

# ATLANTIC CAPE COMMUNICATOR

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## NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

### ACCC's Accreditation Reaffirmed; Periodic Review Moved to 2013

ACCC's accreditation was reaffirmed by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, March 13.

In a letter to ACCC, Dr. Robert Schneider, Vice President, MSCHE, reviewed the Commission's official action: "To accept the monitoring report, to thank the institution for receiving the Commission's representatives, to remove the warning, and to reaffirm accreditation."

Dr. Schneider indicated that the Commission also has requested a monitoring report, due April 1, 2010, documenting implementation of the Institutional Effectiveness Plan, including the identification of institutional student learning outcomes and the use of assessment results to inform institutional planning and budgeting (Standards 7 and 14). He also notified the college that the Periodic Review Report, originally scheduled for 2011, is now due June 1, 2013.

"This highly positive outcome is due to a significant collegewide effort and I would like to acknowledge the commitment and teamwork from all those involved," said **Dr. Peter Mora**, ACCC President. "I also thank the Senior Staff team who provided the leadership for the development of the monitoring report: Dean **Catherine Skinner**, Dean **Richard Perniciaro**, Senior Dean **Art Wexler**, and Executive Assistant to the President and Director of Board Services, **Brittany Williams**."

Developments pertaining to our Middle States efforts will be shared with the college community.

"The institution's ability to collaborate on the effort to develop, establish and promote a culture of assessment and a commitment to institutional renewal should serve as a true source of pride for the entire college community," Mora continued. "The reaffirmation of our accreditation is a true milestone in enabling ACCC to continue to fulfill our legacy of truly serving as the 'community's college.'"

Visit <http://www.atlantic.edu/about/accreditation.htm> for more information.

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



**Myrna Morales Keklak**, Assistant Professor of Nursing, was voted faculty member of the year by the ACCC student body.

Keklak joined the college on Sept. 4, 2001, after a 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.

*Morales Keklak*

She was a Clinical Nursing Instructor for Atlantic County Technical School 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.

--Joe Rossi

### **‘Walking at Work Day’ April 16 to Help ACCCers Gear Up for Heart Walk**

ACCC will participate in “Walking at Work Day,” sponsored by the American Heart Association, Wednesday, April 16. The event is aimed at helping teams prepare for the Heart Walk, Saturday, May 17, on the Ocean City Boardwalk.

ACCC’s theme is “It’s a Family Affair... You, Kids and Grandkids.” Participants are encouraged to begin exercising and walking in preparation for Heart Walk.

Team T-shirt ideas will be on display April 7-11 on the bulletin board in the cafeteria on the Mays Landing Campus; CMCC first floor lobby; and WACC cafeteria and upstairs and downstairs lobbies. Check your e-mail for the chance to vote online for your favorite design. The winning design will be announced on April 14 and Donna Leeds, graphic artist, will create the final graphic based on the winning entry.

For information on heart disease and stroke, go to [www.americanheart.org](http://www.americanheart.org).

### **Need a Guest Speaker for Your Class or Event? Consider Rutgers Speakers Bureau**

The Rutgers-Camden Speakers Bureau is available as a resource for ACCC’s scholarly and public events. Rutgers faculty members are interested in sharing their expertise with our students, so if you are planning an event or considering inviting a guest speaker to your class, you can view a partial listing of the experts online at [www.camden.rutgers.edu/speakersbureau](http://www.camden.rutgers.edu/speakersbureau).

### **Applications for Tuition Reimbursement Due**

The Sabbatical Committee will soon hold its spring meeting to review tuition reimbursement applications for ACCCOSAP, ACAFA, Education Association and exempt employees. The Sabbatical Committee does NOT review support staff applications. Support staff should contact **Kathy Fritz**, ext. 3744, for information and deadlines.

Applications for courses taken during the summer, fall or spring semesters may be submitted. The Committee will consider applications received before, during and up to 30 days after the last day of classes. Applications should be forwarded to **Laura Campbell** in the Senior Dean of Academic Affairs office by Monday, April 14. For more information, contact Laura, ext. 4909, or [lcampbel@atlantic.edu](mailto:lcampbel@atlantic.edu). Look for the application form in your e-mail.

