

ATLANTIC CAPE COMMUNICATOR

Atlantic Cape Community College's Information Source

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NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

National Wear Red Day Event Planned for Feb. 4

National Wear Red Day ("Go Red for Women") is Friday, Feb. 4. On that day, Atlantic Cape employees are invited to support research and education programs for women and heart disease by donating \$5 and wearing red and jeans.

Participating students and employees will gather at each campus to take a photo and see which campus will become the "2011 Go Red Champions."

For more information, contact your campus coordinator or show up for the photo at the following times:

- Mays Landing Campus, **BettyAnn Hines**, photo in the Walter Edge Theater at 10 a.m.
- WACC, **Mike Kammer**, photo in lower lobby at noon
- CMCC, **Denise O'Connor**, photo in the cafeteria at 1 p.m.
- East Campus, photo in T-114 (conference room) at 10 a.m.



Restaurant Gala Needs Volunteers for March 31 Event

It's that time of year again; time to get your tuxes cleaned and your gowns ready for the Restaurant Gala! The Gala needs the support of its dedicated volunteers to assemble gift bags before the event, check in guests at the event, provide customer service to guests throughout the event, and help with the overall execution of the fundraiser.

This year's Gala will be held at Bally's Atlantic City Thursday, March 31. The event begins at 6:30 p.m. and volunteers should arrive no later than 5 p.m. No compensatory time will be awarded for assisting with the Gala, it is strictly volunteer. If you are interested in helping out, contact **Lauren Canzanese** at ext. 4672 or lcanzane@atlantic.edu.

Strudels Reopens for Spring Semester

Strudels bake shop has reopened for the spring semester. Delicious baked goods prepared by ACA students are on sale daily. Visit the website, <http://www.atlantic.edu/aca/caremes.htm>, Monday-Friday to check hours and product.

Careme's Restaurant Offers Valentine's Special Feb. 11 & 14

Careme's will offer a special three-course prix fixe menu Friday, Feb. 11, and Monday, Feb. 14, in honor of Valentine's Day. Cost is \$50 per couple. The menu includes choice of soup or salad, entrée and dessert.

- Soup: Puree of Potato Leek with Spicy Brown Sugar Bacon, Crispy Croutons and Chives



- Salad: Roasted Beets and Goat Cheese, Baby Spinach and Fig Vinaigrette
- Entrees:
Crab Imperial Stuffed Portobello with Fontina Cheese and Wilted Spinach
Petit Filet with Green Peppercorn Brandy Sauce, Potato Gratin and Asparagus
Vegetarian Lasagna with Creamy Winter Squash Sauce and Roasted Tomatoes
- Dessert: Chocolate Mousse or Raspberry Crème Brulee

Call the restaurant at ext. 4940 for reservations.

Construction Update: Central Plant Project Moving Forward



Numerous projects are in the works at Atlantic Cape and its three campuses, including a major upgrade to the Central Plant, F-building. The existing 600-ton chiller will be replaced with two 450-ton high efficiency chillers with new cooling towers providing more capacity for the new STEM building. The two existing boilers will be replaced with five small high efficiency gas-fired condensing boilers, allowing the college to eliminate the oil storage tank. All associated pumps and valves will be replaced. All domestic water pumps and tank leveling equipment will also be replaced, and a new roof will be installed.

The contractor, Bernal Mechanical, has completed the removal of the gas-fired absorption chiller and all associated chilled and hot water piping, all chilled water circulation pumps and pads, overhead air handling unit, and the abatement containment enclosure for the archive storage area.

The abatement process has begun on the removal of the ceiling in the archive storage area and should be completed shortly. Abatement will then move into the central boiler room

As construction on multiple projects gets under way, the college community should be aware of the responsible parties associated with construction. Contacting the appropriate individual will help expedite action on your concern or question.

Mark P. Streckenbein, director of facilities, planning & construction, is the principal contact for all issues concerning construction projects. Any and all concerns, questions, problems and complaints should be brought to his attention. Mark can be reached at ext. 5124, (856) 723-2503 (cell), strecken@atlantic.edu, or his office in the facilities management office, L-building. Mark can also be reached through **Phyllis Bagnell**, ext. 5671. Any construction-related environmental concerns should be brought to the attention of **Deanne Gipple**, chemical compliance specialist, at ext. 4956 or dgipple@atlantic.edu.

