

# ATLANTIC CAPE COMMUNICATOR

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## NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

### **Christina Cavage Named Lindback Award Winner**

**Christina Cavage**, Associate Professor, English as a Second Language, received the Lindback Teaching Excellence Award at the May 29 commencement. ACCC awards the Lindback to strong teachers who have contributed significantly to the education of the students; a person who is a role model, who stands out, whose accessibility to students, high standards, openness to new ideas and new ways of teaching serve as an example for others in the scholarly community. The college honors one faculty member with the award at commencement each spring.



### **Mohammad Islam Wins Adjunct Teaching Excellence Award**

**Mohammad Islam** received the Adjunct Teaching Excellence Award, at the May 29 commencement. Islam, who is originally from Bangladesh, has been in the U.S. for 12 years. A graduate of ACCC, the distinguished Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and Richard Stockton College, where he earned an MBA, Islam is now working on a second master's in education at Stockton. In addition to his math position at ACCC, he teaches eighth grade English at the Uptown School Complex in Atlantic City.



### **Missed Best Practices Conference? Summaries Available for Download**

Did you miss the 2008 New Jersey Council of County College's Best Practices Conference? Summaries are now available to download at [www.njccc.org](http://www.njccc.org).

### **Myrna Morales-Keklak Named Faculty Member of the Year**

**Myrna Morales-Keklak**, Assistant Professor of Nursing, was voted by ACCC students as 2007-2008 Faculty Member of the Year.



Keklak joined the college on Sept. 4, 2001, after serving as a Medical-Surgical Clinical Educator for Kimball Medical Center of Lakewood, Education Department Instructor and Staff Nurse at Elizabeth General Medical Center and Coordinator of the Nursing Academic Support Center at Kean University.

Keklak was a Clinical Nursing Instructor for Atlantic County Technical School (now Atlantic County Institute of Technology) and Union County College after being employed as a Staff Nurse at Monmouth, John F. Kennedy (Edison) and Riverview (Red Bank) medical centers.

The Toms River resident earned her MSN from Seton Hall and a BSN from Kean. She was awarded an associate degree in nursing from Brookdale Community College.

She is a member of the ACCC Academic Standards Committee.

Her memberships include the National Association of Hispanic Nurses, American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, American Association of Critical Care Nurses and the Society for Healthcare Education and Training of New Jersey. (--JR)

### **199 ACCC Students Receive \$159,300 in Scholarships**

One hundred ninety-nine students were awarded 111 scholarships totaling \$159,300 at ACCC's 41st Annual Scholarship and Awards Ceremony on May 21. For the first time, the event was an awards ceremony in Walter Edge Theater on the Mays Landing Campus, instead of as a banquet. Congratulations to the scholarship and awards recipients and thanks to the donors for their generosity!

### **Disability Support Services to Hold Workshops**

The Disability Support Services department of ACCC will host hands-on ADA demonstrations. Take a few minutes to stop by to see the new equipment:

- 11 a.m.-4 p.m. on Wednesday, June 25, Mays Landing Campus
- 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday, June 26, WACC
- 2-6 p.m. Thursday, June 26, CMCC

The demos will give ACCC students, faculty and staff the opportunity to learn about the assistive technology hardware and software ACCC has purchased to aid students with disabilities. Mike Parker, executive director of Visibility, Inc., will demonstrate the VERA (very easy reading appliance) technology that aids students with reading and visual impairments. Please RSVP if you plan to attend to Student Development Specialist **Patti Kelleher**, ext. 5641, or e-mail [pkellehe@atlantic.edu](mailto:pkellehe@atlantic.edu).

### **It's Time Again for Summer Youth College**

The ACCC Board of Trustees Diversity and Equity Committee, along with community leaders, is again sponsoring students in grades 3 and 4 and 5 to 8, to attend special Summer Youth College classes in Atlantic and Cape May counties. Scholarships are offered, based on select criteria, to ethnically diverse public school students who are chosen by teachers and school administrators. The county schedules are as follows:

--9 a.m.-noon, Monday-Friday, July 7-11, *Mad Scientist Workshop*, grades 3-4, and *Chess Champs Workshop*, grades 5-8, WACC.

