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NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

Nancy Hand Named Employee of the Quarter



Nancy Hand, accounts payable, was named ACCC's newest Employee of the Quarter. The accounts payable senior clerk was recognized for her "dependability, honesty and loyalty," according to many of the nomination forms.

Controller **Leslie Jamison** cited Nancy's effective multi-tasking and her "first-rate customer service with colleagues and vendors."

Nancy, a Mainland Regional High School graduate, joined the college in May 1983 after serving a dozen years as an office manager at Northfield's Rainbow Electronics. She's earned numerous Perfect Attendance awards and been recognized for her contributions to college staples such as Service Awards and the Restaurant Gala.

Long-time friend, former payroll supervisor, and current switchboard operator **Betty Ramsey** fondly recalled Nancy's ability "to do an excellent and complete job."

Known in some circles as ACCC's "Avon Lady," Nancy shares her Dorothy home with husband, Jeffrey.

The Employee of the Quarter receives a reserved parking space, dinner for two at Careme's, a plaque, and an invitation to dine with the Board of Trustees.

Criteria for the honor include being "a support staff member who has helped most to make ACCC a place where students are comfortable, where staff members are pleasant and efficient and where visitors feel welcomed."

Gala Raises Record-breaking \$240,000 for Scholarships; 50/50 Winners Announced

Lucky ticket-holders shared in the more than \$20,000 prize in this year's *Press of Atlantic City* Restaurant Gala 50/50 Raffle. The winning tickets were drawn at the 24th annual Restaurant Gala held March 7, at the Atlantic City Convention Center. The winners include:

First Prize, Jeffrey H. Gott, Jay Ford and Jodie DiEduardo, employees at Cape Savings Bank in Wildwood, shared the \$12,090 grand prize.

Second Prize, \$4,030, Christie Magee of Galloway

Third Prize, \$1,343, Chaîne des Rôtisseurs

Third Prize, \$1,343, Deborah Bass of Villas

Third Prize, \$1,343, a group of college employees including **Sue McNamara, Paula Hamilton, Barbara Clark, Vickie Brown, Gina Skinner, Joanne Gleason, Linda McLeod, Carmen Cabrera, Rosemarie Conaghy and Tammy DeFranco.**

Winning amounts were based on the number of tickets sold. More than 400 raffle tickets were sold at \$100 each, raising approximately \$20,000 for ACCC scholarships. Presented by Commerce Bank, this year's dining extravaganza attracted more than 1,000 attendees and raised a record-breaking \$240,000 for culinary and college scholarships at the ACA and ACCC. In its 24-year history, the Gala has raised more than \$1.6 million for college scholarships. A new feature, Tiffany & Co.'s "Keys for a Cause," raised \$7,300 for ACCC scholarships.

Institute for Service Excellence Opens at Hamilton Mall



The Institute for Service Excellence at Hamilton Mall opened on Monday welcoming its first ESL class at 9 a.m. The offices of **Sonia Cruz, Julia Ratcliff, Robert Cobler** and **Sherwood Taylor** will move to the ISE. We will keep you informed of other changes including phone numbers, tours and open houses as plans are finalized. If you have any questions about the ISE, please call me at ext. 5689, or Sonia Cruz, ext. 5685. **Sharon Kretmar** will move from WACC to Mays Landing East.

Picture: New ISE classroom

CMCC Receives Good Neighbor Award for Lighting

The South Jersey Astronomy Club bestowed its "Good Neighbor Award" on the Cape May County Campus in recognition of the site's external illumination design which "reduces light pollution" and "makes efficient use of lights and directing the light where it is needed--- not to the skies."

Bill Warfield, a member of the club's lighting committee, said his group wants to create awareness through its awards program and hopes to educate businesses "about the necessity of good lighting" for those who enjoy all that the night sky has to offer. Some 10 club members attended the ceremony.



Bill Warfield, left, and Ray Maher, right, presented the Good Neighbor Award to Mark Streckenbein, Terry Sampson and Dr. Joe Rossi.

Club President Ray Maher noted that CMCC's "shielded street lights" in the parking lot were ideal for keeping the stars bright and visible at night.