For the latest information on all college construction projects, visit <http://www.atlantic.edu/about/construction-projects.htm>.

Black History Month Events Scheduled at Atlantic Cape

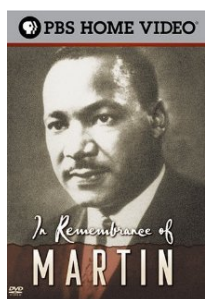
Atlantic Cape will celebrate Black History Month with various fun, educational activities throughout February. All activities are free and open to the public. The theme is Heritage & Horizons, the African American Legacy.

- African-American Marketplace, with vendors selling African-American art, books, jewelry and other collectibles. Hours are 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Tuesdays-Thursdays, Feb. 1-25, at the Mays Landing Campus in J-hallway, Feb. 16 at CMCC and Feb. 17 at WACC.
- The opening program will be 12:30-1:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 8, in the Walter Edge Theater at the Mays Landing Campus. The event will include a performance by Charter Tech Performing Arts School Choir and the dance ensemble Illstyle & Peace Productions.

- There will be a culture dance and displays from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 10, in the WACC cafeteria, featuring students in traditional African garb demonstrating dances inspired by African culture. Some students will read essays inspired by Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech. A soul-food lunch will follow.
- The Barbara Yates Jazz Ensemble will dazzle with her smooth, upbeat, jazzy tunes, 11:15 a.m.-12:45 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 15, in the CMCC cafeteria.
- There will be an open mic event, "Embracing Diversity: Paving the Path Together," from 2-4 p.m., Wednesday Feb. 16, at the CMCC cafeteria. Students and staff can share poetry, song and spoken word.
- There will be an American Conference on Diversity: Business & Community Impact of Health Disparities Due to Race & Ethnicity, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 16, in the Walter Edge Theater.
- "The Negro Soldier," a video documentary, will be shown from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 17, in the WACC student center and cafeteria.
- The dance ensemble "Become Your Dreams (A History of Hip-Hop)" will be presented at 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 22, in the Mays Land Campus cafeteria. The event features the dancers of Illstyle & Peace Productions.

For questions about events in Mays Landing, call **Cynthia Correa** at ext. 5089 or **Patricia Gandy** at ext. 4827. For more information on events at WACC, contact Patricia at ext. 4827, or **John Mohr** at ext. 4897. For events in Cape May County, call **Tammy DeFranco** at ext. 6823.

The events are co-sponsored by the Diversity and Equity Committee, Black Student Alliance and Student Government Association.



Free Showing of 'In Remembrance of Martin' Feb. 1

The International Education & Multicultural Awareness Committee is sponsoring a showing of the PBS documentary, "In Remembrance of Martin," at 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 1, in the Walter Edge Theater, C-building, on the Mays Landing Campus. The video commemorates Dr. King's life and work, and includes interviews with former President Jimmy Carter, Bill Cosby, Dick Gregory, Jesse Jackson, Joan Baez and more. The showing is open to faculty, students and staff. Contact Assistant Professor **Tom Celandine**, ext. 4947, for more information.

ACA Offers Delicious Workshops this Spring

The Academy of Culinary Arts offers amateur chefs and food enthusiasts alike the opportunity to learn a variety of cuisines and cooking styles through an assortment of culinary workshops this spring.

- Learn to prepare Japanese favorites like sushi rolls, Miso soup, Gyoza, Miso-Braised Pork and Sesame Udon Noodles in *Japanese Cuisine*, Tuesday, Feb. 15.
- Celebrate New Orleans' famous food with *Jazz it up for Mardi Gras*, Tuesday, March 1. Start the party with Red Beans and Rice, Oysters Bienville, Gum Grits and Chicken Etouffee. Cap off the night with something sweet: chicory coffee and Beignets.
- Take a trip to a place where Falafel and Tabbouleh are always on the menu, in *Back to the Middle East*, Tuesday, March 29.
- Spice up your evening with *Feast of Santa Fe*, on Tuesday, April 19, which features dishes like Chile Verde and Chile Colorado, Blue Corn Enchiladas, Chile Rellenos and Sopapillas.
- Go crazy over nuts in *A Little Bit Nutty*, Tuesday, May 3. Explore a variety of dishes that use nuts as the star ingredient, like Thai Chicken with Peanuts, Penne Pasta with Swiss Chard and Pine Nuts, and Horchata, a Spanish almond drink, plus more.

