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NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

Two Workshops for Adjuncts Offered

Eight weeks behind you, eight more to go! Spring break is fast approaching and provides a good opportunity to assess the teaching and learning that is happening in your classroom--what is going well, what could be going better, and what you can do to ensure the successful completion of your semester. The *Mid-semester Maintenance* workshop will discuss ways to keep your students--and yourself--motivated, as well as assessment strategies to help plan for the remaining eight weeks. *Mid-semester Maintenance* is offered Monday, March 8, 5-6 p.m., Mays Landing, A-112; Tuesday, March 9, 4:30-5:30 p.m., Rio Grande, room 1; and Wednesday, March 10, 12:30- 1:30 p.m., Mays Landing, A-121.

Many students come to ACCC under-prepared for academic life, without the skills essential to learning. Note taking is among the most basic but essential of these skills. The *Better Notes = Better Performance: Helping Our Students Learn* workshop will help you assist students both in recording information, by providing a framework and verbal cues and encoding information, through active learning strategies. The workshop is offered Tuesday, March 23, 12:30-1:30, Mays Landing, Room B121; Tuesday, March 23, 5:45 - 6:45, Mays Landing, Room A102; and Monday, March 29, 5-6 p.m., Rio Grande, Room 1.

Adjunct faculty are encouraged to sign up for one of both or these workshops. Each participant will receive a copy of *Advanced Teaching Strategies for Adjunct and Part-time Faculty*. Light refreshments will be served. Pre-registration is required. Contact **Maryann Flemming-McCall**, ext. 5608, mccall@atlantic.edu to RSVP by Friday, March 5, for *Mid-Semester Maintenance*, and by Friday, March 19, for *Better Notes*.

College Cafeteria Seeking Return of Trays

The college cafeteria is down to 16 trays. Please look around your office and, if you have any trays, return them ASAP. Thanks from Williamson Hospitality!

Make Reservation Now for IRC Book Discussion March 23

The spring 2004 IRC discussion is around the corner. **Paula Manns**, assistant professor, economics and business, will lead a discussion on Toni Morrison's novel, *Love*, 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 23, in J-202. There are a few openings. If you are interested in attending, contact **Ellen Parker**, ext. 4952, to reserve your space and a copy of the novel.

The IRC Committee extends its thanks to **Marilyn Keiner**, associate professor, paralegal studies, for leading the November book discussion. The well-attended discussion on Ellen Langer's *Mindfulness* explored the ways in which we categorize our thoughts and perceptions, limiting our abilities to think about how to approach our mundane tasks. Through the application of *mindfulness*, we open our minds

to other possibilities and different ways to perceive things that we ordinarily do by rote (mindlessness).

The IRC-sponsored book discussions offer faculty the opportunity to share a favorite book in a collegial atmosphere. As is evident from past discussions, leaders sometimes select books out of their academic areas in order to share their other interests with the group. Participants enjoy stimulating discussion, debate and a light lunch in a relaxed atmosphere.

Professor Keiner said it was enjoyable to hear how participants' perspectives on Langer's theories and conclusions varied and how the application of mindfulness appeared to apply to their personal and professional areas. One participant said, "the book discussions are the highlight of each semester as there is no adversarial position taken by anyone and we are all free to express our understandings."

If you are interested in leading or joining in a discussion, consider it an opportunity to get to know your colleagues and share ideas on a variety of subjects. Anyone interested in learning more about the discussions or in leading a book discussion, please contact IRC members **Ellen**, ext. 4952, or **Wendy Waisala**, ext. 4963.

Community Health Van To Visit Main Campus March 24

The Community Health van is going to be on the Mays Landing main campus on Wednesday, March 24, offering free screenings for blood pressure, cholesterol, blood sugar and HIV. Call **Sara Ryan**, health services coordinator, ext. 5112, for more information.

