of fun the last two weeks here at the city. First, we had breakfast for our students. They always love that! Even the teachers get into the munchies. Then the city folks wore red for women's heart health and the student services office presented all of the wonderful participants (there's a pic of us on page 3) with a token of appreciation for the support. A brown bag snack with apple juice and Quaker oatmeal to go bar! Everyone loved it!

Student services also held its Staff and Faculty Appreciation Day. It was a hot diggity dog day and lunch was on us. We love to meet and greet new faculty and staff and this event is always a hit with everyone. Some had two dogs and I confess . . . I did too!

Susan Lee, fourth from left, and Jenny Giardina, second from left, celebrated their birthdays on Jan. 26 and Jan. 27, respectively, with co-workers including, from left, Jean McAlister, Tommy Giardina, Phil DeCicco and Josie Chivalette.



We are still knee-deep in construction and the underpass that you used to be able to drive under to get to and from the parking areas is still closed off. Rumor has it that this will be a permanent closing. Oh, the humanity! The weather is still FREEZING and my heart and warm scarf goes out to all the folks who work in the lobby, including security, admissions and testing. Hey guys, keep the gloves on and the space heaters cranking.

Meanwhile, I have to state that I LOVE the new HUGE flat screen TVs in the cafeteria (also under construction) and the upstairs student lounge. They are lovely. Next we will work on actually turning on the sound on the upstairs TV so that the students can listen to the news as well as watch. Baby steps, people, baby steps!!!



Black History Month is underway. In the city we will be hosting *Yewande*, a multi-cultural performance by the singer, songwriter and lecturer at noon in the main lobby on Feb. 20.

We will also feature "The African American Heritage Museum Traveling Exhibits" in the cafeteria at 10 a.m., the following day, Feb. 21. This private collection of historical and cultural artifacts has a profound effect on the viewer and we recommend that faculty and staff encourage their students to take some time to experience this collection.

Many thanks to **Wayne Cooper** for putting together a fabulous traditional Chinese hot pot lunch for some of his co-workers, **Daymis Alicea**, **Alice Rainey**, **Toknwa Melton** and **Jean McAlister**, and work study students **Cassandra Boyten Bell**, **Nino Bravo** and **Wendi Brooks** and visiting friend, Lilliam Pagan. We all send you a VERY big thank you for a wonderful experience.

This weekend will start the Chinese New Year (Feb. 18 begins the year of the PIG) so take some time to go out to the local Chinese eateries and enjoy their celebrations or head out to Chinatown in Philadelphia or New York and get lost in a little culture and some fabulous food. To our Asian co-workers . . . have a safe and Happy New Year!



On that note, 'till next time TTFN!

Greetings from the Cape May County Campus

by Lisa Apel-Gendron

Have you noticed some new faces around CMCC? That face might belong to a full-time faculty member who is teaching a couple of classes at CMCC this semester. We welcome **Lenora Sheppard, Jim Taggart, Dr. Godfrey Barlatt, Mike Bolicki, Heather Boone, Carolyn Coulter** and **Tom Innocente**, in addition to many members of the nursing faculty. We have a great faculty support office staffed from 8:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday, so please let us know how we can help.

Speaking of new faces, we also welcome **Manny Raposo** to the facilities team. Manny joins **Curtis Fitzpatrick, Trish Wickham** and **Matthew Liggins**.

Do you have a soft spot for animals? Then join us for CMCC's *Have a Heart for Your Furry Friends* project. Created by the committee of **Regina Van Epps, Helen McCaffrey, Linda Hair, Valerie Crawford** and **Gail Donaghy**, the project aims to increase awareness of pet adoption and related volunteer opportunities throughout Cape May County as well as to collect greatly needed supplies for local animal shelters. You can help by dropping a bag of cat or dog food in one of the collection boxes in the first floor lobby or third floor faculty support office or interoffice through Feb. 28. Other needed items are: canned pet food, laundry detergent, cat litter, newspapers, blankets, old towels and washcloths, paper towels, trash bags and dog toys.



Have a Heart for Your Furry Friends committee members (left to right) **Helen McCaffrey**, adjunct instructor; **Linda Hair**, faculty support, and **Valerie Crawford**, business office, prepare to collect needed supplies for local animal shelters. Not pictured are **Regina Van Epps**, English, and **Gail Donaghy**, faculty support.

