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Atlantic Cape Community College's Information Source

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NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

Worthington Center Open on Fridays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. for Summer Months

The Worthington Atlantic City Center, room 134, will be open for business from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. every Friday through flextime to accept payments for credit and continuing education students and registrations for continuing education classes including Kids College. If you know persons who need to pay their bills or register for CE on Fridays, please send them to the Worthington Center. For more information, call Jean McAlister, ext 4801.



Pictured left to right: Pat Owens, Shirley Shields and Gina Skinner working hard at honing their leadership skills.

Three ACCCers Attend Leadership Academy

From June 13-18, **Pat Owens**, associate dean, continuing education; **Shirley Shields**, program coordinator, Learning Assistance Center; and **Gina Skinner**, assistant dean, enrollment services, attended the 2004 New Jersey Leadership Academy held at Raritan Valley Community College. They joined more than 50 colleagues from New Jersey and other states in the fourth annual Chair Academy held in this state. All three will be involved in a year-long practicum that will culminate in another week of training in June 2005 and a certificate of completion.

Please Note D Building Office Moves

There was some office shuffling earlier this month in D building. Please note new office locations:

--**Maryann Carol** D-133

--**Bob Johnson** D-151

--**Pam Baker** D-138

--**Mark Corbalis** D-154B.

--**Marge Battistelli** D-138 (receptionist area).

--**Virginia Macrie** D-152.

--D-129 will be used for tutoring.

--D-154A will be used for special needs testing. Their telephone extensions remain the same.

Employees Honored for Perfect Attendance

One hundred three ACCC employees were honored at a perfect attendance breakfast on June 22 in the Mays Landing main campus cafeteria. See photos on pages 11 and 12.

Buildings Closed Friday for Electrostatic Painting of Lockers

Buildings M, A, B1 & B2 are closed Friday, June 25, while the lockers are electrostatically painted. Work is scheduled to begin at about 8:30 a.m. No one will be allowed to enter these buildings.

ACA Introduces Baking/Pastry Degree Program

Future pastry chefs, wedding cake designers and creators of all confections can now earn a degree in baking and pastry from the Academy of Culinary Arts at ACCC. The Academy will introduce the associate in applied science degree option this fall with several new courses designed specifically for advanced training in baking and pastry. For more information, call **Paulett Strand**, ACA recruiter, ext. 5642.

Attention Golfers! Save Friday, Oct. 15 for Scholarship Golf Tourney

Cape May National Golf Club will partner with ACCC's Foundation to hold a golf tournament Friday, Oct. 15, to raise scholarship money for ACCC students who are Cape May County residents. The event will be co-chaired by **James Cooper**, ACCC Foundation Board president emeritus, and **Charles Pessagno**, ACCC Board of Trustees member and Foundation Board liaison.

Beginning with a shotgun-start at noon, the day's events will culminate with a dinner and awards ceremony. Prizes will include a set of clubs, gift certificates to area restaurants, hotel accommodations, a trip to Ocean City, Md., and cash prizes for Closest to the Pin, Longest Drives, and Holes-in-One. Sponsorship opportunities ranging from \$500 to \$2,500 are available. Player fees, which include the awards banquet immediately following the tournament, are \$125 per person. For sponsorship or player information, call Allison at (609) 884-1563 or the ACCC Foundation office at (609) 343-4901.

ACCC Enrolls First School Counts Graduates

ACCC enrolled the first local graduates of the statewide *School Counts!* program, which encourages students to demonstrate workforce readiness by meeting grading and attendance requirements. Graduates from Absegami and Buena high schools who have earned *School Counts!* certificates will begin ACCC classes this fall.

Cape May County Chamber of Commerce recently awarded three \$500 *School Counts!* Scholarships. Honorees include Keith Richartz, CMCTHS, Joseph Mastalski, Lower Cape May Regional, and Amanda Melendez, Wildwood HS.

The *School Counts!* program is open to Atlantic and Cape May county area high school students. Students must maintain good grades and exceptional attendance and punctuality records to earn a *School Counts!* certificate. To reward *School Counts!* certificate holders, ACCC will waive the students' application fee, host a special orientation for them this summer and invite the students to participate in the peer mentor leadership program. For more information on *School Counts!*, contact the program coordinator, **Kathy Simione**, ext. 5659.