All classes take place 6-10 p.m. and cost \$65. To register, call ext. 4829, or visit www.atlantic.edu/conted.

Last Call for Support Staff Tuition Reimbursement Forms

Spring semester tuition reimbursement paperwork for support staff is due Tuesday, Feb. 1, to **Kathy Fritz**, CMCC library. Contact Kathy at kfritz@atlantic.edu for more information.

Tickets on Sale for 28th Annual Restaurant Gala, 50/50 Raffle

Tickets are now on sale for South Jersey's premier black-tie fundraising event. The 28th annual Atlantic Cape Community College Restaurant Gala takes place Thursday, March 31, at Bally's Atlantic City Hotel and Casino. With the theme "Putting on the Glitz: Eat, Drink and Be Dazzled," the Gala will celebrate the spirit of the Roaring Twenties, an era characterized by speakeasies, flappers and Art Deco style.

The annual event showcases food by serving thousands of hors d'oeuvres prepared by students from the Academy of Culinary Arts and featuring the culinary specialties of 40 of the area's best restaurants at a progressive dining experience. An elegant "Dessert Extravaganza" headed by Executive Pastry Chef Eugen Ess of Trump Taj Mahal, will complete the night's events. Each year hundreds of guests attend the Gala, which also features several genres of live music, including The Don't Call Me Francis Band, The Fabulous Grease Band, Ocean City Pops and Lenny Mitchell.

Tickets to the Gala are \$200 per person. The event has raised more than \$2 million since 1984 for student scholarships.

In addition, three lucky winners will share up to \$15,000 in the 2011 Restaurant Gala 50/50 Raffle. The raffle is sponsored by the Atlantic Cape Foundation, and proceeds benefit student scholarships.



Only 300 tickets will be sold at \$100 each. Three cash prizes will be awarded, including: \$9,000, first prize; \$4,500, second prize; and \$1,500, third prize. Dollar amounts are based on all 300 tickets being sold. The winning tickets will be drawn at the Gala. Winners do not need to be present to win.

For tickets to the event or the raffle, contact **Lauren Canzanese** at ext. 4672, accfdn@atlantic.edu, or order online at www.atlantic.edu/gala.

SIS System to Become 'View' Only

The Datatel Core Committee advises that the ability to update data in the SIS+ System will be phased out over the next month. By this time most areas of SIS have been migrated to the Colleague/WebAdvisor systems. User IDs for SIS will still be valid but will only allow users to view information. Any concerns should be brought your supervisor.

'Tea and Chocolate' Program Planned for Feb. 15

The International Committee is sponsoring a Tea and Chocolate International Program from 12:30-2 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 15, in J-202. Christina Ranelle will discuss the health benefits of teas, followed by/or along with the tasting of five teas: green, black, oolong, chai and white. Chef Educator **Annmarie Chelius** will discuss the health benefits of chocolate. Tasting will include two types of dark chocolates, milk and white. A recipe for chocolate brownie cookies will be provided. Participants should bring their own tea cups. Seats are limited. RSVP to **Paula Manns** at pmanns@atlantic.edu.

Art Gallery Reception with Dressler Smith Feb. 5

The college's art gallery is featuring the paintings of Dressler Smith of Pennsauken through Feb. 24. A reception to meet the artist will be held 1-4 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 5, with a Feb. 12, snow date. The

reception and exhibit are free and open to the public.

Smith's exhibit is based on the artwork of mothers in her community, the Delair section of Pennsauken. Their art was expressed through their gardens and quilts, and often during times of financial hardship.