During the CMCC design phase, the college met with neighbors about ways to curb ambient light from the college and light potentially shining through neighboring windows. "When we were talking about the design, we wanted to minimize light pollution," said **Terry Sampson**, executive director of administration and business services.

Please Support Community Colleges; E-mail Legislators

Log on to www.SupportCommunityColleges.com so you can send e-mails to your state legislators to encourage them to support these community college initiatives in Governor Corzine's proposed FY 2008 State Budget: A five percent increase in direct state aid to New Jersey's community colleges; full funding of the community college building and renovation fund; and substantial increases in student financial aid programs, including a \$5.8 million increase to the NJ Student Tuition Assistance Rewards Scholarship (NJ STARS) and a \$1 million increase to the Tuition Aid Grant (TAG) program for part-time community college students. Thanks for your support.

Academic Committees to Meet March 22

All academic committees will meet on Thursday, March 22. There might be some confusion since there are five Thursdays in March.

Vote on College Book March 20

Faculty members can vote on the next College Book, 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 20. There will be discussion on the nominees before voting. The meeting will be held in the Distance Ed Room (D-131) and broadcast to the Worthington Atlantic City Campus and the Cape May County Campus. If you would like to place your vote and you can't make it to the meeting, send an e-mail to mrroussea@atlantic.edu with your choice by March 19. The list of nominees was included in the Feb. 2 issue of the *Atlantic Cape CommuniCator*. Visit www.atlantic.edu and click on News & Events and view back issues.

Web Conference March 29: Overview of Design for Mobile Learning Technologies

All are invited to a Web conference to review trends, design techniques and emerging technologies to meet the needs of mobile learners. The conference will be held 1-2:30 p.m., Thursday, March 29, room J-245.

The seminar will explore world-class examples of mobile learning from academia, government and industry. The integration of collaboration, wikis, Podcasting, location awareness and gaming/simulation with mobile technologies may lead to new offerings throughout the university environment. The instructor will be David Metcalf, researcher at the Institute for Simulation and Training at the University of Central Florida. He is the co-author of *Blended eLearning: Integrating Knowledge, Performance Support and Online*. His newest book is *mLearning: Mobile Learning and Performance*.

Make Appointment for TIAA-CREF Visit

TIAA-CREF Individual Consultant Peter Contini will return to the Mays Landing Campus, room J-202, Friday, April 13. Appointments are available 9 a.m.-5 p.m. He'll return Friday, May 4. Call (800)842-8412 or schedule online at <http://www.tiaa-cref.org/services/meetings/index.html>.

FOCUS Users Group Meets the Second Wednesday of Each Month

The FOCUS Users Group meets 3-4 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month. Anyone interested should e-mail the FOCUS Users Group at focus@lists.atlantic.edu for meeting place and agenda. All are welcome. A range of topics, from beginner to advanced users, is covered.

Books Needed for South Ghana Library

John Atsu-Swanzy, assistant professor, mathematics, is collecting books for the newly built library in his village in Atorkor, South Ghana. The Atorkor Development Foundation is a non-profit development organization based in Ghana and the UK. ADF was established in 2001 to help overcome poverty in Atorkor, a deprived fishing village in Southern Ghana.

ADF's vision is to transform Atorkor from a deprived village into a self-sustaining community with basic amenities, jobs, a health center, clean drinking water, well-equipped schools and vocational centers, electricity and affordable communication facilities.



The Student Life Center donated various text books and novels that students were not able to sell back to the book store last semester. **Debby Starr**, CAPC, added a large number of books to the collection. If you would like to donate to this worthy cause, books can be dropped off in the Student Life Center or contact Atsu-Swanzy, ext. 5663.

ACCC Art Gallery Seeks Alumni Artists

ACCC Art Gallery is looking for former studio arts majors and minors to contribute work to an alumni exhibit this spring in honor of the college's 40th anniversary. Works for exhibition must have been created in the last six years. This is not a juried exhibit.

Alumni interested in participating should e-mail Art Gallery Coordinator **Buddy Jacobs** at bjacobs@atlantic.edu. In the subject line of the e-mail, please type "Alumni Exhibit." The e-mail should also include participant's name, address, phone number, year of graduation and whether artwork is 2-D or 3-D. The deadline for submissions is April 1.