HERE'S THE SCOOP

by **Joe Rossi**

Deepest sympathy to **Sandi Welsler**, ITS, on the death of her cousin, Adam Lansing, 18, who died from a brain tumor on June 1.

We wish a fond farewell to **Charilyndra McIntosh** who departs Testing on June 30 for a position with the Atlantic Cape May Workforce Investment Board (WIB).

Congratulations to **Julie Gonzalez** on the birth of her son, Leocadio Davis Gonzalez, who arrived two months early on June 9 at 2:21 p.m. He arrived weighing 2 lbs., 12 oz. and will stay in the hospital until he grows a little more. Julie says all is fine.

We recently heard from former counselor **Tobi Oves** who's at home in Ocean City with toddler, Brett.

Tobi spent the spring volunteering as girls lacrosse coach at Ocean City High School. Tobi said Brett was “the smallest mascot” the team ever had. She can be reached at Tobigiles@aol.com.

Welcome aboard to: **Michael Cuci**, part-time grounds; **Rita Jeannette Heacock**, part-time library assistant; **Myriam Quinones Ortiz**, housekeeping; **Carol Nicaastro Kuehnert**, program coordinator; **Heather Boone**, assistant professor, social science; **Susan Sacchetti**, library specialist; **Ken Selwood**, grounds; **Norman Gray**, grounds; **Louis Monroe Jr.**, part-time computer repair technician, ITS; and **Lois Adcock**, nursing skills lab & clinical placement manager



Congratulations to **Rich Gibbons**, assistant professor of history, and his wife, Jenalyn, on the birth of their first child, Brendan Nguyen Gibbons, on May 28. He arrived weighing 5 lbs., 14 oz. Proud dad says they are all doing well.

Congratulations to proud grandpa, **Yechiel Lehavy**, professor of anthropology, on the birth of twin grandchildren, Koby and Juliette. They were born in Hong Kong to son, Nadav, a financial consultant, and his wife, Lisa, a photography editor for Time/Life.

Brendan Nguyen Gibbons

Joyce Grohman, dean of instruction, and her husband, **Dennis**, senior adjunct, are pleased to announce the arrival of their first grandchild, Madison Eloise. She arrived at 4:06 p.m., May 13, weighing 5 lbs., 14 oz. and measuring 20 inches. Proud parents are Michael Grohman, ('92, '97) and his wife, Mari-Len ('92).

Congratulations to **Pam Bigelow-O'Neill**, PTA program, on the birth of her son, Jason Patrick, born May 30, weighing 8 lbs., 8 oz., and measuring 21 3/4 inches.

Congratulations to **Ben Ward**, facilities management, who bench pressed more than 500 lbs. to win two trophies at a June 5 competition.

Welcome back to **Penny Wells**, chemical compliance officer, who returned after a brief hospital stay.

Get well wishes to **Judy Niewender**, business services, who is recovering from knee surgery.

Happy to see **Marion Caccavale**, accounts payable, back after a short hospital stay.

The Rev. Jeff Burton, college chaplain, will be honored for 50 years as a Jesuit on Sunday, Aug. 1. The celebration will begin with a mass at 3 p.m. at Church of the Assumption in Pomona, followed by a 5 p.m. cocktail reception and 6 p.m. dinner at Ram's Head Inn. Cost of the dinner is \$60. A portion of the proceeds will be used to build a shrine to Blessed Mother Theresa of Calcutta. Please respond to **Aline Bennett**, student activities, if you'd like to attend.

Deepest sympathy to **Paul Schwenger**, retired ACCC mail carrier and central stores clerk, on the death of his wife, Rita, on June 3. She was 78. Mrs. Schwenger was born, raised and lived her life in Egg Harbor City. Memorial contributions may be sent to St. Nicholas School, 526 Chicago Ave., Egg Harbor City, N.J. 08215.