The art gallery is located in C-125 on the Mays Landing Campus. For more information, contact **Buddy Jacobs**, art gallery coordinator, at ext. 5346 or bjacobs@atlantic.edu. Visit the gallery online at <http://www.atlantic.edu/artgal/artgal.html>.

Atlantic County Library Hosting Environmental Film Series

The Atlantic County Library in Mays Landing has planned a multi-part environmental film series to inform and enlighten patrons on our food supply and the environment. Registration is not required, though it is encouraged. Refreshments will be served. The library is located on 40 Farragut Ave., Mays Landing. The series will include:

- *Flow*, a film depicting the acquisition of the world's fresh water by a few conglomerates. Wednesday, Feb. 2, 7 p.m.
- *King Corn*, which shows in an entertaining manner the production and distribution methods of pervasive high fructose corn syrup. Thursday, Feb. 24, 7 p.m.
- *Bag It!*, which brings awareness of our dependency and mindless use of all things plastic. Tuesday, March 8, 7 p.m.
- *Future of Food*, which offers a revealing look at genetically modified seeds and foods and the manipulation of our food supply. Wednesday, March 23, 7 p.m.

The library hopes to have facilitators familiar with these topics provide insight and discussion. If you can facilitate or have any questions or suggestions, contact Sue Marx at (609) 625-2776, ext. 6304.

HERE'S THE SCOOP

You may notice that some of the benches are missing around campus. Not to worry, the facilities department is working on getting them all refurbished in time for warmer weather.

Welcome to **Ruth Latorre**, chef educator, and **Automne Bennett**, student development specialist.

Condolences to **Kristin Fletcher**, admissions, on the loss of her grandfather, William Coffey Sr. of North Cape May. He was 88. Expressions may be sent to Kristin at 605 Caspian Ave, N. Cape May, NJ 08204 <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/pressofatlanticcity/obituary.aspx?n=william-e-coffey-bill&pid=147987167>



Did you know there are nearly half a million children in foster care across the country? Family Service is recruiting people with love to give from Atlantic and Cape May counties to foster children. For more information, call 1-877- Foster-Yes or visit www.fosteryes.org.

For Sale: Armoire, 77"x 37"x 20", solid wood with shelf and an outlet inside for television, stereo, etc. Asking \$250/OBO. JVC TV, 32" with remote & stand. Inputs in front and rear for games, video, etc. Asking \$200/OBO. Call (609) 442-7986.



The Greater Atlantic City Concierge Association and the Atlantic City Convention & Visitors Authority Foundation will host a fundraiser Wednesday, Feb. 2, at the Sheraton Atlantic City Convention Center Hotel to raise funds for scholarships for hospitality management students at Atlantic Cape, Stockton

College and Fairleigh Dickinson University. Fine wines, cheeses and appetizers, artwork by regional artists, and a silent auction of special autographed items will highlight the event. Tickets are \$20 each, and only 200 will be issued. For tickets, contact Joyce Cook at jcook@accva.com or (609) 449-2295.

Happy birthday to: **Michael Sargente**, Jan. 30; **Liriana Samuel**, Jan. 31; **Elizabeth Franchetti**, **Patricia Gandy**, **Ronald McArthur**, Feb. 3; **Robbin Haynes**, Feb. 4; **Gayle Edwards**, **Alex Kuprianov**, Feb. 5; **Michael Huber**, Feb. 7; **William Lemons**, Feb. 9. Adjunct faculty: **Charlotte Frederick**, Jan 28; **Michaele Ely**, Feb. 4; **Edward Beck**, **Tricia Ciliberto**, Feb. 5; **Nancy Swec**, Feb. 7.

NEWS FROM ATLANTIC CAPE'S OTHER LOCATIONS

Greetings from the Charles D. Worthington Atlantic City Campus

By **Diana Lojewski**

John Mohr, director of Student Services, reports that 10 Atlantic City High School students are attending classes at WACC this spring through "Champions of Youth." These high school seniors are enrolled in a variety of classes, including English Composition I, Introduction to Computers, Criminal Justice I & II, Public Speaking, Keyboarding and Document Production, General Psychology, College Skills and Reading and Writing II.