We're very sad to report the Feb. 2 passing of **Andy English**, one of our daytime parking lot officers. Andy, a retired Philadelphia police officer, and his wife, Barbara, came to Cape May County after he retired. He immediately found a home at CMCC. Andy, along with co-worker **Hank Cebulski**, joined us as we opened in September 2005. The two gentlemen quickly formed a dependable and helpful daytime parking lot team. We will sorely miss Andy's watchful presence.

If you missed the Feb. 13 African drumming and storytelling event by Kofi Conkor, you missed something special. The children from Woodbine Elementary School enjoyed the event as well. I can't wait to see what **Lisa Givens** has in store for next year! This marks two years of fascinating, hands-on educational programs at CMCC during Black History Month.

If you observe Ash Wednesday, please join us for services 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 21, room 132, the student activities room – aka the ping pong room. Thanks to **Karen Morelli**, testing office, for making the arrangements.

Enjoy your weekend!

CONTINUING EDUCATION NEWS

by Sherwood Taylor

Career Training Open House at the Hamilton Mall: Continuing education has planned an open house, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 24, at the Hamilton Mall on the second floor outside of the Institute for Service Excellence. Visitors can receive information on a variety of training areas offered at ACCC. Program representatives will be on hand to answer questions about the Health Professions Institute, Casino Career Institute, Institute for Service Excellence, office and technology training programs, degree programs and the ACA.

Customized Training began implementing the \$610,000 grant awarded to ACCC for the Casino Training Consortium. **Esther Gandica** and staff are busily preparing to start classes at nine properties imminently. Included in the consortium are the Borgata, Harrah's, Trump Entertainment and Tropicana. Esther and **Carol Drea** hosted training representatives from six banks at the Cape May County Campus to form a Financial Training Consortium to apply for a customized training grant from the N.J. Department of Labor & Workforce Development under the Governor's high growth sector initiative.

School Counts: Dr. Peter Mora, Dr. Joe Rossi, Pat Owens and Carol Drea attended the Snowflakes on the Beach Gala on Jan. 27 at the Wildwood Convention Center sponsored by the Cape May County Chamber of Commerce and the United Way of Cape May County. The gala raised scholarship funds for Cape May County students. There was plenty of food, dancing and networking. Don't ask who appeared on stage wearing a rather large sombrero. A good time was had by all for a very worthwhile cause.

Institute for Service Excellence: Congratulations to the first 2007 Retail, Sales and Service training graduates, seated, l-r, Maria Arguella and Mayda Ortiz. Standing, l-r, Arthur Couthen; Carmen Molina, recipient of the ISE distinguished merit award; Jeffrey Edwards and Katherine Vines, instructor.



Congratulations to ISE staff **Julia Ratliff, Robert Cobler and Erica Hoskins**, who passed the National Retail Federation certification exam in professional customer service.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

John Percy, senior adjunct, computer information systems, received a master's degree in instructional technology from Richard Stockton College in December.

Kelly McClay, acting director, ACA, was named Educator of the Year by the South Jersey Professional Chefs Association of the American Culinary Federation, at their President's Scholarship Dinner Dance. ACA student **Will Meyers** of Upper Township was named Junior Member of the Year. He received his culinary certificate in December 2006 and will receive his culinary degree, baking pastry specialization and catering specialization in May.

Sondra J. Dublinsky, senior adjunct, sociology, was appointed by Governor Jon S. Corzine to the New Jersey Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect, <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/cap/njcap3.html>. Sondra will be collaborating with task force members in making recommendations to improve the state's response to child maltreatment and to educate communities and professionals about the prevention and treatment of child abuse and neglect. She is the executive director of the Atlantic Cape Family Support Organization, an organization of the N.J. Department of Children and Families, Office of Children's Services, providing education, support and advocacy to families of children with emotional and behavioral challenges in Atlantic and Cape May counties.