--9 a.m.-noon, Monday-Thursday, July 14-17, *Mad Scientist Workshop*, grades 3-4, and *Computer Art Workshop*, grades 5-8, CMCC.

For more information, call Director of Community and Cultural Affairs **Janet Brenner**, ext. 4858, or e-mail [brenner@atlantic.edu](mailto:brenner@atlantic.edu).

### **Tuition Reimbursement Applications Due June 30 for SSAACCC**

Tuition reimbursement applications for summer courses for SSAACCC members are due June 30. Please send applications to **Kathy Fritz**, CMCC Library. Supporting documentation may be sent at a later date. However, applications must be submitted by June 30. The form is available at: <http://www.atlantic.edu/hr/documents/SSAACCC.pdf>.

## **Volunteer Management Training Series Free to ACCCers**

Atlantic Cape Safe Youth Partnership and United Way are offering a volunteer training program free to ACCC employees. If you would like to make better use of your volunteers or learn the latest in volunteer management, take advantage of this valuable training resource.

The Volunteer Management Training Series was developed by the Points of Light Foundation and is designed to be taken individually or as a series. This is a wonderful opportunity to interact with colleagues from other organizations as well as participate in individual and group activities. All participants will receive a participant workbook for each session, as well as other relevant handouts and a certificate of completion.

To register or for additional information, contact Elizabeth Bekete, 404-4483, ext. 22, or e-mail [ebekete@unitedwayac.org](mailto:ebekete@unitedwayac.org).

## **HERE'S THE SCOOP**

Welcome aboard to:

- Herbert Belton Jr.**, Maintenance Mechanic II
- Paula Pitcher**, Assistant Dean, Institutional Research and Assessment
- Dominic Zanghi**, Security Guard I

Congratulations to **Marilyn Malerba Keiner** on her promotion to Professor, Business and Paralegal Studies.

Congratulations to **Dr. Barbara Warner**, who was appointed Chair of the Social Science Department.

The Mays Landing Admissions office will hold its 8th Annual Summer 4th of July Covered Dish Picnic, noon-2 p.m., Thursday, July 10, in the lobby of J building. All are invited to attend. Please e-mail **Paula Hamilton**, [hamilton@atlantic.edu](mailto:hamilton@atlantic.edu), or **Barbara Clark**, [bclark@atlantic.edu](mailto:bclark@atlantic.edu) with your dish or other contribution. Those at our Cape May County and Atlantic City campuses are welcome to join us for good food and lots of fun! Items needed include hot dogs and rolls (please match the number of rolls to dogs), veggie dogs, salads, side dishes, specialty foods, soda, juice, water, paper goods, condiments and desserts. If you bring a dish that needs to be heated, please include some way to keep it hot. For refrigerated items, please have your food item in a container that will keep it cold (make arrangements for refrigeration if needed). Hope to see you there!

**Sandi Greco**, ITS, is proud of her sons. Chase Guenther graduated from Absegami High School and Jesse Guenther graduated from Ann A. Mullen Middle School. Jesse received an Award for Excellence in the Area of Technology...maybe a future ITS employee. Only one graduating student in the class of more than 350 students receives this award.

**Vita Stovall**, Career and Academic Planning Center, sent this note, "Thank you to the ACCC administration, faculty and staff for their cards, prayers, phone calls and flowers during a most difficult time for me and my family from the loss of our dear brother. I truly appreciated everything the ACCC family did to express sincere concern for my loss. I want you all to know I personally thank you from the bottom of my heart. It really feels so good to know the ACCC family is truly a loving and caring community."

Deepest sympathy also goes to Board Secretary/Office of the President **BettyAnn Inloes Hines** on the passing of her beloved father, Robert L. Jackson, Jr. Expressions may be sent to BettyAnn at 6026 Orange St., Mays Landing, NJ 08330.