"This is an excellent opportunity for high school students to earn college credits toward transferring or earning a college degree from Atlantic Cape," said John, who helps monitor the program, which is funded by the Atlantic City Board of Education. The students are **Shawn Barnes**, **Saliyah Bey**, **Cristal Echeverria**, **Nicolette Huntoon**, **Elena Jacobs**, **Brionna Queen**, **Hassan Taylor-Forrest**, **Stacey Torres**, **Helen Trinh** and **Frankie Watson**.

Congratulations to **Frankie Watson**, who wrote and presented a beautiful essay called "Silence is Golden" at the annual Martin Luther King Breakfast at the Atlantic City Country Club Jan. 18. She also participated in a panel discussion at the inspirational event, attended by **Dean Bobby Royal**, **Helen Walsh**, **John Mohr** and all 10 students in the "Champion of Youth" program.

Hats off to the patient care technicians who graduated from the Health Professions Institute Jan. 18. These students are trained to provide patient care in a hospital setting. Graduates include **Antoinette Banks**, **Candice Dixon**, **Cornell Howerton**, **John Kebles**, **Elsi Matos**, **Roseanne Tull** and **Mark Warters**.

Classes are under way and the sounds of 29 languages can be heard from the hallways to the cafeteria! **Christina Cavage**, ESL and modern languages department chairperson, welcomes back all the returning ESL adjuncts and two new adjuncts, **Mary "Molly" Boyle** and **Mik Pandit**.

Greetings from the Cape May County Campus

By **Lisa Apel-Gendron**

New year, new faces! We welcome a bevy of smiling new faces to CMCC for spring '11, including English Department Chair **Denise Coulter**, who's teaching a hybrid course that meets at CMCC and online. It's fabulous having you here on Tuesdays, Denise! We're pleased to have the following adjunct instructors, who are new to the college or new to CMCC, join us as well: **Dr. Curtis Andrews**, sociology; **Noel Bethea**, English; **Peter Borak**, communication; **Monica DeVito**, social work; **Paul Grossman**, CISM (new to the credit side); **Darren Palmer**, psychology, and **Carl Tripican**, business law. Welcome!

Meetings of the three CMCC-based student clubs resumed this week. Please encourage students to join a club at CMCC. For more information, contact **Rich Russell** for Fine Arts Club at rrussell@atlantic.edu; **Mike Bolicki** for Rotaract at mbolicki@atlantic.edu; and **Lisa Apel-Gendron** at lapelgen@atlantic.edu for Campus Ambassadors.

Rutgers at Atlantic Cape will visit CMCC Thursday, Feb. 10, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. in the first floor lobby. This is a fine opportunity for CMCC students to learn about BA and BS degree options available in Mays Landing. For more information, contact **Elizabeth Moore** at emoore@atlantic.edu.

What are you doing Feb. 15? We hope you'll be donating blood at CMCC's inaugural Red Cross blood drive from 2-8 p.m. in room 113. To make an appointment or to inquire about the process, dial 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit www.redcrossblood.org. We are looking for a minimum of 40 donors, so please help us spread the word.

Black History Month starts next week. Look for information about events at CMCC in the next issue of the CommuniCator.

Joan Dillon, student services, back from a recent sojourn to Hawaii, has created an artful and beautiful display with a message of optimism and perseverance on the first floor classroom hallway. The display explains the legend of the thousand cranes, a Japanese tale that declares that anyone who folds 1,000 paper cranes so pleases the gods that the folder is granted his or her wish. Also detailed is the story of Sadako Sasaki (1943-1955), a child who developed leukemia after Hiroshima. During her illness, she decided to embark on the task of folding 1,000 cranes. She passed away at 644 cranes, and her schoolmates carried on her work until they reached the goal of 1,000. Thank you, Joan, for the poignant message.



Joan Dillon and Tammy DeFranco, student services, pose by the crane display Joan created.