The number of responses will determine how much work each graduate may exhibit. There is a maximum size of 42 inches for 2-D work and less than 30 pounds for 3-D work. Information about drop-off, show dates and reception will be sent to participants. Contact Jacobs at the above e-mail or ext. 5346.

ACCC's 'An Evening with the STARS' Rescheduled for March 28

ACCC will host "An Evening with the STARS" to provide information to high school students eligible for free ACCC tuition under the NJ STARS scholarship program, 6 p.m., Wednesday, March 28, in Walter Edge Theater on the Mays Landing Campus. The event was originally scheduled for March 7 and was changed due to the snow closing. All college employees are welcome to attend.

John Iacovelli, dean of enrollment management for The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, will discuss the benefits of the NJ STARS program. ACCC administrators and staff will address reasons students should consider choosing ACCC to begin their higher education.

The state established NJ STARS—Student Tuition Assistance Reward Scholarship—in 2004 to provide high school students graduating in the top 20 percent of their classes free tuition at their local community colleges. Students from Atlantic and Cape May counties who meet all other criteria will have up to two years from the date of high school graduation to enroll and begin using the scholarship at ACCC. There are about 9,000 students statewide and 800 locally who qualify for the program this year.

Students must apply for all need-based federal and merit-based state financial aid grants. NJ STARS will cover the remaining balance of tuition and fees, although certain lab, course and program fees may not be covered. ACA tuition and fees are covered. To attend or for more information about NJ STARS, contact **Linda McLeod**, assistant director of college recruitment, ext. 5009, or e-mail mcleod@atlantic.edu.

Mental Health Stigma Logo Contest Open to Art/Graphic Arts Majors

Community college students enrolled in art and graphic arts programs at New Jersey colleges and universities are invited to showcase their talents by submitting a logo to the NJ Governor's Council on Mental Health Stigma 2007 Logo Contest. The winning submission will serve as the logo for NJ Governor's Council on Mental Health Stigma.



Mental health stigma is the primary barrier to the achievement of wellness and recovery and full social integration. It appears as discrimination, fear, distrust, and stereotyping. Stigma results in people avoiding working alongside, socializing with and/or living in close proximity to people with mental illness. Stigma deters people from seeking help for fear that their confidentiality will be breached.

Designs will be judged on focus: How well your logo communicates the message; originality: a creative and compelling visual that will "brand" the message; and universality: An image that will appeal to all audiences. The contest is open to students enrolled in art and graphic arts programs at New Jersey colleges and universities. The logo should reflect the mission of the Governor's Council on Mental Health Stigma and the messages contained within that mission. Students are asked submit a CD with their design,

no more than four-colors, in Adobe Illustrator with a companion PDF file. Entries should be submitted through **Cheryl Knowles-Harrigan**, department chair, along with a completed entry form signed by the student and Knowles-Harrigan. Students are encouraged but not required to attach a short paragraph expressing their thoughts on what their design represents. All submissions must be received by April 2.

Curriculum Committee Changes Math Curriculum, Approves Communication Courses as General Education Requirements

The minutes of the curriculum committee meetings will appear in future issues of the *Atlantic Cape CommuniCator*. The following items were approved at the February meeting:

Effective spring 2007, **Interpersonal Communication COMM110** and **Public Speaking COMM120** will be listed as general education courses under the "Communication" heading on the associate in arts general education page in the catalog,

Intermediate Algebra MATH119 was dropped. Summer 2007 is the last time the course will be offered.

Applications of Mathematics MATH121 will change from 3 to 4 credits beginning with the fall semester. New objectives were added and the description was changed.

A new prerequisite was approved for **College Algebra MATH122**: *MATH074 or equivalent with a grade of C or better, Placement Test score or SAT score*

The title for **MATH150-Pre-Calculus Mathematics** was changed to Precalculus. A new prerequisite was approved: *MATH074 or equivalent with a grade of C or better, Placement Test score or SAT score*

New 30-Credit Certificate Program to be Offered

The business and computer information systems departments created a new 30-credit "Certificate of Competency in Education Support Services." Once approval is received from the N.J. Presidents' Council, more information will be offered. This will be the first certificate that ACCC offers (certificate programs consist of 30 to 36 credits, including 6 credits of general education). Our professional series are clusters of courses and are "certificates of achievement" not certificate programs.