Lincoln Financial, Met Life Dropped; Equitable and The Hartford Added to ABP

The state has awarded new five-year contracts for the Alternate Benefit Program and the Additional Contributions Tax-Sheltered Program, effective April 1. Five companies join TIAA-CREF as authorized investment carriers. Two companies new to the state program, Equitable and The Hartford will replace Lincoln Financial and Met Life, which will no longer be eligible investment options with ABP and ACTS. AIG-VALIC, CitiStreet Travelers, and ING Aetna were awarded new contracts, so nothing will change for employees using them for their pension or supplemental retirement annuities. Campus visits with *Equitable* and *The Hartford* are upcoming.

Workshop on Student Privacy Rights Offered

The dean of students is sponsoring a workshop titled: *Student Privacy Rights, Are We Protecting Them?* on Thursday, March 18, in M-129. Two sessions are available, from 9:30 a.m.-noon, or 1:30-4 p.m. with light refreshments being served. Faculty and staff are welcome. To RSVP, contact **Gayle Edwards**, ext. 5083, or gedwards@atlantic.edu.

The workshop will be conducted by Pinhas Friedenber, registrar at Hudson County Community College and a nationally recognized expert on student privacy rights and academic law. The workshop uses case studies and current law on the release of information for college students.

Academy Schedules Culinary Career Day March 31

The ACA will hold a special day of hands-on workshops, tours of the school and a gourmet buffet lunch for vocational-technical high school students from across the state on Wednesday, March 31. This is the first time the Academy will host Culinary Career Day, an event designed to expose high school juniors and seniors already in a vocational culinary program to advanced training. More than 200 students are expected to attend.

The program will begin at 9 a.m. with registration and breakfast, followed by a welcome address by Klaus Muller, dean, and a tour of the school. Participants will then move into one of eight pre-selected

hands-on workshops led by the Academy's award-winning faculty. A gourmet lunch buffet at 1 p.m. will cap off a morning of education and training.

ACCC Presents Free Play for Children March 7 at Two Locations

ACCC will present two free performances of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, a play produced by the New Jersey Theatre Alliance, for children and their families on Sunday, March 7. The play will be performed by Shakespeare Live!, The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey's acclaimed educational touring company. Performances will be held at noon at the Middle Township Performing Arts Center in Cape May Court House and at 4 p.m. in the Walter Edge Theater.

Shakespeare's beloved comedy, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, takes audience members on a delightful escapade as they follow the hilarious mishaps of four young lovers and a band of misfit rustics who become the object of pranks from the fairy kingdom. A perennial favorite, this production has been given a fresh new adaptation by the company's artistic director, Bonnie J. Monte. It's a thrilling "first Shakespeare" for younger students, and riotous rollercoaster ride for those already familiar with the Bard! This play is appropriate for grades 3 and up. Reservations are requested to see this free production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Call ext. 4907 or the Performing Arts Center, (609) 463-1924.

Donations Needed for Minority Scholarships

The Board of Trustees Minority Affairs Committee is soliciting donations for their Scholarship Program. The group kicked off their campaign with the dedication of the Underground Railroad Lighthouse recently. Contributors of \$65 or more will have a nameplate placed on the donor wall near the lighthouse, on permanent display in C lobby. Call Patricia Gandy, ext. 5111, for more information.

TIAA-CREF Visit March 23

TIAA-CREF individual consultant Robert Marronaro will be on campus, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesday, March 23, Mays Landing main campus, room J-207. Don't forget to bring your statement!

Health Career Planning Session March 24

ACCC will host a Health Career Planning Session for those interested in careers in the allied health field from 5:30-7 p.m., Wednesday, March 24. The session will offer information on the college's allied health degree programs, as well as regional health career options, including noncredit, certificate and college-degree programs offerings. It is designed for those thinking about pursuing a health career, as well as those considering changing careers, returning to school or those currently enrolled in prerequisite courses for an allied health degree. The session is free and open to the public and will be held in the faculty dining room at the rear of the cafeteria on the college's Mays Landing main campus. For more information, call **Glenda Stogel**, health career specialist, ext. 5048, or stogel@atlantic.edu.

