

# ATLANTIC CAPE COMMUNICATOR

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## NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

### Cape May County Campus Receives Branch Campus Status

ACCC's Cape May County campus was officially approved for Branch Campus status by the N.J. Commission on Higher Ed at its meeting July 14. **Dr. Peter Mora**, president, thanks everyone for their hard work, especially **Bobby Royal**, acting dean, Worthington Atlantic City Center and community affairs, for taking the lead role in the project.

To receive branch campus status, ACCC had to guarantee that its offerings "preserve the integrity" and "ensure a level of quality that is comparable to and consistent with the collegiate level programs and services available at its main campus." Branch campus status is required because the college plans to offer several complete programs leading to a degree at the site.

"We are excited that ACCC will be able to bring a broad range of services directly to the residents of Cape May County beginning this fall," said Dr. Mora. "From a full-service library to state-of-the-art science labs, the new campus will feature a variety of opportunities to enhance students' learning. The opening of this campus represents an excellent opportunity for ACCC to fulfill its legacy in Cape May County by truly serving as 'the community's college'."

### CMCC Grand Opening, Community Day Planned

The official Grand Opening ceremony of ACCC's Cape May County campus will be held 2 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 24. College and regional government officials will participate in the event, which will include a ribbon-cutting ceremony and unveiling of the Leaves for Learning donor wall.

A fun-filled Community Day to showcase college offerings and services will be held 3-7 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 25. There will be giveaways, demonstrations and activities. Students will be able to register at the new one-stop center. Tours of the new campus will be offered. All are welcome to attend.

Volunteers from the college community are needed to do demonstrations, lead tours and greet visitors. If you are interested in participating, please contact **Marion Pool**, (609) 839-0286.



*At left: One Stop Admissions/Registration/Bursar counter at the new Cape May County campus. At right: The counter for the Career and Academic Planning Center at the new Cape May County campus.*



## **New Board Member Appointed**

**David A. Evans** was named to ACCC's Board of Trustees by Acting Governor Richard Codey last week. Evans is a former Galloway Township councilman and a longtime educator.

## **Retired ACCC President John May Sends Open Letter to Faculty and Staff**

**Dr. John May**, retired president, sent this note to the faculty and staff and friends: "My retirement on June 30 marked the end of 17 years of service to the college, the last 11 as college president. At my retirement dinner, I noted that the role of president was akin to that of a conductor. The conductor leads, but the members of the orchestra make the music. Whatever success I've had as college president has been entirely the result of the dedication and hard work of an outstanding faculty and staff. You are the ones who have made the music, and I'll be forever in your debt.

"As I look back on my tenure at the college, I realize that the role of the community college is now more complex, demands on faculty and staff have increased, and resources to meet our critical mission are limited. Nevertheless, I leave confident that our faculty and staff, along with our new president, are up to the task of meeting the challenges ahead.

"I deeply appreciate the many expressions of kindness and wishes for a happy and productive retirement. As I leave, I know that you will continue to serve the college with the skill and dedication which I have come to know over the past 17 years. Your commitment to do so is the best parting gift I could ask for. With respect and gratitude."

## **Borgata Foundation Supports Speakers Series Event**

The Borgata Heart and Soul Foundation provided a grant to help support the next event in the ACCC Foundation's Martin L. Blatt Distinguished Speakers Series. Award-winning writer and composer, James McBride, author of *The Color of Water*, will appear at the college on Tuesday, Nov. 15, for a lecture and jazz performance.

Two Borgata employees who serve on ACCC boards assisted in securing the gift, in response to a grant proposal written by **Dr. Agnes Armao**, vice president of academic affairs. They are Foundation member **Karen Brundage-Johnson**, director of talent relations management/diversity and ACCC trustee and Minority Affairs committee member **Eric Reynolds**, vice president of development.

Free tickets for the event will be available in September.