Birthdays: **Angel Eguaras**, June 25; **John Feldbauer**, June 27; **Linda Dolan**, **Trent Jones**, June 30; **Klaus Muller**, July 1; **Jose Santiago**, June 2; **Agnes Armao**, July 3; **Marsha Patrick**, **Dennis Price**, July 4; **Heather Peterson**, **Bobby Royal**, July 6; **Doug Hedges**, **Louise Kaplan**, July 8; **Carlo Canale**, **Janet DeCicco**, July 9; **Angus Borders**, **Ellen Gregory**, **Melissa Moy**, **Roze Nicholson**, July 10; **Denise Coulter**, July 13; **Lisa Givens**, July 14; **Sean Gallagher**, July 15; **Suanne Bernacki**, July 16;

Daniel Matt, July 17; **Linda DeSantis**, **Donna Leeds**, July 18; **George Dailey**, July 19; **Mark Camma**, July 20; **Renee DeAngelo**, **Maryann McCall**, **Benjamin Ward**, July 21; **Debbie Ciarrocki**, July 22.

Adjunct birthdays: **Helen McCaffrey**, June 25; **Matthew Bailey**, **Wayne Richter**, **Michael Christian**, June 27; **Michael Kolitsky**, **Susan Lindsay**, July 2; **Lucille Jacobsen**, July 3; **Donna McElroy**, July 6; **Karen Sederholm**, July 9; **Frank Basile**, July 12; **Patti Harris**, July 15; **Roxanne Brennan**, **John Leach**, July 17; **Delores Doherty**, July 19; **Christine Bailey**, **Chris Svec**, July 22.

NEWS FROM ACCC'S EXTENSION CENTERS

Greetings from Charles D. Worthington Atlantic City Center

by **Brittany A. Williams**

The month was a busy one at City Center.



MJ Burke, far left, and Pat Owens, right, pose with Senator Akaka (HI) at the Project Connect Workshop in Washington, DC.

Associate Dean **Pat Owens** recently traveled to New York City where she presented two seminars at the New York Union Conference titled “Working with Higher Education” and “Strategies for Serving Limited English Proficient Workers.” Owens also spent a week in Basking Ridge at the NJ Leadership Academy with the NJ Council of County Colleges leadership program.

Kailin Hackney, Conference and Meeting Services, thanks **Tommy Giardina**, the CCI staff and security personnel for all of their work recently while the college hosted the Millennium Interactive Group. “It was a success thanks to the way we all worked together,” Hackney said. In addition, Hackney is pleased to report the return of the Center for Non-Profits Organization. CNP will be holding Strategic Planning

Workshops at City Center in the coming months.

Pat Owens and **MJ Burke** recently traveled to Washington D.C. The Nursing Workforce Solution Project was selected to participate in the Project Connect Workshop. The three-day workshop was designed to promote the Robert Wood Johnson Grant and New Jersey Health Initiative. Owens and Burke worked intensively with a three-day personal coach along side staff members from the offices of NJ Congressman Frank A. LoBiondo and Senator Frank Lautenberg.

Burke and **Brenda Douglass** are also busy launching the “I Care About Nursing” program. Douglass is busy soliciting area nurse volunteers to participate in the program which will bring creative and entertaining nursing information to children at local summer camps.

If you are looking for cashier **Dharmesh Dave** and he isn't in Administrative Services, you can find him in the Finance department. Dave will be dividing his hours between the two offices in the coming weeks and will be working alongside **Mike Wozniak**.

Ann McClaskey is happy to announce to the engagement of her daughter, Yvonne McClaskey to Hank Foster. The couple is planning an October 31, 2005 wedding in New Jersey. They will reside in DeBarry, Fla.

Proud mom, **Marlene Felicetti** is also happy to share the news that her daughter, **Christine Schmid**, a

sophomore at the Academy of Culinary Arts, is carrying out her pastry internship at Sails Restaurant in Somers Point. Schmid also made the President's List.



Tommy Giardina congratulates Christian Munteanu on his completion of CCI's Slot Technician program.

CCI congratulates **Christian Munteanu**, an M-1 visa student from Romania, who waited three years to obtain his visa from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. Once approved, he enrolled in ACCC's slot technician program. Munteanu has already been hired by Norwegian Cruise Lines and will begin his career as a slot technician in the coming months.

Steven Miron and **Sherwood Taylor**, continuing ed, are grinning about how well Kids College registration is going for the summer season. "Registration is already up from last year and we have distributed over 900 brochures already," Taylor commented. Taylor was recently joined by **Judy Allen**, **Rachel Wettstein** and **Brittany**

Williams at the first Day at the Bay Festival in Somers Point. The foursome spent the day drumming up business and interest in the college's myriad programs.

