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NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

Rossi Named Interim VP for Administration and Finance

A recent administrative reorganization resulted in **Dr. Joe Rossi** being named interim vice president for administration and finance. As of July 5, Advancement, Business Services, College Relations, Finance, Human Resources, Information Technology Services and the Board secretary report to Dr. Rossi. He will maintain oversight of major Human Resources initiatives including labor relations.

Cindy DeFalco assumes the role of acting director of Human Resources and is responsible for the area's day-to-day operations including payroll and leave input, benefits administration, health services, training, and telephone switchboard operations.

Reubena Spence has joined Human Resources as a part-time project facilitator. Ms. Spence earned a bachelor's degree from Rutgers University's Douglass College and a master's degree from Richard Stockton College. The Pleasantville resident brings two decades of wide-ranging human resources employment experience. She has served in part-time teaching and administrative capacities for ACCC's continuing education division.

Join Colleagues for ACCC Night at Surf Baseball August 26

You're invited to join your friends and colleagues on Thursday, Aug. 26, for ACCC's Family Night at the Sandcastle, to watch the Atlantic City Surf play the Camden Riversharks. The first 1,500 fans will receive a ball cap courtesy of South Jersey Transportation Authority.

Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$6 for children under 12 and include a donation to the Ruth Williams Memorial Scholarship. E-mail **Bart Musitano**, bmusitan@atlantic.edu, benefits, by Friday, Aug. 13, for tickets. Hope to see lots of you for this fun night out.

Two Trustees Named to Board

Two members were named to ACCC's Board of Trustees. **Andrew Melchiorre** was appointed by Gov. McGreevey to succeed **Charles Pessagno**, whose term expired. Melchiorre retired as health educator with the Cape May County Health Department last year. **Dr. Albert A. Monillas** will serve on the board in his capacity as interim Cape May County superintendent of schools.

Melchiorre earned a bachelor's degree and performed post graduate theology work from St. Francis University and health education at Richard Stockton College. He is serving his second term on the Middle Township board of education. He is a member of the N.J. Supreme Court Attorney's Ethics Committee, the Middle Township Board of Health and has volunteered for many other organizations.

Dr. Monillas began his career in education by teaching elementary education for three years in Philadelphia. He then taught high school for 11 years before serving as assistant superintendent in Delaware for four years. He later served as superintendent in the Maurice River School District in New Jersey from 1988-94. He served as superintendent in Upper Township before becoming assistant commissioner for the Southern Regional Office of the N.J. Department of Education. He received his doctorate in education from Nova-Southeastern University and has graduate degrees from LaSalle University.

Gov. McGreevey Signs Bill Allowing Community College Construction Expansion

Governor McGreevey signed a Chapter 12 bill on July 13 at Hudson County Community College to fund construction at New Jersey's community colleges. Under the program, counties issue bonds up to a specified cap for new construction, acquisition, expansion or capital renewal and replacement (CRR), and the State pays half of the debt service for the bonds. As principal is retired, additional bonds are issued up to the cap.

By signing the Community College Construction Expansion Bill (A-2049 and S-1234) into law, Governor James E. McGreevey is increasing the Chapter 12 program by \$200 million. The debt service for these new bonds will be shared equally by the state and the counties. This increase will provide expanded higher education capacity for 30,000 students.

It will fund 30 to 40 new classroom and laboratory buildings – at least one but more typically two buildings/additions at each of the 19 community colleges throughout the state. The New Jersey Council of County Colleges Facilities Committee will meet in early August 2004 to recommend the allocation of this new Chapter 12 funding among the state's 19 community colleges.

Barker, DiLuigi Added to Foundation Board

ACCC added two members to its Foundation Board, **Richard G. Barker** of Ocean City and **Leslie DiLuigi** of Marlton.

Barker is the retired director of research and development for Union Camp Corp. in Princeton. After taking early retirement in 1999, Barker served a two-year term as president of TAPPI, the leading technical association for the worldwide pulp, paper and converting industry. He is the 2004 recipient of the TAPPI Herman L. Joachim Distinguished Service Award for exemplary leadership and service.