Chef Educator **Jim Usilton** is riding his bike in the American Cancer Society Bike-A-Thon on July 13 in Philadelphia. It's likely you know someone whose life has been touched by cancer. Help Jim to help the ACS continue its lifesaving research, education, advocacy and service programs. Visit his personal Web page to donate:

[http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/CommunityFundraisingPages/PABathonFY08?px=7071080&pg=personal&fr\\_id=10410](http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/CommunityFundraisingPages/PABathonFY08?px=7071080&pg=personal&fr_id=10410).

Deepest sympathy to **Maryann Carol**, former Director of Instructional Technology, on the loss of her father, Tony Pionegro. Expressions can be sent to Maryann and Steve Carol, 112 Rhode Island Ave., Cherry Hill, NJ 08002. Maryann resigned her position at ACCC recently to take a job at Lockheed Martin, designing computer-based instructional modules for the Navy. Her twins celebrated their first birthday May 30.



*Bobby*



*Johnny*

**JoAnne Barbieri**, Senior Adjunct, sent this note, "Thanks to ACCCers who supported me in my second marathon as a member of The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Team in Training and donated to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. To see my progress, visit my Web page:

<http://www.active.com/donate/tntsonj/tntsonjJBarbie1>. I appreciate your support!"

The 9th Annual Toys for Kids Christmas in July Block Party will be held noon-5 p.m., Sunday, July 13, Davis and Wabash avenues, along the bike path in Linwood. The event will feature an appearance by Santa Claus at 2 p.m. and a variety of games, raffles, food and entertainment. Last year's event boasted more than \$3,000 in door prizes donated by area merchants, individuals and sponsors. Admission to the event is a new, unwrapped toy or game that "would put a smile on a child's face." For more information, contact Sgt. Greg DePiano, 226-1560, or Michelle Riordan, 335-4114, or visit [www.toysforkidsprogram.org](http://www.toysforkidsprogram.org).

Welcome back to **Bud Ireland**, Facilities, who returned from medical leave. Good to see you, Bud!

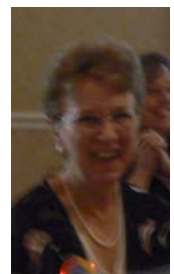
**Mary Wall**, retired Dean of Academic Computing and Distance Education, and hubby, Bernie, recently celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. They now reside in Charlotte, N.C. and will be honored this summer at a big family bash at Ocean Isle Beach, N.C.

Congrats to **Crista Golden** (nee DeFalco), Business Office, and husband, Phil, former ACCC bookstore employee, on the birth of their daughter, Katelynn Addison Golden. Katelynn was born June 11, weighing in at 7 lbs. 1 oz., and measuring 19 inches. Welcome to the world, Katelynn! Proud aunt is **Cindy DeFalco**, Human Resources, and proud grandmom is **Connie DeFalco**, Bookstore.

*Crista and Katelynn*



**Mary Lou Breitzman**, Business Office, was honored at a retirement party on May 30. She sent this note, "I would like to thank everyone who shared in my retirement party. Thanks also to everyone who contributed to my gift but were unable to attend. I received a huge basket full of travel items, photo album, Visa card and an engraved letter opener. Special appreciation to **Kathy Landau** who coordinated the memorable event, **Cheryl Garwood** for her clever poem and **Leslie Atherholt** for the delightful gag gift of emergency candy bars. **Heather Peterson** did an outstanding job adding her special talent of song and her gift bag of plastic army men and items from China to signify the 'favorite' accounts that we worked on together. I especially appreciated **Crista Golden's** effort to attend during the last few days of her pregnancy. It was so great to visit with her and Phil. My husband, sons, daughters-in-law and grandchildren enjoyed the evening and the opportunity to meet the



special people I have worked with here at the college. I felt especially proud to have them there with me to share the love from my colleagues, and will always remember this milestone event in my life.” It was great working with you, Mary Lou!