Uplifting news! Atlantic Cape high honors graduate **Yusuf Gunawan**, class of 2002, who now teaches as a CISM and math adjunct, is getting married in Los Angeles Feb. 4. The joyful couple will reside in Cape May County. You might say that Yusuf has grown up with us. We met in him in 2000 when he took his first class in Rio Grande, and over the years he has served as a tutor, part-time security officer and now as an instructor. His name is also on the Leaves for Learning wall at CMCC. He is a good friend and colleague, and we're all so pleased for him and his wife-to-be.

Chuck Schaeffer, facilities, and his wife had a pleasant visit with their daughter, Sarah, over winter break. Sarah is a senior at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, CT. She'll graduate in May with a degree in environmental engineering. Clearly, Chuck and his wife take great pride in Sarah's accomplishments. Great job, Sarah!

Have a worry-free weekend!

CONTINUING EDUCATION

By Sherwood Taylor

CCI is packing the house these days. Craps, Pai Gow Tiles, Blackjack, Poker and Roulette are all running right now. The casino classroom is filled from one end of the room to the other. Stop by and have one of our students deal you a winning hand.

Certification News – CCI's Electronic Equipment Technician program is now approved for the ETA International's Gaming and Vending Technician certification. Students completing our Electronic Equipment Technician program can sit for this certification exam, and Atlantic Cape is recognized as a test site for this new certification.

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. Visit www.atlantic.edu/njbia for a complete course schedule.

Atlantic County Sessions, *Institute for Service Excellence*

- Friday, Feb. 11, Introduction to Word - Word 2007 - Level 2, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Thursday & Friday, March 3 & 4, Communications for Improved Customer Service, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Friday, March 11, Introduction to Spreadsheets - Excel 2007 - Level 1, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Cape May County Sessions, *Cape May County Campus*

- Friday, Feb. 25, Introduction to Word - Word 2007 - Level 2, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Friday, March 25, Introduction to Spreadsheets - Excel 2007 - Level 1, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Chef Educator **Annamarie Chelius**'s Classical Confections class will present a "Victorian Valentine" confection centerpiece Feb. 7. Each student must construct an edible display that ties in with Victorian colors and themes. The display pieces will be adorned with European cookies, candies and pastries.

Keith Carson, senior adjunct, history, will be on respite this semester as he settles into his new full-time position as a Specialist 1 in the Medical Assistance Unit at the Ocean County Board of Social Services in Toms River. Although Keith won't be roaming the halls of Atlantic Cape in the early hours of the morning before classes this spring, as has been his custom over the past 13 years, he will be preparing a completely online version of Western Civilization I on the Blackboard Instructional System to launch this fall.

Jackie O'Neal, English adjunct, was interviewed on CBS Radio's "Spiritually Raw" discussing her book, "Woman Priest: A Collection of Spiritual Reflections And Commentary on Today's Issues."

ATLANTIC CAPE IN THE NEWS

The website, AmericanTowns.com, printed a news release on the culinary workshops Continuing Education and the Academy of Culinary Arts will offer this spring at <http://www.americantowns.com/nj/mayslanding/news/atlantic-cape-offers-delicious-workshops-this-spring-3534769>. The listing was included in the Mays Landing entry on the site. The workshops were also promoted in The Current, <http://www.shorenewstoday.com/index.php/regional/atlantic-county/7797-regional-news-in-brief--week-of-jan-24.html>.

Atlantic City Weekly promoted the Restaurant Gala on its website at:

<http://blogs.atlanticcityweekly.com/ac-central/2011/01/19/atlantic-cape-community-college-restaurant-gala/>. The Cape May County Herald also mentioned the upcoming fundraiser at: <http://www.capemaycountyherald.com/article/arts+and+entertainment/court+house/69454-tickets+available+now+restaurant+gala>

The new air traffic control degree program was featured on the front page of The Press of Atlantic City. http://www.pressofatlanticcity.com/news/press/atlantic/article_e1b387ce-28e1-11e0-a885-001cc4c002e0.html.

A Press of Atlantic City article featured former student **Barbara Sheree**, who has found an audience for her gospel, soul and R&B music in Morocco: http://www.pressofatlanticcity.com/blogs/scott_cronick/article_e70a4370-21f7-11e0-b9ff-001cc4c03286.html

Former adjunct instructor **Johnny Wawa** writes a column for the Cape May Star & Wave. He recently wrote about how his time teaching at Atlantic Cape was far more rewarding and creative than he expected.