Barker earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Hamilton College and went on to receive a master's and Ph.D. from the Institute of Paper Chemistry. Barker began his career with Union Camp in 1962 as a research chemist and currently holds six U.S. patents. He is past president of the Empire State Paper Research Association and has chaired both the Research Advisory Committee and Alumni Association of the Institute of Paper Science and Technology. In 2001, he and his wife, Mary Kathryn, expanded their Ocean City vacation house and moved there full time.

DiLuigi is retail marketing manager for Commerce Bank, where she has been employed for 18 years. She earned a bachelor's degree from Eastern University in organizational management and previously worked for the Bank of New Jersey. DiLuigi is a member of the Press of Atlantic City Restaurant Gala Steering Committee, which raises scholarship funds for ACCC students, and she is a board member of the American Heart Association. She and her husband, Damien, live in Marlton.

ACCC to Hold Office Careers, Paralegal Open Houses in July, August

Students interested in learning more about a career in office systems technology can attend one of two open houses this summer: 5-7 p.m., Thursday, July 22, at ACCC's Cape May County Extension Center

or 5-7 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 4, on the Mays Landing main campus. Contact **JoAnne Barbieri**, ext. 4988, for more information.

The paralegal studies program will host two information sessions for those interested in learning more about the college's American Bar Association-approved degree program. The first open house will be held noon-1:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 28, in room 204 at the Charles D. Worthington Atlantic City Center. A second open house is planned for 5-7 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 4, in room B-121 at the Mays Landing main campus.



Culinary Bridge Students Visit Clement-Pappas

Students in the Summer Culinary Bridge Program recently enjoyed a trip to Clement Pappas, a juice company. The 12 students and Chef Educators **Paulett Strand** and **Jeffrey Phillips** toured the facility and learned about the company's state-of-the-art food processing and bottling operations in Seabrook. The company produces more than 600 brands of cranberry, apple, grapefruit, lemon, prune, grape and tomato juices.

Students in the EOF-sponsored program also visited Giumarello's in Westmont this week, where they met with Chef/Owner **Sam Giumarello, Jr.**, '86 ACA, and General

Manager **Frank Muratore**, '94 ACA. The group enjoyed a delicious lunch and dessert and learned about the creative and business sides of owning a restaurant.

Top 20% of State's H.S. Grads Get Free Tuition, Fees Through NJ STARS

Atlantic and Cape May County high school students graduating in the top 20 percent of their class are eligible for free tuition and fees at ACCC under the new state initiative, NJ STARS. Gov. James E. McGreevey signed the Student Tuition Assistance Reward Scholarship into law on June 29.

NJ STARS is available to high school students starting with the graduating class of 2004. Students from Atlantic and Cape May counties who meet all other criteria will have up to two years from the date of high school graduation to enroll and begin using the scholarship at ACCC. There are about 9,000 students statewide and 700 locally who qualify for the program this year. Students must first apply for all need-based federal and merit-based state financial aid grants. After that, NJ STARS will cover the remaining balance of tuition and fees, although certain lab, course and program fees may not be covered. Tuition and fees for ACCC's Academy of Culinary Arts are also covered under the program.

"We're thrilled that NJ STARS will also cover the additional costs of a program like the Academy of Culinary Arts, even for students from outside our two counties, as long as their home county college doesn't offer a similar program. It will definitely ease the financial burden for our students and reduce their college costs. It's a win-win situation for all concerned," said Gina Skinner, ACCC's assistant dean of enrollment services.

ACCC has transfer agreements with four-year colleges and universities to ensure a seamless transition to a four-year bachelor's degree program. Students can save between \$20,000-\$80,000 of the cost of a four-year college or university by spending their first two years at ACCC.

"Unfortunately, there are many bright, hardworking students who cannot afford to go to college. Today we're righting that wrong. For the first time, New Jersey is guaranteeing that every student at the top of

their class will have access to a college education,” Governor McGreevey said when signing the bill at Camden Community College. “NJ STARS poses a challenge to our high school students: You work hard and make the grades, and we will cover the cost of your education.”