HERE'S THE SCOOP

by Joe Rossi

Get well wishes to **Bobby Royal**, executive assistant to the president, who undergoes hip replacement surgery today.

Get well wishes to **Maryann Carol**, director, instructional technology, who is out with the chicken pox.

The ACCC Baseball Club is selling Krispy Kreme donuts at a discounted price! You can place your order, at the discounted rate of \$4.50 per dozen, a savings of \$2, or stop by A building and buy a glazed donut and coffee or hot chocolate for \$1 on Thursday, March 11. Beverages supplied by Williamson Hospitality. Orders must be placed by Monday, March 8, for the March 11 delivery. E-mail Tom Borucki, at tborucki@atlantic.edu or call ext. 5043 to place your order today!

The admissions department is sponsoring a bus trip to New York City on Saturday, April 3. The trip is open to the community. The bus will leave the Shore Mall in Egg Harbor Township at 8:15 a.m. and arrive in New York City around 10:30 a.m. Maps and suggestions about what to do in New York will be distributed on the bus. The bus will depart New York City at 6 p.m. The cost is \$22 per person. To register for the trip, call ext. 5442, by Friday, March 19.

The Girl Scouts of the South Jersey Pines will hold their annual conference for girls, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Saturday, March 6, on the Mays Landing main campus. This year's theme is *Uniquely Me*. Nearly 100 Girl Scouts from southern New Jersey will choose from three classes in four categories, including: *Girls in the Law*, *Uniquely Me: Inside and Out*, *Uniquely Me: Take Charge*, and *Fashion and Fitness*. Some presenters include: Assemblyman Frank Blee, *Introduction to the Legislative Process*, H-116, 9-9:50 a.m.; Danielle Straughn, *Body Wars: Eating Disorders*, B-105, 9-9:50 a.m.; Brenda May, *Skin Care, Color and Make-up*, 10-10:50 a.m.; and Stephanie LaMaina, *Self Defense*, M-111, 11-11:55 a.m. The day will conclude with a luncheon in ACCC's cafeteria, featuring motivational speaker **Patricia Owens**, associate dean of continuing education operations. The conference is coordinated by **JoAnne Barbieri**, professor of business and CIS, ext. 4988.

The **Faculty/Staff vs. Students** Basketball Game was postponed until Thursday, March 25, at 12:30 p.m. in the gym. Anyone interested in playing is asked to contact **Tom Borucki** immediately so that T-shirts for the players can be ordered. The deadline to sign up is noon, Wednesday, March 17. Please e-mail Tom at: tborucki@atlantic.edu if you are interested in playing.

Anna Simmons, college relations, is proud of her son, Robert Maddrey, who was named Air Force flight commander recently. He is stationed in Mississippi.

The Holocaust Awareness Awards event on Feb. 29 was a big success, thanks to the hard work of many ACCCers. Hats off to **Janet Brenner**, **Patricia Gandy**, **Alison Blizzard**, **Judy Niewender**, the research staff, **Bobby Royal**, **Nick Ganaway**, **Carlo Canale**, **David Capelli**, **Geoff Pettifer**, **Buddy Jacobs**, **Dr. Louise Kaplan**, **Kathy McGowan**, **Donna Leeds**, **Patti Rivell**, **Bill Keener**, the Holocaust committee, and security staff. Thanks to facilities staff for the preparation and clean up, and, last but not least, **Dr. May** for his support of the program. Many gave up their Saturday and Sunday to prepare for the event.

Congratulations to the former **Terri Stackhouse** on her marriage to Douglas Hamby, Feb. 29. Terri Hamby's new e-mail address is thamby@atlantic.edu.

Best wishes to **Wayne Cooper** who fell ill during a vacation to Bermuda. Get well, soon.

Congratulations to **Donna McArthur**, business services, on her promotion to assistant director for auxiliary and business services. Donna shall be the primary liaison between management at its contracted vendors, including food service, child care, the bookstore, amusement vending and facilities rentals.