HERE'S THE SCOOP

Congratulations to **Leila Mojibian**, assistant professor of English, who was married in February.

Long time former ACCCer **Susan Spector** sends greetings to her friends and former colleagues. Susan works in employee development and staff training at Arizona's Yavapai College "in the beautiful northern mountains/pine forests of this glorious state," as she describes it. She can be contacted at Susan_Spector@yc.edu.

Want to get fit? Come exercise with us and release that stress! Classes meet Tuesdays and Thursdays and are instructed by **Angela Stewart** and **Tonya Reed**. We're doing Pilates with balls and low impact cardio kickboxing aerobics. All classes are free to faculty and staff only, and are held in the dance studio in C building (near the theater), with warm up at 4:50 p.m. For more information or to sign up, contact Angela, ext. 5267, or Tonya, ext. 5266.

Recent retiree **Yechiel Lehavy** reports that he recently returned from Singapore and a visit with the family of his son, Nadav, including three grandchildren. Nadav was transferred from Hong Kong to Singapore and his employer added Southeast Asia to his areas of responsibility. "I still have the jet lag," said Yechiel.

Ben Ward, facilities, earned two more trophies on March 3 in the Attilis Gym competition in Wildwood. Ben took first place for super heavyweight and first place in the over 40 category. "I don't settle for second place," he said. Ben said that makes four trophies so far this year and he's hoping for six more before the year is out. Go, Ben!

We were saddened to hear of the passing of **Frank Creveling**, former resident director of the Casino Career Institute. A World War II veteran, Mr. Creveling was an officer and detective with the New York Police Department. The Staten Island native moved to Port Republic in 1978, began teaching at the college in criminal justice, and worked with then-President Dr. Lawrence R. Winchell Jr. to open CCI. He is survived by his devoted spouse of 58 years, Anne, three children and four grandchildren. He was 81. Expressions can be sent to Mrs. Anne Creveling, P.O. Box 84, Port Republic, N.J. 08241.

The American Association of University Women will celebrate their 90th anniversary with a luncheon at Greate Bay Country Club in Somers Point, Saturday, April 21. Registration will open at 11:30 a.m. with lunch served at 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$35. There will be a Chinese auction. For more information or to make a reservation, contact Karen Aarons, 822-3704.

Renee DeAngelo, Career and Academic Planning Center, had the closest guess to the correct amount of Hershey's kisses in the jar in the Rotaract Club's Valentine's Day contest to benefit St. Jude's Ranch for Abused Children. Her guess was 278. The exact amount was 284. She received a gift certificate for Cavallino-Nero Restaurant from Rotaract President **Jennifer Sikora**. The gift certificate was donated by the restaurant's management. Congratulations!



Renee DeAngelo accepts a gift certificate from Rotaract President Jennifer Sikora, for having the closest guess of how many kisses were in a jar in the club's Valentine's Day contest.

Deepest sympathy to **Kathleen Denice**, CMCC admissions, and her husband, Michael, on the passing of Michael's mother, Geraldine Denice.

Don't forget...March 22-27 is Educator Savings Days at Borders Books and Music nationwide. You'll enjoy 25% off your personal and classroom purchases of list priced books, CDs, DVDs, cafe items, gifts, stationery and more when you bring in your current classroom discount card, educator ID or pay stub. A special reception with food, prizes and fun will be held 4-8 p.m., Friday, March 23, at all Borders stores. For more information, please visit www.bordersstores.com/educator.

Happy birthday to: **Judy Niewender**, March 17; **Kathy Landau**, **Carol Melkonian**, March 18; **Al Jou**, March 20; **Thomas Celandine**, March 21; **Frank Branca**, March 22; **Geralyn Michelfelder**, March 23; **Lisa Pollard**, **Kathy McGowan**, March 25; **George Duboff**, **Mariann Sozio**, **Denise O'Connor**, March 28; **Nicholas Donato**, March 29. Adjunct birthdays: **Alvin Kaplan**, March 22; **Lawrence Stroud**, March 26; **Alan Mann**, March 27.