Governor McGreevey pointed out that community colleges play an invaluable role. Students with an associate degree earn up to \$400,000 more over their lifetime. New Jersey’s annual workforce earnings are \$6.3 million greater – the equivalent of 135,000 jobs – due to community colleges. For every tax dollar invested in New Jersey’s community colleges, over \$18 returns to the State. Community colleges serve nearly 300,000 students, and 95 percent of community college students stay in New Jersey.

ACCC will host an information session on NJ STARS at 9 a.m., Tuesday, July 27. For more information about NJ STARS, contact **Linda McLeod**, assistant director of college recruitment, at ext. 5009, e-mail mcleod@atlantic.edu or visit <http://venus.atlantic.edu/njstars>.

Continuing Ed Introduces Veterinary Technicians Course

Atlantic Cape Community College will offer *Introduction to Anesthesia Machines for Veterinary Technicians and Animal Hospital Assistants* for the first time this fall. The workshop will meet at Mays Landing East (building T), 6:30-8:30 p.m., for six Wednesdays, Sept. 8 and 22, Oct. 6 and 20, and Nov. 3 and 17. The cost is \$180. Participants will learn basic respiratory physiology, introduction to inhalation anesthesia, anesthetic records and routine care of, set-up, and troubleshooting anesthesia machines. For more information or to register, call ext. 4829.

Mark Your Calendars for ACCC’s Annual Open House and College Fair Oct. 3

ACCC will hold an Open House on Sunday, Oct. 3, on its Mays Landing campus from 1-4 p.m. in conjunction with the 41st Annual College Fair, which will be held 1-3 p.m. Information on various college services and career and academic programs will be available. The Academy of Culinary Arts will host an Open House from 1-4 p.m. Information about the culinary program, its alumni, career opportunities and placement will be available.

More than 125 colleges, including The College of New Jersey, Drexel University, New Jersey Institute of Technology, Rowan University, Rutgers University, Tuskegee University and University of Delaware are expected to attend.

The College Fair is sponsored by the Atlantic County Branch of the American Association of University Women and the Kiwanis Club of Atlantic City. For more information call **Linda McLeod**, ext. 5009, or or e-mail mcleod@atlantic.edu.

Special Saturday Registration for ACCC Fall Classes Aug. 7

For the convenience for those who cannot register during weekday hours, special weekend registration hours for the Fall 2004 semester will be held from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 7, at all ACCC locations. Regular registration hours at all locations are on weekdays, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., through Aug. 27. The college is closed Fridays through Aug. 20. Registration hours will be extended to 7 p.m. Aug. 26, and Aug. 30-Sept. 1.

ACCC Offers Online Professional Development Courses for Teachers

As part of its mission to meet the needs of the community it serves, ACCC offers a variety of professional development courses for teachers. The state of New Jersey requires that all active teaching staff members whose positions require possession of the instructional or educational services licenses, complete 100 hours of professional development every five years. To meet this requirement, ACCC gives teachers the opportunity to earn CEUs online. Courses are 15 hours and begin monthly.

Courses include: *Understanding Diversity in the Classroom, Understanding Substance Abuse and its Effects in the Classroom, Bringing Global Issues into the Classroom, Teaching Bioethics Using Ethical Dilemmas in the Classroom, Teaching How to Write Term Papers and Essays that Get A's, Teach Teens to Read More: Tools for Teachers, Math Tricks for Math Teachers and Write a Book in a Week.* For more information or to register, ext. 4829, or visit www.atlantic.edu/conted.

HERE'S THE SCOOP

Welcome back to **John Kyere**, facilities, who returned from medical leave.

Welcome aboard to **Penny Gardner**, part-time secretary in facilities management; **Hilary Hayes**, part-time clerk in the advancement office; and **Tonya Reed**, part-timer in finance.

Deepest sympathy to **Tree McCann**, ACA, and family, on the passing of her mother, Eleanor, who was 86. Condolences can be sent to Tree at 7201 Ventnor Ave., Ventnor, N.J. 08406.

Congratulations to **Joe D'Agostino**, instructional technology, on his new assignment as academic and web systems manager.

Sara Ryan, M.S.N., health services coordinator, can also be reached by fax, 343-5668.

Welcome to **Ann Erik**, recent 4.0 graduate, who is serving as a summer intern in college relations.