Welcome to full-time employment to **Deborah Rogers**, security. The Newfield resident was a part-time guard since 2002.

Former ACCCer **Charlene Borgersen** sends her regards and is happy to report that she'll be returning to the area later this month.

Although he's still hobbling, **Phil DeCicco**, facilities, is reported to be in good spirits, according to wife, Janet. We look forward to your return, Phil.

Congratulations to **Denise Coulter** on her appointment as English chair, retroactive to Jan. 9.

We're also looking forward to the return of **George Duboff**, facilities. Can't wait to see you again, George.

Happy birthday to: **Julia Ratliff, Wilfred Parsons**, March 5; **Sue DeNick**, March 8; **Cindy DeFalco**, March 10; **Jed Soifer**, March 11; **Judy Niewender**, March 17; **Kathy Landau**, March 18. Adjunct birthdays: **Tina Vignali, Jennifer Sargente**, March 5; **Martin Conley**, March 6; **A.K. Mustafa**, March 7; **Carl Tripician**, March 10; **Anthony Giacoppo**, March 15; **Joseph Pietro**, March 19. Have a great day!

NEWS FROM ACCC'S EXTENSION CENTERS

Greetings from Charles D. Worthington Atlantic City Center

By Brittany A. Williams

If all goes well, March at the City Center will come in like a lion and go out like a lamb.

The month has started off well with upgrades to the City Center lobby. All of the lobby personnel are now enjoying their XP software thanks to the hard work of **Nelson Bugas, Al Ebinger** and **Gail Gordy**.

Speaking of hard work, **Jean McAlister** is looking for volunteers to donate their time for preparation of the Press of Atlantic City Restaurant Gala. The Gala theme this year is "Enchanted Garden of Culinary Dreams." Jean will need assistance the morning of the gala, April 22, with chair covering. All volunteer positions are filled for the evening of the event. Thanks to those who volunteered. If you can help with chair covering, please call Jean, ext. 4801.

Volunteers are also needed to beautify City Center. **Josie Chivalette** and Jean will be scheduling a City Center clean-up. Work gloves and an endless sense of satisfaction will be provided to those that volunteer their time in this effort. If you wish to participate, contact Josie or Jean. In addition, other beautification opportunities are blossoming, **Jo-Ann Volpe**, is looking for volunteers to join a Gardening Club to add a little color to the exterior of the City Center. Contact Jo-Ann for more info.

As the campus grows greener, so do the festivities. A St. Patrick's Day luncheon is in the works and volunteers are needed to provide food for the event. Contact **Jo-Ann Volpe**.

For those looking to assist ESL students, the City Center Testing Office added four evening ESL test dates. The ESL test is offered every Tuesday at 10 a.m.; however, City Center will also offer four Monday evening tests: March 8 and 22, April 5 and 19. For appointments, call ext. 4878.

The Black History Month event at City Center was a great success, reports Student Services. With the insight of **Eric Mayo** and the delicious soul food from Fishheads, students and staff enjoyed the information session. Stay tuned for Student Services' upcoming Women's History Month event.

The Student Services Office threw a birthday party to celebrate the 150th Birthday of Atlantic City. A hot dog cookout, complete with Birthday Cake and Punch, was provided on March 5, in the student City Center cafeteria.

CCI will hold a Global Gaming Career Day for students, noon-2 p.m., Thursday, March 18. The event will feature Fredric Gushin, founder and managing director of Spectrum Gaming Group, LLC, and a free lunch for participants.

The admissions department sends thank yous to **Maria Benavides** and **Daymis Alicea** of student services, for participating in Jump Start at Atlantic City High School. It was a big day and everyone involved did a great job! In addition, **Brittany Williams** and **Joanne Gleason**, both of admissions, recently returned from an International Education Training Services conference in New York City on New F-1 Developments. If you would like any information on the new information addressed at the conference, contact Joanne or Brittany.