NEWS FROM ACCC'S OTHER LOCATIONS

Greetings from the Worthington Atlantic City Campus

by Daymis Alicea

So OK . . . no one else is busy listening to jackhammers and pounding so they may not understand that the City is under siege. Owwww, our pounding heads! On the upside, when the sounds and the vibrating walls cease, we will be graced with a cafeteria that functions and a former garage transformed into beautifully lit classrooms with eager students. So the joy of no electricity, the occasional water leak and the suddenly-falling-on-your-head ceiling tiles will be a thing of the past...so hold on just a bit more as we are through most of it (maybe)!!

I agreed to have “a few” EOF conference materials stored in the student office area for an upcoming event. A few boxes...I feel like my desk is in the middle of a storage unit. I think **Paula Davis**, director of counseling and support services, is having a good laugh at my expense. Real cute Paula, real cute!!

Congratulations to the big man on campus, **Ben Ward**, on his weightlifting accomplishments. **Dr. Alice Rainey**, student services, had occasion to see him in action recently when he “simply tossed those boxes for an EOF conference” like they were weightless. Ben, we are impressed and congratulations on another HEFTY win.

ESL courses start on March 19. Enrollment is up due to a team of department chairs, staff members and teachers. A great thank you to all who help in keeping the program packed to the gills.

Greetings from the Cape May County Campus

by Lisa Apel-Gendron

You know you're having a rough Monday when you head for the third floor to handle a maintenance need...and you get stuck in the elevator! That happened to our facilities team of **Tim Cliggett** and **Roy Burnham** last week. And you can bet fellow employees took full advantage of the situation to chide the stranded men, particularly Tim, since he is our resident practical joker. We're happy to report that both men stayed calm and kept their sense of humor until help arrived.

Spring break week was busy with continuing education classes, the 4-H public speaking competition, Dale Carnegie training, the Cape May County Human Relations Commission monthly meeting, the Joint Insurance Fund monthly meeting, and an award ceremony courtesy of the South Jersey Astronomy Club.

Do you know anyone who loves ice cream? Ben & Jerry's of Cape May is coming to CMCC to recruit seasonal employees 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Tuesday, March 20, in the first floor lobby. They're looking for scoopers and managers.

The meeting to select the next College Book will be simulcast to CMCC, 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 20, in room 324. Please stop by.

Steve Phillips, the affable assistant director of admissions at Stockton, will visit CMCC 11 a.m.-2 p.m., March 22, in the first floor lobby. No appointment is needed. Please encourage students to stop and chat with Steve. In the past, Steve has worked hard to help our Phi Theta Kappa graduates access scholarships.

Thursday, March 22, is a great day to spend time in the CMCC lobby. Not only is Steve visiting, but our senior nursing students will host an informational display on women's health from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. You're bound to learn something new and useful, so come on over. Everything from nutrition to breast self-exam will be covered.

GED recipients from Cape May County will tour CMCC, Friday, March 23, as part of a recognition ceremony to mark their achievement. In its second year, the ceremony, sponsored by the WIB and the Cape May County Technical School district, treats recent GED recipients and their guests to an afternoon in the spotlight. Part of the afternoon is spent touring CMCC and learning about credit and continuing education programs. For information, contact Rusty Miller at 465-2161, ext. 645.

Bank of America plans to visit CMCC Tuesday, March 27, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and 5-7 p.m., in the first floor lobby to showcase special student banking products.

The American Association of University Women, Cape May County Chapter, is hosting a county-wide book discussion 10:30 a.m., March 28, in the CMCC dining area. The book, of course, is *The Curious*

Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time, our current College Book. Students, faculty, staff and the community are invited.

Receiving clerk **Thom Partin** is engaged in a tedious, but important task of placing just over 16,000 ID tags on every piece of furniture and equipment in the campus. Wow!

And finally (drum roll, please), we have photos from the wedding of **Denise O'Connor's** daughter, Shannon, last September. Denise looks great as always.

At left, Denise O'Connor, business office, poses with (left to right) new son-in-law Eric Callari, daughter, Shannon, and husband, Brian, after the Sept. 27, 2006 wedding on Long Beach Island.