Geoff Pettifer, director of marketing, will be swashbuckling in the role of Rochfort in "The Three Musketeers" with the Midsummer Night Players at Kennedy Park in Somers Point, Sat., Aug. 7, and Sat., Aug. 14 at 7:30 p.m. The City of Somers Point's Summer Theatre in the Park productions are free and audience members are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs and picnic baskets and enjoy a lovely evening of live theatre under the stars. An additional performance is scheduled to take place in Wenonah, Gloucester County, on Fri., Aug. 13. For details and directions for the Wenonah show, please contact Geoff, ext. 4919.

Birthdays: **Debbie Ciarrocki**, July 22; **Cheryl Knowles Harrigan**, **Anita Polanco**, July 23; **Becky Snyder**, **Charlie Xu**, **Ken Selwood**, July 25; **Godfrey Barlatt**, July 27; **Gerri Black**, July 28; **Cecilia Lopez**, **Linda Hair**, **Shirley Shields**, July 30; **Kristen Grech**, **Jack Hufty**, **Sandi Welser**, July 31; **James Icklan**, Aug. 1; **Eric Stewart**, Aug. 5; **Susan DePhilippis**, **Horace Ross**, Aug. 9; **Myrna Morales-Keklak**, Aug. 12; **Michelle Bevan**, Aug. 13; **Rita Michalenko**, Aug. 16; **Nancy Hand**, **Vincent Tedeschi**, Aug. 18; **Marcia Kleinz**, Aug. 19. Adjunct birthdays: **Christine Bailey**, **Chris Svec**, July 22; **Craig Gras**, July 24; **James Travis**, July 26; **Christine English-Martin**, July 28; **Linda Daniele**, July 29; **Michael Bolicki**, July 30; **Joseph Barrett**, Aug. 2; **Kate Brooks**, Aug. 4; **Lawrence Ponzek**, **Benjamin Rau**, **Martin Coppola**, Aug. 5; **Vivian Morrissey**, Aug. 6; **Edmund Peckiconis**, **Matthew Thoren**, Aug. 7; **Steve Loper**, Aug. 13; **Peter Nahaczewski**, Aug. 14; **Diane Holtzman**, Aug. 15; **Carol Plum-Ucci**, Aug. 16; **John Stroeble**, Aug. 18.

NEWS FROM ACCC'S EXTENSION CENTERS

Greetings from Charles D. Worthington Atlantic City Center

by **Brittany A. Williams**

With construction slated and its consequent logistical re-organization of employees and offices, much of the Worthington Center is anticipating change. But it isn't slowing us down at all.

ACCC has been busy supporting Atlantic City with its 150th birthday celebration. **Marion Pool** invites

the college to a variety of family entertainment and events (most of which are free) scheduled throughout the year at various sites on the boardwalk, in the casinos, at the parks and museums throughout the city. Come - join in the celebration and enjoy music, dance, history, speakers, authors, art and movies. It's fun for the whole family and something for everyone.

There is music on Mondays, speakers on Tuesdays, ethnic dancing on Wednesdays, jazz on Thursdays, variety shows on Fridays, movies and gospel festivals on Saturdays, beach olympics and movies on Sundays as well as parades, beach parties, fashion shows, tea parties, and talent shows. Please link to <http://www.cityofatlanticcity.org/calendar3.htm> for the entire schedule of events.

Congratulations to **Carol Nicastro** who is now ACCC's full-time literacy coordinator. Carol can be reached at ext. 4717. She is busy lately working with **Sherwood Taylor, Sharon Kretmar, Carol Drea, Pat Owens** and **Linda Dolan** on a handful of new grant initiatives for job training, retail skills and English as a second language.

Welcome back to **Natalie Cohen** who is helping at the City Center Testing Office. She can be reached at ncohen@atlantic.edu or at ext. 4831. Natalie announced the following schedule for ESL and Placement Testing at City Center. ESL: July 26, Aug. 4, 11 and 16. Accuplacers will be given on July 26, 28 and August 2, 4 and 9.