In light of recent state mandates, attending a Boating Safety class will become a requirement for all NJ craft owners, according to **Steve Miron**. Boating safety classes have been offered throughout the summer and will start again on June 30. For more info, call ext. 4829.

Welcome aboard to **Lauren Coyle** who joined ACCC as an evening cashier. She recently graduated from Stockton, earning a BA in Literature. She is an avid singer and dancer and is also an active participant in the Society for Creative Anachronism. Coyle can be reached at ext. 4803.

A recent article covering the Atlantic City Rolling Chair Parade in The Press of Atlantic City quoted **Josie Chivalette**, admin services. Despite inclement weather for the parade, Josie's spirits were high. The Press reported that strong winds made it particularly difficult to push the chairs. "While some riders zipped up the plastic around their chairs and sat quietly looking out onto the ocean, protected from the wind and rain, others tried to work the crowd. "Hello there, how are you today?," Josie yelled from her chair to people eating pizza at a picnic table and watching the parade pass by. "We like being the official greeters," Chivalette said while rolling along and throwing candy. "I'm having a ball."

In other community news, **Carol Drea** and **Brittany Williams** were recently pictured in the Cape May publication, "Exit Zero." Their photos were taken at a 1950s-style Rockin' Dance Party benefit to raise money for the Cape May Stage's 2004-05 theater season.



Kuan Sin Kin and Ho Man Hau from Macao Polytechnic completed slot training from Tommy Giardina as part of their program at CCI.

City Center staff congratulates two students from the Macao Polytechnic Institute on their CCI graduation! **Kuan Sin Kin** and **Ho Man Hou** were the 23rd and 24th CCI graduates from MPI. To date, 20 dealer students and four slot technician students have graduated. The ceremony included welcoming remarks by **President John May**, congratulatory remarks by **Dr. Peter Mora**, interim vice president for continuing education and Cape May, plaque presentations by **Bobby Royal**, executive assistant to the president, certificates of completion by **Karen Morelli**, continuing education, and train the trainer certificates by **Tommy Giardina**, CCI instructor.



Tommy Giardina, ACCC Slot Instructor, left, was awarded the 2004 Award of Appreciation for Training to Law Enforcement by the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario.

Slot instructor **Tommy Giardina** was recently honored by the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario for providing the Ontario Provincial Police with a three-week intensive and condensed Slot Training class. OPP Detective Sergeants Marty Kerr and S.J. Camp recognized Giardina for providing exemplary training to law enforcement for the year 2004.

From Canada to Jamaica, ACCC is everywhere. The newspaper, “*The Jamaican Observer*” recently reported that the country’s Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Commission will send two of its employees to ACCC for technical training in gaming operations. The two students will arrive on July 6 to attend slot tech classes and will participate in Adult Learning Strategies, Train the Trainer and Customer Service instruction.

“The casino debate (in Jamaica) has raged on and off for more than two decades with private sector groups and tourism interests lobbying for its introduction to boost the tourism product, while the Jamaica Council of Churches has led a strong opposition to its introduction,” the Observer noted.

While no governmental decision has been made in Jamaica as to whether to allow casinos, the BGLC is getting an optimistic head start. Months ago, Giardina traveled to Kingston where he provided training to the BGLC. Consequently, the BGLC then chose ACCC for their training and adopted many of the NJ regulations and gaming laws.

Carol Drea is thrilled to announce that ACCC was recently awarded a \$400,100 Literacy Grant from the NJ Department of Labor to provide, via customized training, instruction in English as a Second Language, computer literacy, work readiness, communication and math skills for 288 people.

A fond farewell to **Maria Benavides**, student services, who is relocating to Naples, Fla., with her husband and two children, where they are building a new home. Maria started her career at ACCC as a transfer student in fall 2000 and soon became valuable to the ESL department as an assistant advisor. As she pursued her studies, Maria’s skills were nabbed by the Student Services office where she has worked for the last few years. During her time at ACCC, Maria graduated with honors from ACCC with degrees in Psychology and Education. Maria will continue her college education at a school in Miami and she hopes to eventually work full time as an academic advisor in higher education.