Happy birthday to **Sandy Morris**, June 22; **Valerie Weller**, June 24; **Angel Eguaras**, June 25; **John Feldbauer**, June 27; **Trent Jones**, June 30; **Marsha Patrick**, **Dennis Price**, July 4; **Jesus del Valle**, July 5; **Donna Marie McElroy**, **Heather Peterson**, **Bobby Royal**, July 6; **Hal Lugerner**, July 7; **Doug Hedges**, **Louise Kaplan**, July 8; **Carlo Canale**, **Janet DeCicco**, July 9; **Angus Borders**, **Roze Nicholson**, July 10; **Denise Coulter**, July 13; **Lisa Givens**, July 14; **Sean Fischer**, July 15. Adjunct birthdays: **Francis Tomlinson**; June 20; **Margaret Nocito**, June 22; **Helen McCaffrey**, June 25; **Wayne Richter**, June 27; **Linda Gordon**, June 29; **Karla Carmichael**, July 1; **Michael Kolitsky**, **Susan Lindsay**, July 2; **Gary Villarson**, July 2; **Pattie Harris**, July 15.

## NEWS FROM ACCC’S OTHER LOCATIONS

by **Daymis Alicea**

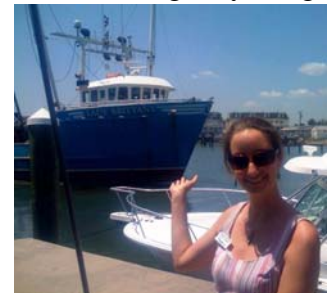
The summer swung in and heat blasted us. I can’t say I’m sorry...I missed it like a long lost friend. Fridays off are not too shabby either. I did some research to help you roll into the summer with a proper frame of mind. “Fun in the Sun” or “Relax and Release.” Pick your favorite, but whatever you do, pick something...don’t just do yard work all summer long.

Let’s start with visiting [www.funnewjersey.com](http://www.funnewjersey.com). There are so many things to do right here in this state. With gas prices going up and the cost of everything skyrocketing...it makes sense to give N.J. a try.

Some things to take in...a parasailing adventure in the Inlet at Atlantic City. The Atlantic City Aquarium offers sightseeing tours through the marshes. It’s beautiful, cheap and educational. Go canoeing, kayaking or simply paddle along on The Great Egg Harbor River. There are access points all along Route 322. For the more adventurous, try bungee jumping in Seaside.

*Brittany Williams, President’s Office, visits with City Campus and learns of her very own ship!*

Take a Pine Barrens excursion; visit [www.pineypower.com](http://www.pineypower.com). You’ll find more things to do like zoos, fishing and hiking to satisfy every nature enthusiast. Go to the Red, White and Blueberry Festival on June 29 at Hammonton High School and promise yourself you will eat this antioxidant rich food, the blueberry until, well, you are blue in the face. While you’re at it, mark your calendar with free festivals in N.J. Go to [www.nj.com/festivals](http://www.nj.com/festivals). Want something a little more adult? Try a wine trail weekend, right here in N.J. Visit [www.newjerseywines.com](http://www.newjerseywines.com) for information on this and the wine festivals coming up.



This month’s column would not be complete without a To Do list for July 4 activities. Although we would all love to be at the base of the Statue of Liberty during the fireworks, alas, this is not always feasible. Here are some tried and wonderful alternatives for a fun filled weekend. Go to Sunset Beach [www.sunsetbeachnj.com](http://www.sunsetbeachnj.com). Take a blanket and a picnic basket and some cash for souvenirs. Eat ice cream and stroll about for “Cape May diamonds.” Try the oldest 4th of July parade in Ridgeville Park dating back to 1894 or visit family and enjoy a barbecue. Go camping or RVing in Beachcombers, Jellystone or Buena Vista Campgrounds or visit [www.newjerseycampgrounds.com](http://www.newjerseycampgrounds.com) and choose your own locale. Try taking in a comedy show at the Comedy Stop, Fridays are local appreciation night--two tickets for \$18, followed by sitting on the beach and taking in the spectacular fireworks displays. Celebrate our Independence (and save a buck or two on gas)!

That’s all for this month folks...see you in July!