Sherwood Taylor, Carol Drea, Sean Gallagher and **Brittany Williams** were all recently spotted at the Cape May County 4-H Fair. Manning the ACCC table, the City Center foursome fielded several inquiries on the new campus, programs and classes.

Congrats to **Daymis Alicea** and **Dr. Alice Rainey**! Both women are new moms! That's right, the two Student Services employees welcomed Lucky and Peppita into their homes. The Chihuahua siblings are cuter than you could ever imagine, even if you don't like yippy dogs.

Many thanks go out to **Nelson Bugas, Al Ebinger, Gail Gordy** and **Mike Buoncuore** for all of their hard work in keeping City Center healthy and fit as a fiddle. That's right, the ITS foursome cleaned up our computers and got us back into tip-top shape after a series of viruses swept through the college community.

Best wishes to **Helen Hughes**, continuing education, who is out on medical leave. In addition, she has taken **Billy Hughes** with her. The two are missed! We are looking forward to your return. While she's out, **Marilyn Favara** is helping Dr. Mora, ext. 4838, e-mail mfavara@atlantic.edu.



ACCC Trustee Eric Reynolds, standing at left, looks on as Donald Harris, Kids College computer instructor, assists a student. Donors visited the program July 20.

Steven Miron reports the Kids College pilot program at City Center for disadvantaged youth is successful. Sixty-one students grades kindergarten through eighth grade are attending *Chess, Design your Own Web Page* and *Computer Camp* at the Worthington Center. ACCC's Board of Trustees Minority Affairs Committee spearheaded the program, soliciting donations from Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa, Kramer Beverage, Cape Savings Bank and Guthrie Glass and Mirror for scholarships. The children certainly brought a level of cheer and enthusiasm to the college hallways that was more than welcome.

Have you checked out the new fall continuing education guide? Well, say "Hello" because continuing ed has certainly

arrived with a very attractive guidebook and an equally appealing list of offerings including belly dancing, vet technician and beginning French. Who wouldn't want to be able to move their belly, care for animals and speak French, I mean this is the year 2004. Let's get hip already!

Steven Miron announces that continuing education will no longer be offering its ESL Workshops. Please refer interested ESL students to the credit ESL program (ext. 4878, 4830) or the Free ESL program (ext. 4817, 4878, 4830). Free ESL is up and at 'em again after a mini break. Instructor **Lisa Pollard** is heading up a five-week summer session that began on July 19. Students interested in Free ESL for the fall term may apply at the City Center admissions office beginning on Aug. 2. There is a \$15 fee and all applicants must have social security numbers.

Also, spread the word, the Summer Academy for Adults is starting in August. It includes classes in *Tai Chi*, *Creative Writing*, *Low Carb Cooking*, etc... So, go ahead and get cathartic!

Warm thoughts go out to administrative service's **Sandy Riveron** whose son, John Marchisello, has been stationed in Iraq for the past five and a half months. John is 21 and a graduate of Father Judge H.S. in Philadelphia. A freshman at Penn State, he withdrew to enlist in the U.S. Air Force a year and a half ago.

Marlene Felicetti, admin services, is expecting a new grandson at the end of July! We'll send stats when we get them.

Kailin Hackney is happy to announce that Conference and Meeting Services recently hosted the Miss Atlantic County Pageant for the first time. Committee members and contestants participated in interviews, rehearsals and orientations on campus. "The pageant staff was very happy and plans on coming back to us next year," Hackney said.

Among the pageant contestants was City Center's very own **Lauren Coyle**. Lauren performed *I Don't Know How to Love Him* from the *Jesus Christ Superstar* score. She received a \$400 scholarship award. Way to go, Lauren!

Conference and Meeting Services is also happy to be hosting the *Writing for the Web* seminar planned by college relations for the ACCC Web Team, July 29.



If you didn't know, **Josie Chivalette** was recently arrested and placed behind bars. Chivalette's crimes were, unfortunately, not interesting enough to mention. What is interesting, though, is Josie raised more than \$1,000 to bail herself out of the big house. The money went to the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Way to go, Josie. Sometimes crime does pay! Thanks to her office staff who helped to promote the event. It was truly a team effort!