Marion Pool encourages all to get involved in the upcoming events to celebrate Atlantic City’s 150th birthday. Events include Surf baseball games, summer beach Olympics, beach parties, concerts on the beach, films, lectures, ethnic dance performances, art exhibits, craft shows and more. On Saturday, July 17, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., a Quality of Life Festival featuring a Health & Job Expo will be held at the Atlantic City Convention Center. The event is free and open to the public and includes a job fair, health screenings, box lunch and entertainment (including R&B star Glen Lewis). It is sponsored by: City of Atlantic City Department of Health & Human Services and Human Services Partners. For more information, call 609-347-5404 or 609-347-6463. For more information and updates on the Atlantic City 150th Birthday Celebration, please visit the City of Atlantic City Web site at: <http://www.cityofatlanticcity.org/calendar3.htm>

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 smiling because the state has suspended road construction in Rio Grande until after Labor Day. No more digging, paving, lane closures, cement barriers, orange barrels, new traffic lights or closed streets during the summer. That's great news for everyone who needs to access CMCEC!

Melissa Moy, Faith Gager and **Linda Hair** are taking no time off from their studies. Each employee is taking summer courses online or at CMCEC. You go, ladies!

Maryann McCall pulled a Maslow out of her hat recently. When an adjunct faculty member needed a transparency of Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs, Maryann not only knew how to help her, but instantly pulled the needed item out of a series of transparencies sitting on her desk. Now *that's* good service!

July 22 is the Office Technology Careers Open House at CMCEC, so please pass the word. From 5-7 p.m. **JoAnne Barbieri** will be here to speak with employers and local residents interested in upgrading their office technology skills.

Barbara Clark is faithfully visiting CMCEC on the first and third Wednesdays of each month to serve Cape May County students wishing to transfer credits to ACCC. Our students truly appreciate the service, Barb. And we won't tell anyone about the little microwave incident!

Please remember that courier service to CMCEC is twice a week: Mondays and Wednesdays. If you have questions about getting mail or packages to CMCEC, please talk with **John Torcasio** in Receiving. John is our trusty courier.

Have a sunny weekend!

Construction of the Cape May County Campus



Steel is going up for the north wing lecture hall.



Steel construction of the south wing

Construction is about 20 percent complete for the Cape May County campus.

ACCC IN THE NEWS

An op-ed story written by **Kathy Corbalis**, college relations, appeared in the Philadelphia Inquirer on May 27, the day of ACCC's graduation. The piece, titled *Hopes Spring from County Campuses*, talked about community colleges being the flexible workhorse of the nation's higher-education system, providing hope and opportunity to millions of Americans through affordable, high-quality education close to home. The story gave some examples of ACCC's success stories and the pride felt on graduation day.

ACCC's three-level wine education course was mentioned in the Press of Atlantic City.

Several newspapers published a release about Certified Master Chef Edward G. Leonard speaking at the ACA's graduation, including the Herald Times, the Mainland Journal, the Atlantic City Record, the Hammonton News, and the Egg Harbor News.

The Press of Atlantic City published the names of the ACA's May graduates as well as a photo of the new chefs.

A press release about the new scholarship honoring the late **Ruth L. Williams**, former executive director of human resources, was included in the Press of Atlantic City.

An article in the Courier-Post mentioned ACCC's role in the apprenticeship program sponsored by the Local 54 Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees union. The program involved 4,000 hours of training in the kitchen and 288 hours of classroom instruction at ACCC. Competition for the 50 apprenticeships at Atlantic City casinos is fierce.

An article in the Cape May Herald newspapers titled *Local Campus—It's in Concrete* gave an update on the construction of the Cape May County campus.

The Press and several area weekly newspapers ran stories on ACCC's commencement.

The Press ran a feature story on Prof. **Don Hurff's** retirement from teaching. He was one of the first faculty members of the college and retired after 38 years.

Photos of the Nurses Pinning Ceremony held on May 27 appeared in The Press.

A feature story on ACCC graduates **Ann Erik** of Estonia and **Jyette Mann** of Denmark, both residing in Galloway, appeared in the Current newspapers.