## Greetings from the Cape May County Campus

by **Lisa Apel-Gendron**

What has balloons, snow cones, hot dogs, cool music and giveaways? No, it's not the boardwalk. It's the CMCC Open House, which took place June 5. What a day! Attendance was strong, with many parents accompanying their children to campus to take a tour; to learn about degrees, transferring and financial aid; and to visit with a counselor. Faculty and staff participation was outstanding, with at least eight faculty members in attendance, complemented by culinary demonstrations, continuing education information, Rutgers at ACCC, Fairleigh Dickinson University, and workshops on NJ STARS and funding today's college education. A wholehearted thank you to the dozens of employees who participated, especially **Gina Skinner** and **Linda McLeod**, Admissions, for coordinating this most successful event.

We congratulate employees **Noel Kurtz**, Information Commons, and **Nari Kovalski**, Admissions, on receiving their ACCC degrees May 29. Working and attending school at the same time, both women graduated with honors. Nice job, Noel and Nari!

We welcome **Joann Taylor**, who joined our faculty support office, June 9. Joann comes to us from the Mays Landing Campus faculty support office, so she knows plenty about providing good service to full-time and adjunct faculty. She will work the late afternoon/evening shift Monday through Thursday, year round. Great having you here, Joann!

Science Lab Manager **Terri Hamby** was busy preparing an attractive display case for the June 5 Open House. The display, on the third floor outside the biology lab, showcases the various science and math offerings at CMCC and some of the practical applications of science and math. We'll keep the display up for the fall semester, and then Terri will update it with new information or student projects each semester. Nice work, Terri!

*Terri Hamby finished the math and science display just in time for the June 5 CMCC Open House.*



Lights, camera, action! A film crew is coming to CMCC June 25 to shoot video for upcoming campaigns. For more information, contact **Geoff Pettifer**, ext. 4919.

Customized training is back! The first installment of summer workshops began June 12 with the topic "coaching." The learners are employees of local banks and financial services companies. A dozen or so workshops on various topics will take place throughout June, July and August. For more information, contact **Esther Gandica**, ext. 5651.

Senior Adjunct **Cheryl Crews**, Art, has good news to report. This summer she is illustrating a book written by a local short story author. And local environmentalist Ruth Fisher commissioned a painting with the theme "appreciating our trees." Cheryl is eagerly putting ideas to drawing pad for both projects. She'll be back teaching at CMCC during second summer session.

The grounds are looking green and neat, thanks to **Tim Cliggett** of Facilities. Tim, a Philadelphia native, takes great pride in the health and appearance of CMCC's lawn and shrubs. He's even growing his own tomatoes now. Moving to the Garden State has brought out a whole new skill set in this former city dweller!

Thanks to **Roy Burnham**, Facilities, for maintaining the chiller so well. It functioned admirably during the recent heat wave. Roy and Tim spent all day June 6 cleaning the entire chiller plant from top to bottom.

Welcome back to **Matt Liggins**, Facilities, after a medical leave. It's great seeing you again each morning at 7 a.m.!

An extra hearty thank you goes to **Sgt. Al Jayne**, Security, for fishing some supplies out of the trash after they had accidentally been thrown away. Now that's going above and beyond the call!

It's vacation season, and our first report comes from **Curtis Fitzpatrick**, Facilities, who ventured to the Dominican Republic with his wife. The Fitzpatricks were treated to this enjoyable and relaxing trip by their five children. Curtis says they would go back in a heartbeat to the Dominican. They took in everything – from fine dining to a jeep ride into the mountains. Curtis even made friends with a couple of local snakes—just some small anacondas. Yikes!

*Enjoying a week away, Curtis Fitzpatrick gives the Dominican Republic an emphatic thumbs up.*



The second vacation report comes from Columbia, S.C., where Assistant to the Dean **Valerie Crawford** visited her daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter, who recently relocated there from New Jersey. We're still awaiting trip details, but we're going out on a limb and guessing that the weather was hot!

Well, after nearly a year of planning and sewing, Financial Aid Representative **Judy Brandis** can finally relax. The wedding, for which she made her daughter's wedding dress and reception dress, took place on a sunny and hot June 7 in Manhattan. Everything went perfectly, and guests never knew that Judy was making final adjustments and hemming until three hours before the ceremony! Yikes again! A great job and unwavering patience are no surprise if you know Judy.

Have a worry-free weekend!