## **Paralegal Studies Open Houses Aug. 2-4**

Office systems technology and paralegal studies will hold open houses at the college's three locations Aug. 2-4, for students interested in learning more about office or paralegal careers. Open houses are scheduled from 5:30-7 p.m., at the following locations:

- Tuesday, Aug. 2, at the Charles D. Worthington Atlantic City Center, room 297
- Wednesday, Aug. 3, at the main campus, B-132
- Thursday, Aug. 4, at the Cape May County Extension Center, room 2

For more information about the paralegal studies program, call **Marilyn Malerba Keiner**, ext. 4941. For more information on the OSTM program, contact **JoAnne Barbieri**, ext. 4988.

## **K Roofing Nearly Complete; J Building Started**

Metal coping is being installed for the roof in K building, which completes that project. Replacement for J building has begun and should be completed Aug. 26.

# CONTINUING EDUCATION NEWS

By Sherwood Taylor

## Macao Delegation Returns for Training

**Carol Drea and Esther Gandica** report the group from Macao Polytechnic Institute has arrived. The 12 will take part in a month-long training program at the Worthington Atlantic City Center, in cage cashiering, surveillance, blackjack, roulette, baccarat, slots, PaiGow Tiles, PaiGow Poker and auditing. They graduate Aug. 5.



*Macao group enrolled in cage cashiering program.*



*Macao group enrolled in surveillance training.*

## Final CE Staff Meeting with Dr. Mora

On June 23 the Continuing Education staff gathered for a final staff meeting with **Dr. Mora** as their VP of CE, before he moved to the presidential suite. **Pat Owens, Dr. May** and Dr. Mora addressed the CE team during the meeting. **Karen Morelli, Jean McAlister, Carol Drea** and **Josie Chivalette** had the opportunity to thank everyone present for their hard work and dedication. The CE team presented Dr. Mora with a vase inscribed with “Access, Excellence, Stewardship” for him to display in his new office.

## The Institute for Service Excellence (ISE)

We are happy to report that the plans for the Institute of Service Excellence at Hamilton Mall are completed and are being reviewed. We can feel the excitement building as we get closer to the opening of this location. We will keep you posted as more details are available.



## HEALTH TIPS FROM THE COLLEGE NURSE

*Beginning with this issue, Sara Ryan, M.S.N., will give tips on staying healthy.*

A new PLAC blood test to determine if a person is at high risk for a stroke will be on the market soon. The PLAC test will determine if a patient has a high level of the protein lipoprotein-associated phospholipase A2 (Lp-Pla2). The test will be available through national Laboratories including Quest Diagnostics. Ask your doctor about the test.

Also in stroke prevention, doctors will be using a new score system to determine if a patient is at high risk and, depending on the results, treat patients accordingly.

When you exercise in the morning, you will burn off more fat. Exercise has proven best to prevent chronic diseases as hypertension, diabetes and cardiovascular disease. If you have a chronic disease, walking and swimming are the best exercise to ward off complications. Be sure to check with your physician before beginning an exercise program.

## HERE’S THE SCOOP

**Cheryl Knowles-Harrigan**, assistant professor, art, sends this message of gratitude to her colleagues: “I am so touched and so grateful for the outpouring of expressions of sympathy regarding the loss of my mother. I appreciate all of the cards, calls and offers to help at such a difficult time. The flowers sent by the college were such a kind gesture. I am deeply grateful and feel so fortunate to work at a place where so many care.”

Former switchboard operator **Nan Fallon** sends greetings to all. She’s relocated to central Jersey and can

be reached at: 1505 Cobblestone Court, Fleming, N.J. 08222. Her cell phone is 609-412-5295. Good luck, Nan!

Welcome back to **Anna Simmons**, college relations, who returns today from a cruise.

Get well wishes to **Linda McLeod**, admissions, who is on medical leave. We miss you, Linda!

**Virgil Yray**, facilities management, sends a note of thanks to ACCCers for the cards, calls, flowers and prayers on the loss of his beloved father. "I'm forever grateful," he wrote.