A story in The Press titled *Despite law, at least one child left behind*, mentioned ACCC's Second Chance program which lets students take college courses while working toward the HSPA or earning a GED diploma.

A feature story in the Asbury Park Press titled *Tasty class teaches healthy eating: Chef works with kids from 8 schools* highlighted a Kids Culinary Workshop taught by ACA Chef Educator **Phil Cragg**.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Travel Photography: Evocative Images of the Past, a fine art black and white photography exhibit by **Tom Chelius**, retired ACCC faculty, is featured at the Great Bay Gallery, 829 Bay Ave, Somers Point. An opening reception will be held Friday, June 25, 5-8 p.m. The exhibit will be on display through July 17. You can e-mail Tom at tomchelius4538@aol.com.

Dorie Keener, business services, earned recertification as a Registered Public Purchasing Specialist.

A Washington, D.C.,-area chef who traveled to the ACA in May to take an American Culinary Federation practical certification exam e-mailed **Chef Klaus Muller**, dean, to praise the ACA's facilities and staff. Chef Butler wrote: "You have a wonderful facility and a great staff. I look forward to returning there for not only practical but for any other events you may have."

Chef Klaus Muller, dean of the ACA, and **Chef Kelly McClay**, assistant director, served as judges at the Dishes for Wishes event to raise funds for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of New Jersey.

Several ACA faculty members participated in a NJ Skills USA VICA competition in May, including chef educators **Bill Bailey**, **Phil Cragg**, **Daniel Matt**, **George Richert**, **Vincent Tedeschi**, **Jim Usilton** and **Terry Kirkland**.

Four ACA students traveled with Chef Ron Ross, executive chef at the Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa, to cook a special dinner at the James Beard House on April 30. Students included **Alyssa Tripler**, **Robert Gray**, **Greg Matty** and **Jacqueline Stoughton**. The students were commended for their "fantastic enthusiasm" and help with the dinner. Great job!

Dr. Peter L. Mora, interim vice-president for Cape May and continuing education, testified at the Cape May County Park System master plan meeting on June 3, in Cape May City in support of the master plan for the county park system. The discussion also focused on possible programmatic relationships between ACCC and the Cape May County Park and Zoo facility.

Two members of ACCC's archery team were named to the 2004 USA Archery All-Academic Team by the National Archery Association. Tomas Wartownik and Noah Patterson were named number one and number six, respectively, in Men's Recurve in the college division. Applicants must have finished in the top 25 percent of their division in the U.S. Indoor competition, have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better, a current NAA Cub Membership, individual membership in the NAA and meet college division eligibility requirements. **Dr. Helen Bolnick**, head coach, said, "We are so proud of these young men. They work hard in their studies as well as in archery."

Dr. Richard Perniciaro, associate dean, Center for Regional and Business Research, was elected to the board of directors of Kessler Memorial Hospital recently.

Angus Borders, print shop, is proud that he successfully built his first computer, an AMD Athlon CPU with 1.3 GHz. The PC has a 20 GB hard drive, with a 128 MB video card, 256 MB RAM, 56X CD-ROM and has two front and four rear USB ports. Congratulations!

ALUMNI

The Press of Atlantic City printed the accomplishments of **Leslie Bender** '83 ACA, **Elaine Geri** '91 ACA, and **Michael Ferguson** '04 ACA. They were honored by the American Culinary Federation Professional Chef's Association of South Jersey.

A photo of **Michael Schlow** '87 ACA appeared in Nation's Restaurant News recently. The photo of Schlow, chef-owner of Radius, Via Mata and Great Bay in Boston, was taken at the 14th annual James Beard Awards.

Chef **Marvin Woods** '84 ACA was featured in a Miami Herald article detailing the opening of his new restaurant MWoods in North Miami. The article mentioned Marvin's training at the ACA. Marvin is credited with introducing the Miami area to Low Country cuisine. He was also featured on The Early Show's Chef on a Shoestring.

ACA alumni **Michael Ferguson** '04 and **George Read** '04 passed the American Culinary Federation practical exam and are now certified culinarians.

ACA Graduate and part-time instructor **Michael Williams** was the subject of a feature story in the Culinary Press, the monthly newsletter for the American Culinary Federation Professional Chefs Association of South Jersey. Michael said teaching is "very gratifying. I always enjoy giving back to the students and seeing the results through their success." He is specialty chef at the Steakhouse at Harrah's Casino and is consulting chef for the Honorable Air Force I and II presidential air missions.