## **ENG'S CORNER**

### **Air Conditioning...Cool Air from Your Indoor Units**

Here we are with an early June heat wave and you probably haven't turned on your air conditioning. The first inkling is to turn it on, but you forgot to do the cleaning and service last month. Before you do, here's a reminder for a few items to check:

After uncovering the outdoor unit, make sure it's clean. Turn on the main circuit breaker 12 hours before you start the unit. This will warm up the refrigerant and make sure the liquid is where it belongs for the summer. (In the winter time, it tends to migrate into the indoor unit where it's nice and warm.) This saves the compressor from doing extra work and your unit will last longer.

Now that the outdoor unit looks okay, the inside unit might need a little attention from last year's use. Did you change the filter? If not, change it now before you turn on the cooling. Replace the air filter. If there is a belt on the fan, make sure there are no cracks in it. Give it a spin to check. Close it up and hit the breakers.

As an extra note – shade over the outdoor unit will help the cooling unit inside, especially those borderline designed units!

Next month, some hints for hot-hot cooling.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

by **Sherwood Taylor**

Beginning July 1 Continuing Education will be “handing off” the Health Professions Institute (HPI) to Academic Affairs. The HPI will report to **Megan Gargiulo**. Thanks go out to **Ghyll Theurer**, for an outstanding job coordinating HPI programs, and all of the instructors and staff for providing high quality health care programs.

On June 2, three members of the CCI instructional team took off to Charleston, W.Va., to conduct table games Train the Trainer for West Virginia State Community and Technical College. **Joe Carchia**, **Kathy Garrison** and **Pete Landolfo** shared their expertise with new instructors from the West Virginia educational institution.

CCI hosted 12 inspectors from the New Jersey Department of Gaming Enforcement, the vice president of gaming operations at Foxwoods, four inspectors from Turkes-Caicos Islands, and two surveillance officers from Delaware State Park in our newly revamped Games Protection Seminar. Conducting the four-day training program held June 9-12 were CCI table games instructors coordinated by Mary Martinez, Lt. Richard Lindsay, New Jersey State Police; **Michael Wozniak**, Director, Extension Center Accounting, WACC; Kevin Kelly, shift supervisor of surveillance at The Borgata; and our very own, **Tommy Giardina**, CCI Coordinator/Slot Specialist/Admissions. The course covers table games protection, how to control casino operations, how to protect the integrity of the games, the role of the surveillance department and an overview of slot operations.

The Continuing Education team thanks **Linda Hubbard** for her expertise and providing high quality instruction in teaching in our Medical Assistant, Patient Care and Surgical Technician programs. Linda is relocating to Williamsburg, Va.

**Sherwood Taylor** and **Carol Drea** presented “Delivering Gaming Training to National and International Markets” at the ACHE Northeast Metropolitan Region Professional Development Day. The conference was hosted by the CUNY of Professional Studies in New York City on May 1. The theme of the conference was “Strategic Marketing: Plan Your Next Move.”

### ACA Chef Educators Learn From World-renowned Pastry Chef

World-renowned pastry chef **Susan Notter** demonstrated the art of pulled sugar and created chocolate display pieces in workshops for chef educators and invited guests at the Academy of Culinary Arts, May 20-21. The chef educators gained valuable hands-on training with Chef Notter.

Originally from Birmingham, England, Chef Notter is the pastry chef at V. Richards, Forest Park Market, in Birmingham, Ala. She oversees the daily production of dessert pastries, wedding cake and special occasion cake creation, European style chocolates and development of bakery items.



Chef Notter has competed in Food Network challenges, was named one of the Top 10 Pastry Chefs in the U.S. by Pastry Art & Design Magazine in 1999 and 2000 and was a member of the gold medal winning National Culinary Team that competed at the International Culinary Olympics in Berlin in October 2000.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**Bobby Royal**, Dean of WACC and Community Affairs, was named president of the board of directors for the Main Street Atlantic City program, and vice chairman of the Greater Atlantic City Tourism Council. At the recent National Conference of the American Association of Affirmative Action, Bobby was selected as treasurer for the organization, Region II. In addition, Bobby serves as a member of the executive board of directors, Boy Scouts of America, Jersey Shore Council, as well as the board of directors, the United Way of Atlantic County.