Welcome back to **Donna McArthur**, business services, who returned on July 7 after surgery from injuries received in a December car accident. Great to see you back, Donna!

Get well wishes to **Rose Conaghy**, Career and Academic Planning Center.

**Charlie Xu** sent this note, "I wish thank all of those people I worked with and those who supported my efforts during my time at the college. If anyone is traveling to China and would like assistance or information, please e-mail me at [xuxcharlie@yahoo.com](mailto:xuxcharlie@yahoo.com)."

Deepest sympathy to **Judy Niewender** on the passing of her mother, Evelyn Fabian, of Mays Landing. She was 88. Services are private.

Farewell to **Julie Gonzalez**, facilities management, who resigned to be a full-time mom to her two toddlers, Olivia and Leo. She served ACCC 19 years.



**Dr. Agnes Armao**, vice president, academics, enjoyed a visit from her grandson, Nico, and son and daughter-in-law, Drew and Stephanie, last week.

*At left, Nico Armao, Agnes' grandson.*

Happy birthday to: **Renee DeAngelo, Maryann McCall, Benjamin Ward**, July 21; **Debbie Ciarrocki**, July 22; **Cheryl Knowles-Harrigan, Anita Polanco**, July 23; **Becky Snyder, 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 Welsler**, July 31; **Eric Stewart**, Aug. 5; **Susan DePhilippis, Horace Ross**, Aug. 9; **Myrna Morales-Keklak**, Aug. 12; **Michelle Bevan**, Aug. 13; **Rita Michalenko**, Aug. 16.

Adjunct birthdays: **Christine Bailey, Chris Svec**, July 22; **Tara Constantini**, July 23; **Craig Gras**, July 24; **Walt Bernacki**, July 25; **James Travis, Cathy Simione**, July 26; **Linda Daniele**, July 29; **Michael Bolicki**, July 30; **Joseph Barrett**, Aug. 2; **Regina Banner**, Aug. 3; **Kate Brooks**, Aug. 4; **Lawrence Ponzek, Benjamin Rau, Martin Coppola**, Aug. 5; **Vivian Morrissey**, Aug. 6; **Edmund Peckiconis, Matthew Thoren**, Aug. 7; **Steve Loper, Kate Marin**, Aug. 13; **Peter Nahaczewski**, Aug. 14; **Diane Holtzman, Damon Smith, Ronald Franceschini**, Aug. 15; **Carol Plum-Ucci**, Aug. 16.

## NEWS FROM ACCC'S EXTENSION CENTERS

### Greetings from Charles D. Worthington Atlantic City Center

By **Brittany Williams**

Administrative services staff recently had their annual retreat. The session focused on the Art of Handling Change. Led by Dr. Gayle Porter, the group worked on teambuilding exercises. To see their finished product, visit Desiree's desk in room 134...there's a model wagon there assembled by the 134 staff.

Kids College has started! Woohoo! Small, carbon-based lifeforms, aka children, have invaded the ACCC campus and are having a great time. Seats remain in such classes as *International Cooking*, *Reading and Rhyming with Dr. Seuss*, *Spanish*, *Scrapbooking* and *Candymaking*. Call **Jeff Wenzel**, ext. 4829, for info. Farewell to **Dr. Mora** who left City Center to move to the President's Office in J Building at Mays Landing. **Serena Palmer**, security, commented, "I know we'll all miss having him here. He was really kind and helpful to the students, staff and faculty."



**Daymis Alicea** was recently surprised with a baby shower. Di and fellow staff members assembled for a festive party that included games, gifts, and health foods. Di delivered a baby girl on July 19. Dayani Lee Alicea arrived weighing 9 lbs., 1 oz. She joins two big brothers. Proud aunt is **Danays Alvarado**, ACA.

*At left, Daymis Alicea at her surprise baby shower.*

**Sherwood Taylor** relocated to J building as a member of the college relations department. His extension is now 5689. Sherwood, too, will be missed, but he knows that already.