Pat Owens, dean of continuing education and resource development, spoke about CCI programs on the television show, Puerto Rican Panorama, on ABC-TV in Philadelphia in January. The show repeated more than 50 times on Philadelphia cable TV stations.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

Dr. Peter Mora attended the Association of Community College Trustees/American Association of Community Colleges National Legislative Summit (NLS). NLS is part of a larger effort by the two national organizations to connect community college leaders to Congress and the Administration to highlight and advance the national community college agenda. While there, Dr. Mora met with Congressman Frank LoBiondo and various other members of the legislature, political analysts and representatives from the media. For more information on NLS, visit www.acct.org.

As part of a series of events celebrating Black History Month, Dr. Mora gave welcoming remarks Feb. 6 for Patti Harris and the Atlantic City Dance Theatre Mini-Workshop Company, who performed a song and dance production *We Shall Overcome*. On Feb. 8, Dr. Mora welcomed Brother Moses who performed a musical tribute to Martin Luther King Jr., *Let Freedom Ring*. You can find other college wide Black History Month tributes and exhibits on the Events Calendar for February on www.atlantic.edu.

ACCC IN THE NEWS

Nursing grad **Scherri Rucker-Graves** '85, was featured in The Press on Jan. 29 in a story titled, *Vehicle brings health care to A.C. streets*. Rucker-Graves operated the city's Mobile Health Unit, providing free HIV testing.

The ACA's Iron Chef Competition was featured on NBC-40, including an interview with Chef Educator **Vincent Tedeschi**, who organized the event.

The news release on ACCC's February art gallery exhibit appeared in The Press of Atlantic City's *Community Extra*, Feb. 7.

A commentary titled, *Filling a vacant lot creates a hole in childhood*, written by **Keith Forrest**, communications, appeared in the Philadelphia Inquirer, Jan. 29.

Adjunct instructor **Linda DeSantis**, math, was treated to a surprise retirement party at Middle Township Middle School and featured in the Cape May County Gazette's, *Socially Strolling through Middle Township*. DeSantis, a guidance counselor at the middle school for the past six years, taught eighth-grade math and algebra for 22 years at the school prior to becoming a counselor.

Donna Vassallo, hospitality management, was quoted in two Press of Atlantic City stories on MySpace. Vassallo teaches human resources and tells her students that such pages have become a type of supplemental resume for employers. "I tell them, your MySpace, your Facebook is your resume as well," she said. The first article focused on the firing of a Middle Township High School substitute teacher who claims he lost his teaching job because of his MySpace page. The second article also quoted CMCC students **Julianne Cohen** and **Alana Powers**.

Pat Owens, dean of continuing education and resource development, was quoted in a story on ACCC discontinuing Kids College in the Cape May County Herald newspapers.

A story on the impact of CMCC on Cape May County titled *Financial benefit for host town of ACCC campus may be academic*, appeared in The Press of Atlantic City, Feb. 3.

Michelle Bevan, instructional technology, and **John Stratton**, physics and chemistry, were pictured in the February issue of the NJEA Review magazine speaking with Jeanne Oswald, executive director for the N.J. Commission on Higher Education, following her presentation at the 2006 Higher Ed Conference.

Dr. Richard Perniciaro, dean of administration, planning and research, was quoted in a story in The Press of Atlantic City's forecast section, titled, *Atlantic County to take a break from its rapid expansion*. People are waiting to see how the upscale shops at The Pier at Caesars Atlantic City and The Walk expansion fare before taking the risk of opening similar businesses for which there may be no market, he said.

-- **Kathy McGowan**, editor

LINDBACK AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Name of nominee:

Academic Title:

Name of nominator:

1. How has the learning process been enhanced for those students enrolled in your nominee's courses?
2. In what ways do you feel that this nominee has been able to heighten the level of understanding of course content for students enrolled in his/her courses?
3. How can you describe indications of active learning among students enrolled in your nominee's courses?
4. Please describe what you understand to be effective teaching strategies that ensures adherence to academic rigor in the delivery of your nominee's courses.
5. Upon completing your nominee's courses, how do you feel students indicate a sustained interest in the disciplines associated with your nominee?

6. In what ways does this nominee make him/herself accessible to students, both in and out of the classroom?

7. What are some indications of creative or alternative teaching methods used in his/her courses?

8. In what ways does your nominee address the needs of students with diverse styles of learning?

9. In what ways has your nominee been active both in his/her academic field as well as in the life of the college community?

10. Please feel free to offer any additional commentary you feel might be pertinent to this nomination.