The Press of Atlantic City printed photos from the Community FoodBank of New Jersey's Cookie Walk fundraiser, including one with Chef **Erin Adasczik**, culinary recruiter, who was on hand to promote the Academy.

The Cape May County Herald promoted the Restaurant Gala 50/50 raffle on its website, <http://www.capemaycountyherald.com/article/schools/dennisville/69578-5050+raffle+scholarships+has+15k+prizes>.

ALUMNI

Deb Pellegrino, '91 ACA, appeared on the Food Network Challenge—Comedy Cakes Jan. 23. Though she didn't win the challenge, she's received a lot of attention for her efforts, including: <http://blogs.atlanticcityweekly.com/ac-central/2011/01/20/harrah%E2%80%99s-chef-on-food-network-challenge-sunday/>.

Studio arts graduate **Laurie Schiffelbein**, '06, who is inspired by the ocean, beach and wetlands of Cape May County, participated in the Cape May Artists Cooperative Gallery "Second Sunday" Gallery Walk this month. She was featured in articles in the Cape May County Herald and Cape May Star & Wave about the event.

The CourierPostOnline.com included a feature on **Elaine Seagrave**, '08 ACA, who is a chef at Swedes Inn in Gibbsboro.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

Dr. Mora welcomes **Maria Mento** to the Board of Trustees. Mento is executive vice president and chief financial officer for the Atlantic County Utilities Authority. In addition to serving on the Atlantic Cape Board of Trustees, she serves the community as a member of numerous boards and committees including the American Red Cross (Southern New Jersey Chapter) and the United Way of Atlantic County's Women's Leadership Initiative. She holds an MBA from Rutgers University, a bachelor's degree in business administration from Rowan University and an associate degree in liberal arts from Atlantic Cape.

Dr. Mora, along with **Dr. Art Wexler**, **Dr. Richard Perniciaro**, **Dean Bobby Royal** and other Atlantic Cape administrators and staff, attended the Metropolitan Business and Citizens Association New Year's Kickoff Luncheon Jan. 13. Atlantic City mayor Lorenzo Langford served as the event's keynote speaker and presented his State of the City address.

On Jan.13, Dr. Mora attended the Diversity and Equity Committee meeting and the meeting of the Diversity & Equity Advisory Council. Dr. Mora presented the college's initiatives for this year, noting the importance of diversity and affirmative action programs at the community college.

Dr. Mora provided welcoming remarks at the first meeting of the Planned Giving Advisory Council Jan. 14. This group, organized by **Maria Kellett**, director of major gifts, will serve a key advisory role for the college's planned giving initiative.

Dr. Mora, along with **Chef Kelly McClay**, dean of the Academy of Culinary Arts, attended a Jan. 18 breakfast sponsored by the Employer Legislative Committee of the New Jersey Business and Industry Association. Assemblywoman Pam Lampitt provided remarks on the growing number of career opportunities for "green" jobs in our district. Assemblywoman Lampitt authored the so-called "Lampitt Bill," which ensures that credits earned by graduates from New Jersey's community colleges are guaranteed full transfer to the state's four-year colleges and universities.



Dr. Mora, far right, Nancy Porfido, Carmen Royal, and Coach Harold Harris with the visiting students.

Dr. Mora, Dean of Students **Carmen Royal**, and Director of Student Development **Nancy Porfido** spent time with a group of students from Woodbine Elementary School, who visited the college to learn more about our academic and athletic programs. The students then stayed on campus to cheer on the women's basketball team in their game against Cumberland County College. Thank you to Coach **Harold Harris** and **Gina Skinner**, director of admissions & recruitment, for their support in coordinating this event.

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 Feb. 11

The next issue of the *Atlantic Cape CommuniCator* will be Friday, Feb. 11. Deadline is noon, Monday, Feb. 7. Please e-mail your submissions to sclapp@atlantic.edu.

--Stacey Clapp, editor