Enjoy your weekend!

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Tenure was granted to **Cheryl Knowles-Harrigan**, assistant professor of art; **Amy Shelton**, assistant professor of mathematics; **Lydia Lehr**, assistant professor of art; **Svetlana Marzelli**, assistant professor of computer information systems; and **Karen Zaniewski**, assistant professor of nursing.

The ESL faculty were selected to present at the NJ TESOL Conference in May. **Kristi Bergman Neal**, assistant professor of ESL, and **Ernesto Laya**, assistant professor of ESL and Spanish, will present *Peer Based and Analytical Learning in an ESL Environment*. **Susan DePhilippis**, assistant professor of English as a Second Language, and **Neal** will present *Infusing American Iconic Events into Everyday Lessons*. **Christina Cavage**, associate professor of ESL, and **DePhilippis**, **Gwen McIntyre** and **Mike Kammer**, assistant professors of ESL, will present *MP3, You Don't Scare Me! Podcasting in ESL*.

Kammer reports that the ESL department's service learning project with Stockton had a record-setting eight Stockton students completing more than 100 hours of volunteer time as conversation partners with ESL students at the Worthington Atlantic City Campus.

Neal participated in TESOL's Virtual Seminar, *Key Issues in ESL/EFL Seminar: Teaching Vocabulary*.

Multiple Perspectives, Modes and Learners: A Collaboration of Three Disciplines in an Online Environment, a paper written by **Lynn Lessie**, professor of psychology, education/child development; **Cheryl Knowles-Harrigan**, assistant professor of art, and **Amy Shelton**, assistant professor of mathematics, will be published in the conference proceedings of the 18th International Conference on College Teaching and Learning. They will present their online group project to fellow educators in April.

Svetlana Marzelli, assistant professor of CIS; **Neera Desai**, assistant professor of mathematics; **Yechiel Leheavy**, professor of anthropology and sociology (now retired); **John Atsu-Swanzy**, assistant professor of mathematics; and **Angela Wang**, continuing education, were panelists for the International Education and Multicultural Awareness committee's fall faculty forum.

A poem written by **Elinor Mattern**, assistant professor of English, titled, *Atlantic City*, was accepted for publication in the literary journal, *Exit 13*. Mattern read her poetry at a joint meeting of two community groups, American Association of University Women and Sisters Together Against Racism.

Stephanie Natale, assistant professor of developmental English, **Leila Mojibian**, assistant professor of English; and **Denise Coulter**, associate professor of English, attended the Modern Language Association conference in Philadelphia in December.

Richard Benner, assistant professor of philosophy/religion, presented: *Erich Fromm, Jean Paul Sartre, and Paul Weiss---Man's Freedom: Escape From, As Condemnation to Be, and Freedoms' Limitations* at the Community College Humanities Association in Providence.

Keith Forrest, assistant professor of communication, was invited to join the board of the Beach Writer's Conference in North Wildwood. The conference will be held in June, and the board is working on student connections such as creating a personal essay contest with a shore theme. Keith presented to Cape May County nursing home professionals about effective public speaking in January in Cape May Court House. He attended the Transfer Advisory Workshop held by Rowan University's College of Communication. He is in discussions with Rowan about an articulation agreement between the journalism track of our communication option and Rowan's journalism program.

ACCC student **Brian Furgione** was featured in a Press of Atlantic City article. Furgione sparked a monthlong controversy when he showed up at a Hamilton Township Committee meeting last month with a video camera. The municipality does not allow taping of its meetings. Furgione would like to see the meetings televised over the government station, broadcast by Oakcrest High School. Although committeemen tabled any formal decision on a taping policy, they did support a compromise: Furgione and anyone else filming the meeting can only film the committee and must stop recording at the request of citizens making their public comments. Before it starts broadcasting, the committee will attempt to set a policy this month for how to operate the broadcast.