1986 ACA graduate Sam Giumarello's 150-seat upscale Italian restaurant Giumarello's, in Westmont, was selected as a recipient of the coveted and prestigious International Five Star Dining Award, for excellence in fine dining. The honor was bestowed by the American Academy of Hospitality Sciences, an international award program that honors establishments for excellence in global travel and luxury services sector.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Editor's note: The *Atlantic Cape CommuniCator* is available online at www.atlantic.edu/~mcgowan/communicator/news.pdf

ACCC Energy Star Partner; Note These Energy-saving Tips

As an ENERGY STAR partner, ACCC is sharing tips from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on how you can make your home more energy efficient. Few people realize the average home can cause more greenhouse gas emissions than the average car, so the EPA is calling on Americans to protect the environment by taking these five steps in their homes:

1. Replace your five most frequently used lights or the bulbs in them with ones that have the ENERGY STAR label from EPA.
2. Look for ENERGY STAR labeled products, which are available in more than 40 product categories, including lighting and home appliances.
3. Have your heating and cooling equipment serviced annually and to replace air filters regularly.
4. Seal air leaks, add insulation and choose ENERGY STAR labeled windows.
5. Spread the word that energy efficiency is good for your home and good for our environment.

EPA introduced ENERGY Star in 1992 as a voluntary, market-based partnership to reduce air pollution by giving consumers simple energy-efficient choices. ACCC is one of 9,000 organizations that have become ENERGY STAR partners and are committed to improving the energy efficiency of products, homes and businesses. For more info, call 1-888-STAR-YES or visit www.energystar.gov.

Perfect Attendance Awards



Charita McClain, Dr. Joe Rossi and Sara Ryan, human resources.



Gretchen Harris, Darick Garrison, Paula Davis, student services.



BettyAnn Inloes Hines, board secretary; and Dr. John May.



Above: Dorie Keener and Mike Metille, business services.



Continuing education and training: Dr. Peter Mora, Karen Morelli, Rachel Wettstein, Carol Drea, Jo-Ann Volpe and Linda Dolan.

Below: Accounting office: Leslie Atherholt, Nancy Hand, Mary Lou Breitzman, Crista Golden, Gail Mischlich, Kathy Landau.



Administration: Kathy Corbalis and Janet Brenner



Academics, front row: Dr. Agnes Armao, Dr. Josette Katz, Millie Ciraolo, Dr. Dottie Dunayer. Center row: Virginia Macrie, Becky Snyder, Paula Demarest, Taffy Peterson, Shirley Shields, Connie LaMonaca, Sandy Meischker, Maryann McCall. Back row: Bob Johnson, Joe D'Agostino, Michelle Bevan, Mark Corbalis, Jack Hufty.



Student Services: Gina Skinner, Carmen Cabrera, Tammy DeFranco, Liriana Samuel, Valerie Weller, Barbara Clark, Renee DeAngelo.



Security: Charles Mettelle, Bill Keener; Facilities Management staff: Mike Ferrigno, Bud Ireland, Tom DiPietro, Janet DeCicco, Domenick DiPietro, Frank Branca, Phil DeCicco, Mark Streckenbein and Mike McHale.



Information Technology staff: Nick Ganaway, Pat Heller, Maryann Ferrigno, Marilou Trinh, Moe Nagrod and John Feldbauer.

Those not pictured achieving perfect attendance included Lisa Apel-Gendron, Robert Benner, Debbie Ciarrocki, Thomas Clark, Richard Collins, Cynthia Correa, Diane Damask, Al Ebinger, Ellen Gregory, Joyce Grohman, Doug Hedges, Rob Lyons, Eric Mayo, Jean McAlister, Norman McKiver, Roze Nicholson, Don Nigsch, Denise O'Connor, Rich Perniciaro, Nicasio Rabino, Anthony Ranere, Rafael Rivera, Tom Roesch, Horace Ross, Mike Sargente, Max Slusher, William Smith, Pat Sweeney, John Torcasio, Howard Webb and Michael Wozniak.

--Kathy McGowan, editor