**Bobby Royal** hosted an informative and collaborative breakfast on July 20 with City Center faculty and staff. The meeting discussed Royal's vision for City Center and provided a forum for discussion on the past, present and future of City Center.

Welcome back to **Marilyn Favara** who has returned to ACCC in the Continuing Education department.

Kudos to **John Mohr** on his new title, director of student services for Atlantic City and Cape May campuses!

Welcome back to **Dr. Alice Rainey** and **Rhonda Petruzzi** who both recently returned from vacation.

**Angela Wang's** parents recently visited the US for the first time. They stayed with Angela and got to visit New York City, Washington DC, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Ventnor during their stay.

July 11 came in like a hurricane but the winds and rains began to quell by late afternoon and everyone handled the pressures of bills and cashiering with grace. Great job to the cashiers and to **Lynette Ingram**, financial aid, who handled an amazingly high number of students that day!



Congratulations to **Heather Oliver** on the newest addition to her family, Lucy. The adorable eight-week old canine, half Rottweiler/half Pitbull Terrier was rescued recently at the ASPCA in Pleasantville. Heather reminds everyone that there are plenty of adorable animals in need of a little TLC.

*The newest addition to Heather Oliver's family, Lucy.*

Just a reminder, English as a Second Language classes are being offered at the new Cape May County campus. Students should register now for seats!

**Hello from Rio Grande (but not for long!)**

**by Lisa Apel-Gendron**

They're working on the entrance and driveway to the new campus this week. It's looking soooooo good. We can't wait to move in and get started!

Get well wishes to **Faith Gager** and **Linda Hair**, each of whom tolerated a brief hospital stay recently.

Faith is expected back in September and Linda should be back any day now. A big thanks to **Kathleen Denice**, who worked at CMCEC to help us through. Admissions, placement testing, financial aid, advising, registration and business office services continue uninterrupted.

Our last credit classes at CMCEC, including Algebra II, Art Appreciation, Western Civilization II, Intro to Computers, General Psychology and Public Speaking, are well underway, but don't assume all classes are taught in classrooms! Art adjunct **Cheryl Crews** took her class on a field trip July 7 to visit the studio of late sculptor Gerald Lynch, located in Villas, not far from Rio Grande. **Dr. Tom Chelius**, who observed the class, thoroughly enjoyed the trip.

History adjunct **Helen McCaffrey** was reappointed in June to the Cape May County Advisory Commission on the Status of Women, for a three-year term. Helen, an attorney, has some happy academic news to report as well. One of her daughters, Catherine Woods, graduated from Temple Law School in May and was class speaker. Another daughter, Julia Jackson, will begin Rutgers Law School in August. Catherine and Julia join older brother Andrew Jackson in the field of law. Andrew graduated from Stanford Law School in 1999.

Professors **JoAnne Barbieri** and **Marilyn Keiner** will host an open house for office systems technology and paralegal studies Thursday, Aug. 4, 5:30-7 p.m., at CMCEC, room 4. No appointment is needed; prospective students are encouraged to drop in.

Thanks to all the CMCEC faculty and staff, many of whom work for us part time, for volunteering to staff the ACCC booth at the Cape May County 4-H Fair, July 21-23. Great team spirit, everyone! Enjoy the weekend.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**Dr. Agnes Armao**, vice president, academics, was named to the Academic Assembly Council of the College Board.

A recipe created by **Connie LaMonaca**, ACA, and tweaked and submitted to the Red, White and Blueberry Festival recipe contest by **Danays Alvarado**, ACA, won third place. The recipe appears below:

### Crispy Blueberry Delight

1/4 cup butter, softened	1 tablespoon sugar
1 cup Rice Krispies cereal	1 teaspoon cornstarch
1 cup dark brown sugar	1 container (22 ounces) Kozy Shack Original Rice Pudding
1 pint blueberries	6 small dessert size, oven-proof dishes

Preheat oven to 350. Mix butter, cereal and dark brown sugar together for crumb topping and set aside. Mix berries, sugar and cornstarch together and heat over medium heat until mixture comes to a boil. Turn off, let set and cool. Spoon blueberries equally into the six dishes. Equally divide the rice pudding among the six dishes and finish with the topping mixture. Place dishes in oven and bake for 15 minutes. Serve warm.