**Patrick Keener** graduated from Absegami High School and will attend the University of Central Florida in the fall, pursuing a degree in Civil Engineering. Proud parents are **Bill Keener**, Security and Public Safety Supervisor, and **Dorie Keener**, Senior Manager, Purchasing.

ISE Director **Sherwood Taylor** received the distinguished Community College Spirit Award presented by the N.J. Council of County Colleges Trustees for his work on New Jersey Community College Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development's Team New Jersey initiative. Council Chairman Richard Wellbrock's letter read, "You are well deserving of an honor which is bestowed on a select few who have helped advance the community college movement. You will be acknowledged because you embody what we believe is the community college spirit—perseverance, dedication and excellence." He was honored in Trenton.

**Lisa Givens**, Student Life Center Specialist, accepted an appointment to the Child Placement Review Board for Atlantic County. The CPR Board is responsible for monitoring the cases of children placed outside of their homes by the Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS). Recommendations are then made to the Family Court judge concerning the child's best interest.

A personal essay written by Assistant Professor of Communication **Keith Forrest** was featured on the news and information Web site philly.com. In the poignant discourse, Forrest recalled the horror he felt after going to Six Flags Great Adventure as a teenager in 1984 shortly after eight young people died in a fire at the Haunted Castle. Kudos to Keith for a job well done!

**Carol Drea**, Corporate Training Director, was sworn in as treasurer of the Greater Atlantic City Regional Tourism Council by Atlantic County Executive Dennis Levinson at Cuba Libre on May 13.

## ACCC IN THE NEWS

The Press of Atlantic City ran a large feature story and photo spread of ACCC's commencement. High honors student **Stephanie Gregory** of Absecon was quoted in the story. Pictured were students **Tonya Ward** of Atlantic City, **Janet Wan** and **Melanie Bankes** of Egg Harbor Township, **Kari Band** of Somers Point, **Carolyn Upton** of Williamstown, **Attabong Effiong** and **Aktaru Zzaman** of Atlantic City, mother/daughter grads **Marie** and **Rebekah Zumwalt** and **Shameika Spence** of Pleasantville, **Hubert Banas** of Atlantic City, **Marisol Gonzales** of Mizpah, **Kevin Thompson** of East Vineland and **Derrick Comer II** of Egg Harbor Township.

The Press of Atlantic City ran a feature story about school-to-work programs that included quotes from ISE student **Hector Matos**.

Recent inductees into the Alpha Delta Mu chapter of Phi Theta Kappa **Mark Moses** of Petersburg, **Cheryl Gale** of Eldora and **James Brown** of Erma were featured in The Herald Times.

When 20 ACCC students were inducted into the Sigma Kappa Delta English honor society, it was covered in the Cape May County Gazette.

The Press of Atlantic City featured a story about ACCC's plans to incorporate more technologically advanced computer equipment for visually impaired students. Quoted and pictured were ACCC Counselor **Lucy McGlynn**, as well as students **Lola Lewis** of Egg Harbor Township and **Mary Ann Revis** of Mays Landing.

A forum addressing the shaky economy in Cape May County that was held at the CMCC was the focus of a story in the Cape May County Herald.

The Press of Atlantic City contained a feature story about the first annual Literary Volunteers of America Poet of the Year contest, held at the Ventnor Library. The program is supported by a grant from ACCC.

The Current featured a story about ACCC Visiting Professor **Dick Sheeran** when the veteran regional broadcast journalist addressed students in the Oakcrest High School Film Institute Class.

ACCC Dean of Facilities, Planning and Research **Dr. Richard Perniciaro** was the guest writer for the "Speaking of Real Estate" column section of the publication Homes & Land of Atlantic and Cape May counties. Dr. Perniciaro also was quoted in a story in the Camden Courier-Post about how the gas crunch will affect the seasonal job market for students who previously sought summer employment at the Jersey shore. In addition, he was quoted in a story on NJBIZ on how the expected weak selling price for the Tropicana Casino & Resort could hurt other pending Atlantic City real estate transactions.