**Hello from Rio Grande, the Cape May County Technical School
and the US Coast Guard Training Center – Cape May!**
by **Lisa Apel-Gendron**

We're busy with registration and gearing up for fall! This column will return with the next issue.

ACCC IN THE NEWS

The Press printed a story on a new bill signed by Gov. McGreevey to provide \$100 million in state money to build more classrooms for community college students.

A news release on the NJ Stars program offering free tuition and fees to the top 20 percent of Atlantic and Cape May county high school graduates appeared in The Press and local weekly newspapers.

News Channel 40 ran a story on the pilot program that provides 61 disadvantaged youth with scholarships to attend Kids College classes at the Worthington Atlantic City Center. The program was sponsored by the minority affairs committee of the board of trustees. WPVI-TV Channel also featured the program.

The Courier-Post tagged along on a field trip to Giumarello's in Westmont this week with the EOF Culinary Summer Bridge program for a feature story to run sometime soon.

Pat Owens, associate dean of continuing ed, was quoted in a Press of Atlantic City article on a new program designed to train locals for retail jobs. ACCC and Hamilton Mall teamed up to train, recruit and hire a better class of workers. Courses will teach students with limited English skills how to communicate more effectively in English and provide them with the job-readiness skills needed in entry-level retail positions. The course will run 140 hours over a four-week period and students will receive follow-up training through the Atlantic County One Stop Career Center. The second course is geared for those who need to polish their retail skills and includes a test to be certified in customer service by the National Retail Federation. It meets 124 hours over four weeks. A 4,000 square foot outlet inside the mall will be used as the Retail Training Skills Center.

A news release on the Macao "train the trainer" graduates appeared in local weekly newspapers.

Dr. Richard Perniciaro, dean of the Center for Regional and Business Research, was quoted in a Philadelphia Inquirer story titled, *Atlantic City bets future on variety*. He spoke about the area's concerted effort to diversity the crowd of visitors and change the entertainment that's available to meet the needs of visitors.

A news release on ACCC's new Baking and Pastry degree program appeared in The Press and local weekly newspapers.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Congratulations to **Cynthia Correa**, human resources, on achieving her master's degree in organizational management from Capella University of Minneapolis.

Dr. Agnes Armao, vice president of academics, was co-host of Ed Hitzel's radio show on June 26. Among those who were interviewed was **Hillary Hunt**, the pastry chef at the Sands, who is one of **Dan Matt**'s former ACA students. She had great things to say about Dan and the Academy! She loved it here.

Three Cape May County students were awarded *School Counts!* scholarships to ACCC by the Cape May County Chamber of Commerce. **Keith Richartz**, **Joseph Mastalski** and **Amanda Melendez** are the first Cape May County students to receive scholarships under the program. *School Counts!* certifies that students earned a grade of 'C' or better in every course; achieved a 95% attendance and punctuality record, completed high school in eight consecutive semesters and completed more than the minimum graduation requirements.

Kramer Beverage Company was honored by the Seashore Gardens Living Center recently with the Living Center's first Corporate Community Service Award. ACCC Board of Trustees Chairperson **Lynn Kramer**, VP and CFO of Kramer Beverage, and President Charles Kramer received the honor for their outstanding commitment and generosity to many community organizations.

David Burnett, recent graduate of the Atlantic County Institute of Technology, received a two-year tuition waiver scholarship at ACCC.

ALUMNI

ACA graduate **George Kyrtatas** published a cookbook recently titled *My Big Fat Greek Feast*. The book is available on Borders.com. His family owns several restaurants.

'Art Rugs: The Art of Playing Cards' at AC Art Center through Aug. 30

An exhibit of 55 18" x 28" hand-hooked rugs, each one representing a playing card, is on display at the Atlantic City Art Center through Aug. 30. The rugs were designed and crafted by international rug-hooking artists chosen for their creative vision as well as their mastery of the rug-hooking technique by curator Linda Rae Coughlin. Admission and parking are free and open to the public. The exhibit is open daily 10 a.m.-4 p.m., on Garden Pier on the Atlantic City Boardwalk at New Jersey Avenue. Call 347-5837 for more information.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The calendar is updated regularly at www.atlantic.edu/about/monthlycal.shtml.

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