Congratulations to **Karen Morelli**, continuing education, on her new grandchild, Alexander James, born on Feb.18, who arrived weighing 7.5 lbs. and measuring 20.5 inches. In addition, proud mom **Jean Rowley**, continuing education, shared photos of her daughter with the City Center staff recently. Jean and **Judy Allen** will be alternating days at the City Center lobby for a little while. They will be at ext. 4853.

Hello Rio Grande, the Cape May County Technical School and the US Coast Guard Training Center – Cape May!

by Lisa Apel-Gendron

Well, just when you thought the construction in Rio Grande could get no worse, think again! The new traffic patterns, barricades, digging, paving, backups, changes in traffic lights and demolition make getting to and from CMCEC nearly impossible. We're in month 19 of the project, and admittedly, everyone's getting tired of it. The good news is that the whole thing is supposed to be wrapped up by summer, according to a report in the local newspaper.

Melissa Moy is heading to Florida later this month to firm up plans for her upcoming wedding in the Sunshine State. Some people will do anything to get away from the traffic in Rio Grande! Just kidding, Melissa. Enjoy your well-deserved break!

Denise O'Connor is proud of her daughter, Jennifer Lapsley, a Rowan senior, who is student teaching this semester at West Cape May Elementary. Jennifer, an ACCC grad, will graduate May 14 from Rowan, and we'll all be cheering for her!

A chocolate bomb was seen at CMCEC last month, but it posed no threat to safety. It was consumed in a matter of minutes. The chocolate mousse and cake creation has now become CMCEC's official birthday cake. Thanks to **Melissa Moy** for discovering "the bomb" at Shop Rite.



The Deane triplets arrived Feb. 28.

The CMCEC family grew by three on Feb.28. Social science adjunct instructor **Jesse Deane**, Esq., and his wife, Barbara, welcomed their healthy triplets to the world. The vital statistics are:

Greyson Cooper Deane	5 lbs. 1 oz.	19 1/4 in. @ 2:08 p.m.
Sawyer Hayes Deane	5 lbs. 5 oz.	19 1/2 in. @ 2:10 p.m.
Audrey Taylor Deane	4 lbs. 13 oz.	17 in. @ 2:11 p.m.

Mom and babies are all doing well. They should be able to come home very shortly.

Orientation to Substitute Teaching begins today, March 5, at CMCEC. Joanne Kulzer is the instructor.

Nancy Fiedler, a representative from Stockton College's teacher education department, visited CMCEC February 19. She spoke about teacher certification at Stockton, emphasizing the changes in elementary ed certification brought on by the No Child Left Behind Act. She also evaluated attendees' transcripts to advise them of which content courses they would need for the certification of their choice. More than a dozen students and community members attended the workshop, many of whom remarked that they had never been to ACCC and were glad to know where we're located!

Speaking of goodies, thanks go to **Judy DeSalvo**, ACA, for making sure that one of our employees attending a meeting on main campus got her just desserts. Judy kept them cold until the employee could get to campus and pick them up. Judy, you and the culinary students made my day! Thank you for your kindness.

Dr. Lucy Nurkowski of Rowan's admissions office will visit CMCEC Tuesday, March 9, noon-6 p.m., in room 3. Students may visit with her by appointment. Some appointments are still available. Call ext. 4100 for more information.

Let's all hope the mild weather is here to stay. During the last snowfall on Feb. 17-18, several CMCEC employees ran into real problems going home and coming in early the next morning. Thankfully no one was hurt, but several employees narrowly escaped accidents on the icy roads.

ACCC IN THE NEWS

The Press of Atlantic City reported on the 4.5 percent tuition increase planned for this fall. The article included comments from **Dr. John May** about ACCC's growing enrollment helping to keep the increase low.

A Press of Atlantic City article about the shortage of black chefs in southern New Jersey included enrollment figures for the Academy of Culinary Arts, which showed 12 percent of students are black, about the same percentage of black residents in Atlantic County.