Assistant Professor of Communication **Keith Forrest** wrote a commentary that appeared in The Philadelphia Inquirer.

The Press of Atlantic City ran a photo and listing of ACCC's 2008 nursing school graduates.

ACCC recruiter **Glenda Stogel** attending a college expo at Pleasantville High School was pictured in The Current.

**Dr. Peter Mora's** three-year contract extension was the subject of a story in The Press of Atlantic City.

The Cape May County Gazette ran items about adjunct psychology instructor **Frank Healy**, who gave a lecture at the Cape May County Library based on his book "Living with a Phenomenal Memory: How an Ordinary Man Developed Amazing Memorization Skills."

Feature articles about interesting recent ACCC grads penned by **Alissa Wolf**, writer for College Relations, appeared in The Current and the Cape May County Gazette. The graduates featured in the stories were **Noel C. Kurtz** of Villas, **Susan Renee Zaczynski** of Egg Harbor Township, sisters **Melinda Nowicki** of Marmora and **Maria Nowicki** of Linwood and **Michael Curley** of Wildwood Crest.

## ALUMNI

**Gina Graziano**, who completed the non-credit culinary training program at ACA, recently joined Bella Terra senior living community in Jackson as the director of food and beverage. She has plenty of experience at more than a dozen restaurants owned by her family.

ACA graduate **Jason Hippen '05** recently opened a fine dining restaurant in Stone Harbor called Jay's on Third (formerly Fish Tales). Hippen has worked at many prestigious dining establishments across the country, including Buddakan at the Pier at Caesars, Morimoto in Philadelphia and Sumile in New York City. Best of luck on your new endeavor!

Best of luck to ACCC business administration grad **Rebecca Hurst '03** on her engagement to Kyle

Sciullo. The future bride and groom, who live in Mays Landing, plan a 2009 wedding.

We are sad to report the untimely passing of ACA graduate **William Malachy Kraus '94** of Hillsborough, who died suddenly in the Bahamas on May 30. Our deepest condolences to his family.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

The President's Office is proud to congratulate our fashion model in the making **Whitney Ehrke**, was recruited by a talent agency in NYC!

ACCC belongs to a number of professional organizations that work in support of the community college sector. One such organization is the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development. ACCC recently renewed its membership with NISOD, which is launching a new Webinar Professional Development Series, featuring discussions among community college leaders nationwide. For more information on further benefits of ACCC's membership with NISOD, visit [www.nisod.org](http://www.nisod.org).

Our friends at the Atlantic City Art Center encourage ACCC students and staff to attend the Aug. 3 visit of artist Kenneth Hari. The New Jersey native started painting at age 10 and unveiled his first commissioned portrait at age 12. He will hold an open discussion with area students at the Aug. 3 event about choosing art as a career. Hari's work is the featured exhibit at the Art Center through August.

ACCC's American Heart Association's Heart Walk team received a letter of appreciation and pictures from Debbie VanSant, Regional Director, and Ken Parker, Walk Chairman.

*At right, ACCC's Heart Walk Team.*



Dr. Mora recently co-developed and conducted a Board retreat with fellow members of the Executive Board of the N.J. Community College Workforce Consortium. The retreat was a first for the Consortium and focused on capacity building and expansion. Through the Consortium, companies can access, develop and receive workforce education and training for their current and emerging employees through the state's 19 community colleges. Dr. Mora has served as Chairman of the Consortium for the past year.

Dr. Mora, **Brittany Williams** and **Sherwood Taylor** recently attended the NJ Council of County College's Best Practices Conference for Boards of Trustees. As part of the conference, the Council recognized Sherwood with its Community College Spirit Award for his leadership on statewide customized training projects.

## 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](http://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 July 17

The *Atlantic Cape CommuniCator* is published once a month in the summer. The next issue will be Thursday, July 17. Deadline is noon, Monday, July 14. E-mail your submissions to [mcgowan@atlantic.edu](mailto:mcgowan@atlantic.edu).

--Kathy McGowan, editor