Admissions reports that two brothers came in to the Mays Landing Campus admissions office last week. One is a senior at Johnson & Wales and the younger is a senior in high school. The high school senior was applying to the Academy of Culinary Arts and his older brother was along to help him. The older brother said that his success at J&W is due to the semester he spent at the ACA. He praised the chef educators and said that in many cases he was way ahead of the game by the time he transferred. He said he didn't stay for his first two years because ACCC didn't have an articulation agreement at that time, but since we do now, it makes sense for his brother to complete his first two years here.

ALUMNI

Jerome Townsend '01 presented a talk on fundraising for the voluntary sector during the "Making Democracy Work" conference in Budapest, Hungary, Feb. 19. Townsend graduated from Rutgers-Camden with a degree in public policy and administration after graduating from ACCC. He visited Budapest last spring as part of a Rutgers-Camden international studies course on the role of nonprofit organizations. Townsend served as a work-study student for **Dr. Alice Rainey** at ACCC's Worthington Atlantic City Campus while attending classes at ACCC. Rainey called him a "bright student and kind individual."

We heard from ACCC graduate **Steve Dunn** who is assistant professor of medicine at Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia. He is working in a basic science laboratory investigating diabetic complications of kidney disease. "I was the second SGA president at ACC in 1967-68," he writes. I began my ACC experience in the old ACHS building at night and moved to the current site. There was a lot of mud back then. ACCC has made great strides since my days in professors Messick and Hurff's classes. ACC was a great worthwhile experience."

ACCC IN THE NEWS

WMGM NewsChannel 40 ran a story on ACA students prepping for the restaurant gala. They also covered the sold-out gala at the AC Convention Center.

At the Southern N.J. Rotary's Mid-Year Assembly in January, **Mike Bolicki**, assistant professor of educational psychology and Rotaract Club advisor, spoke on "Service above Self" at the college level. He

shared photos from ACCC's Rotaract Club projects with achieving high school students from area Interact clubs including Egg Harbor Township, Absegami and Ocean City high schools. A story appeared in the Rotary newsletter available at: <http://www.rotarydistrict7640.com/pages/newsletters/feb07.pdf>.

The forecast edition of the Atlantic County weekly newspapers ran a story titled, *Promising future in works at ACCC thanks to master plan, new institute*. The article promotes the Health Professions Institute under construction in Atlantic City, the master plan, ACCC's 40th anniversary and the Rutgers agreement.

The Atlantic City Restaurant Gala was featured on NBC NewsChannel 40 and in several features stories in The Press of Atlantic City.

The *New Kid* free play performances on March 11 at the Middle Township Performing Arts Center and the Mays Landing Campus were featured in The Press of Atlantic City and local weekly newspapers.

A story on the 4 percent tuition increase appeared in The Press of Atlantic City.

The NJ STARS information session, which was postponed due to weather closing, was publicized in The Press and local weekly newspapers.

A news release on the Northeast Equity Award that ACCC received recently appeared in Atlantic County newspapers.

A photo and story on ACA student **Louis Favieri** and his centerpiece of the ACA's 25th anniversary logo appeared in the Sentinel in Franklinville.

Data collected in a survey by Ocean City was analyzed by ACCC's Center for Regional and Business Research, according to an article in the Cape May County Gazette. The survey shows that Ocean City, Maryland, is targeting Ocean City, New Jersey's tourists.

A feature story on ACA student **Will Myers** and his involvement in the Iron Student Chef competition, appeared in the Cape May County Gazette.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

March 15 was The N.J. County College Trustee Ambassadors Day, hosted by The New Jersey Council of County Colleges at the State House in Trenton. The event gave trustees the opportunity to meet with district legislators to discuss important issues pertaining to community colleges and view a presentation by NJ STARS students. Four members of the ACCC Board serve as ambassadors.

Dr. Mora and Chef **Kelly McClay**, acting dean of the Academy of Culinary Arts, will be interviewed for a segment on the ACA by Comcast Newsmakers that will air next month. Comcast Newsmakers on CN8 is a five-minute interview program that features elected officials and community leaders who are dedicated to shaping their community. This will be Dr. Mora's second appearance.

The 24th Annual Restaurant Gala was a huge success. Dr. Mora thanks and congratulates the ACCC Foundation, college staff, and sponsors of the event who helped raise \$240,000 for scholarships. Details can be found at www.atlantic.edu.

--**Kathy McGowan**, editor