Dr. John May was quoted in a Press of Atlantic City article about a new state program that will offer free community college tuition to New Jersey high school students graduating in the top 20 percent of their class.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

ACCC student **Ann Erik** placed as a finalist in Photographer's Forum magazine's 24th Annual Student Photography Contest, sponsored by Nikon, USA. More than 31,000 photographic entries were submitted for the contest. The photo will be published in The Best of College Photography Annual 2004.

Don't forget that the ACCC Art Gallery reception for **Lydia Lehr**, assistant professor of art, will be held Saturday, March 6, 1-4 p.m. Lehr's works of *Sculpture, Prints and Drawings* are on exhibit in the gallery, March 6-31.

Culinary Recruiter **Paulett Strand**, '97 ACA, and **Donna Revelle**, admissions recruitment assistant, were selected into the Phi Omega Epsilon Honor society at Fairleigh Dickinson University. Phi Omega Epsilon is the honor society for four-year colleges.

A team of ACA students and alumni coached by chef educator **Phil Cragg** placed second in the American Culinary Federation's New Jersey Junior Chefs Competition held at the Academy on

Saturday. The team was one of three vying for a spot in the northeast regional finals to be held in Philadelphia this month. Team members included: **Jennifer Whittle** ACA '02 of Forked River, and students **Emily McCullough** of Bayville, **Lizzie Rehfuss** of Lakewood, **Ryan Duym** of Forked River and **Marc Arbeit** of Marlboro. The team was sponsored by the ACF Jersey Shore Chefs Association.

Dr. Barbara Warner was recently appointed chairperson of the Atlantic County Senior Citizen Advisory Board, which consists of nine residents nominated by the county executive, and by and with the advice and consent of the Board of Freeholders. The Senior Citizens Advisory Board advises and consults with the Division of Intergenerational Services upon matters which relate to senior citizens and makes recommendations to the division director, the county executive, and the Board of Chosen Freeholders with respect to these matters. Dr. Warner has been a member of the Atlantic County Senior Citizen Advisory Board since 1992.

ACCC's Alpha Delta Mu Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society was recently awarded several honors at the 17th Annual PTK Middle States Regional Convention in Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 19-22. PTK is the international honor society for two-year colleges. Members have earned a 3.5 GPA and 12 credits at ACCC. The chapter received the Five Star Champion Chapter award for demonstrating an overall level of excellence in leadership, scholarship, fellowship and service. This is the highest level of achievement a chapter can earn. The chapter also earned the Milestone Award for improving from one-star status to five-star status in one year and the Gold Pinnacle Award for increasing its membership.

In addition, several individuals were honored for their service to the chapter. **Kathleen McAlarnen**, chapter president, **Iryna Kastsiuk**, chapter officer, and **Winter Harmon**, chapter member, each received the Hall of Honor Award. PTK Advisor **Susan Nissen**, assistant professor of speech, received the Horizon Award for New Advisors for her efforts to elevate the chapter to five-star status. **Marcia Kleinz**, advisor and assistant professor of mathematics, was awarded a conference scholarship to attend the 2004 International PTK Convention in Minneapolis in April. ACCC's PTK chapter will hold its next induction ceremony at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, March 11, in the Walter Edge Theater. For more information, call **Susan**, ext. 4994.

Graduate Interview Survey Measures Effect of ACCC Education

The Graduate Interview Survey, a 47-question searching poll of ACCC graduates' opinions, is administered by the Office of Research one year after graduation. The survey is designed to learn how the "ACCC experience" has affected the lives of our principal constituents, our graduates.

Questions asked during the 10-minute telephone interview regarded graduates' goals when first enrolled and whether they were achieved, skills students expected to acquire but did not, whether they work and if their ACCC education helped them obtain and perform their jobs, and their goals if they have gone on to continue their education.

Asked if they could start again would they still choose ACCC, 83 percent of more than 1,100 graduates answered they would. The principal reason, they said, was because the college is "a good school" that provided them with "a good education." Also high on their lists were the cost of ACCC and the quality of the professors.

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

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