**Keith Forrest**, speech, wrote a commentary for the Philadelphia Inquirer titled *Doubly excited, doubly anxious* on the nervousness he and his wife feel after discovering that they are expecting twins. They have two toddler boys. He also wrote a commentary on the passing of his Aunt Bella and the erosion of the old Philadelphia.

**Guillermo Laya**, ESL/Spanish faculty, completed the Lake Lenape Triathlon on July 9.

ACCC was awarded the "education/business award" from the Greater Atlantic City Region Tourism Council for their continued support to the tourism industry in Atlantic County. ACCC provides office space and meeting space free of charge at the Worthington Atlantic City Center.

**Mary Yoa**, professor, CIS, was featured in a group photo on the cover of the Friends of the Ocean City Pops, Inc., newsletter. Mary served on the organization's ninth annual opening night gala fundraising dinner last month.

### **ACCC Names Two to Foundation Board**

ACCC added two members to its Foundation Board, **Karen Brundage-Johnson** of Egg Harbor Township and **Robert Mullock** of Cape May Point.

Brundage-Johnson is director of Talent (Employee) Relations Management at Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa. She served as human resources director of Lucent Technologies and training manager for AT&T.

Brundage-Johnson earned several degrees, including a master's degree in management from Thomas Edison University, a master's in adult education and liberal studies from Rutgers University and a bachelor's of psychology from Fairleigh Dickinson University. She is a member of the American Association of University Women, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, National Association of Insurance Women and Society for Human Resources Management.

Mullock is owner and president of Cape May National Golf Club. He was a partner at National Associates Insurance firm, president of Consolidated National Insurance and owner of the Victorian Rose Bed and Breakfast Inn in Cape May.

Mullock is a graduate of Indiana University of Pennsylvania and the Wharton School at University of Pennsylvania and completed studies for his MBA at Temple University. He served in the U.S. Army from 1971-75. He served as president of the Chamber of Commerce of Greater Cape May and chairman of the United Way of Cape May County. Mullock co-founded an orphanage in Somalia during the Somalia Civil War.

He has lived in Cape May Point for more than 25 years with his wife, Linda, and their four children.

### **ACCC Staff Members Complete Leadership Training**

Three ACCC staff members graduated from the Academy for Leadership and Development in June after completing the yearlong training: **Patricia Owens**, acting dean of Continuing Education and Resource Development; **Shirley Shields**, program coordinator of the Learning Assistance Center, and **Gina Skinner**, director of admissions and recruitment.

The Academy for Leadership and Development advances organizational leadership and provides succession planning for leaders in community and technical colleges. It was created in conjunction with the Chair Academy, a division of the Maricopa Community College District, in Mesa, Ariz.

The program includes on-site training and a practicum experience that focuses on the development and implementation of a professional development plan. Some of the topics covered include: The Complex Role of the Organizational Leader, Building Effective Work Teams, Strategic and Scenario Planning, Managing Conflict, Leading Change, and Appreciating Diversity.

### **ALUMNI**

ACA graduate **Patrick Feury**, '89, and his new restaurant, *Nectar*, were featured as a Rising Star of American Cuisine in a James Beard Foundation publication. The restaurant has been named one of Philadelphia magazine's Best New Restaurants of 2005 and the Philadelphia Inquirer's Craig LaBan pronounced it "one of the year's best."

Adjunct **Mike Bolicki** wrote an article last month about customer service at Marmora Shell, owned and operated by ACCC grad **Roland Bonner**, '90. Bonner graduated with a dual degree from ACCC in

accounting and finance and business administration. Proud mom is **Sandy Morris**, enrollment services.

## **Faculty Member Looking for Room to Rent Two Nights a Week This Fall**

**Lydia Lehr**, art, is looking for a room to rent for the fall semester two nights a week, specifically Monday and Thursday nights, to help with her long commute. “I do not need kitchen privileges, just somewhere to sleep near the college,” she said. If this arrangement could work out for anyone in the college community please e-mail or call her, [llehr@atlantic.edu](mailto:llehr@atlantic.edu) or (215) 337-9680.

## **PHOTOS FROM PERFECT ATTENDANCE AWARDS**



*At left, Cynthia Correa, Dr. Joe Rossi, Charita McClain, Wayne Cooper, Janet Brenner, Dr. John May, Dorie Keener, BettyAnn Hines, Cindy DeFalco. Below: Kathy Fritz, Dr. Joyce Grohman, Joe D’Agostino, Shirley Shields, Virginia Macrie, Dr. Josette Katz, Millie Ciruolo and Sandy Meischker.*



*Above, ITS staff: John Feldbauer, Pat Heller, Pat Sweeney, Maryann Ferrigno, Nick Ganaway and Marilou Trinh.*



*At right, Bill Keener, Al “AJ” Jayne, Mike Ferrino, Roze Nicholson, Bud Ireland, Janet DeCicco, Dominick DiPietro, Tom DiPietro, Frank Branca and Charles Metille.*



*Above, Dr. Peter Mora, Ann McClaskey, Marlene Felicetti, Carol Drea, Al Ebinger, Karen Morelli, Dr. Richard Perniciaro, Jean McAlister, Josie Chivalette, Esther Gandica and Pat Kubaska.*



*Above, Tammy DeFranco, Carmen Cabrera, Kris Grech, Judy DeSalvo and Barbara Clark.*



*At left, Finance staff: Maryann Sozio, Nancy Hand, Cathie Skinner, Mary Lou Breitzman, Leslie Atherholt, Mike Kernan.*

## ACCC IN THE NEWS

**Keith Forrest**, speech, wrote in his Cape May Herald column about ACCC student **Alicia Hargrove** and the scholarship she was recently awarded in memory of his mother, Libby Demp Forrest Moore. “My family had been searching for years for a fitting way to memorialize my mother,” he wrote. “A scholarship honoring a college student aspiring to a career in writing personifies Libby’s legacy.” Hargrove, this year’s editor of ACCC’s literary magazine, *Rewrites*, aspires to become a music journalist.

The Press published a story titled *College transfers easier, but getting more competitive*, which featured ACCC student Andres Salinas and **Electra Stulak**, counselor. Stulak gave Salinas as an example of how well college transfer programs can work for students starting at a community college. “You have to treat it like a four-year plan,” Stulak said. “Some majors have very specific requirements. But if students know what the four-year college wants and meet those requirements, they can usually transfer all of their credits,” she said.

The cover story in *Advance for Nurses* magazine was written by **MJ Burke**, director of the NJ Nurse Workforce Solution Project. The project is an ongoing collaborative comprised of New Jersey-based local government, healthcare and ACCC with a common purpose: to increase the nursing workforce in Atlantic and Cape May counties.

The Press featured photos and an article on ACCC’s new Cape May County campus on July 2.

ACCC was mentioned in a *Success New Jersey 2005* magazine article on Robert Boughner, the CEO of Borgata, *Fun, Upscale, Sensual, Energetic*. ACCC has worked with Borgata to train the unemployed and underemployed.

A story on the Cape May County campus nearing completion appeared in the Cape May County Gazette newspapers. Photos accompanied the story.

A story titled *High schoolers get a jump on college* appeared in the Star-Ledger. The story explained how more and more students are taking courses over the summer or in their spare time to get a head start on their college educations.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The calendar is updated regularly at [www.atlantic.edu/about/monthlycal.shtml](http://www.atlantic.edu/about/monthlycal.shtml).

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--**Kathy McGowan**, editor