### **Last Chance for Gala Raffle Ticket; Buy Your Own or Get in on a Group Ticket**

Time is running out for ACCC employees interested in taking a chance on the Gala 50/50 raffle. Employees may purchase a ticket on their own or get in on a group ticket. Group tickets are available by sending \$10 (for a 10-way split ticket) or \$20 (for a five-way split ticket) to **Jo-Ann Volpe**, Advancement

Office. There's no need to get your own group together, although you can do that also. She will make up the groups and give you your ticket number.

Only 500 tickets will be sold at \$100 each. Three cash prizes will be awarded, including: \$15,000, first prize; \$7,500, second prize; and \$2,500, third prize. Dollar amounts are based on all 500 tickets being sold. The winning tickets will be drawn at the Gala on April 3, at the Atlantic City Convention Center. Now in its 25th year, the Restaurant Gala has raised more than \$1.6 million for student scholarships. Winners do not need to be present to win.

Call Volpe, ext. 5653, or stop by and see her, second floor, J building, or send your checks via interoffice mail to her, room J-250, made payable to ACCC. Write "gala raffle" in the memo line.

### **Gourmet Gala to Benefit Former ACA Chef Educator Bill Bailey**



A gourmet gala benefit for former ACA Chef Educator Bill Bailey will be held 3-7 p.m., Sunday, May 18, at the Ocean City Yacht Club. Tickets are \$25 per person. Items are needed for a silent auction.

Bailey was diagnosed with a massive brain tumor in his frontal lobe on Feb. 2. He was transported from AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center to New York University Medical Center. On Feb. 7, extensive surgery was performed to remove the cancerous tumor. Shortly after surgery, Billy returned to NYU to begin six weeks of chemotherapy and radiation in an attempt to keep the tumor at bay.

Billy has lived in the Absecon-Ocean City area for more than 14 years. He is an accomplished chef, currently Executive Sous Chef at the Trump Marina.

Money raised will defray overwhelming medical expenses for Billy and his family. Tickets are \$25 per person and available upon request at [BillyBaileyBenefit@comcast.net](mailto:BillyBaileyBenefit@comcast.net) or call Vicky at (609) 432-1170, JT at (609) 602-1155 or Nancy at (609) 926-0167.

### **ACCC Talent Idol Contest Planned for March 28**

The ACCC Idol Talent Show, 6:30 p.m., Friday, March 28, sounds like a fun night. Students will compete for the title in Walter Edge Theater on the Mays Landing Campus. The contest is sponsored by the Black Student Alliance. Tickets are \$5 general admission, \$3 with college ID and \$2 for children 12 and under. Tickets can be purchased by calling **Lynette Ingram**, ext. 5097, or stopping in the Counseling office, first floor, J building, and are also available at the door.

### **ACCC Hosts Eastern Community College Social Science Conference**

The 34th Annual Eastern Community College Social Science Association's (ECCSSA) conference continues through Saturday, March 29. Sixteen presenters from nine colleges will speak on this year's theme: "The Changing Role of the Social Sciences in a Global Community." Six presenters from ACCC include **Dr. Louise Kaplan, Heather Boone, Mike Bolicki, Carolyn Coulter, Avon Chapman** and **Charlotte Frederick**. Nearly 50 professionals are expected to attend.

For more information, visit the ECCSSA Web site at [www.eccssa.org](http://www.eccssa.org). **Donna Marie McElroy** and **Carolyn Coulter** are co-coordinators of the conference.

### **Nursing Club Sponsors Health Fair April 3 on Mays Landing Campus**

ACCC's nursing club will sponsor a Health Fair, 12:30-1:30 p.m., Thursday, April 3, in J building on the Mays Landing Campus. The event titled, "Learn to Live," will offer free health screening and valuable information including blood pressure screening, body mass readings, STD discussions, cancer screening, and information on gym membership, organ donation, breastfeeding and MRSA. All are invited to attend.

## **Register Now for April 25 Economic Summit at ACCC**

If you haven't registered yet for "Shaping the Regional Economy," a regional economic development summit, there's still time. The event is Friday, April 25, in Walter Edge Theater. The day begins with continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m. The fee is \$30 and includes breakfast and lunch. The forum will feature economists, industry leaders and architects of the past era for an interactive discussion on how to shape the South Jersey regional economy over the next five years.

Attendees will learn about the emerging trends in job creation, health services, housing, education and transportation that will affect businesses, growth communities and public agencies. Participate in discussions that will generate action from local government and learn more about how some resources will be allocated in the region. To register, visit <http://economicsummit.atlanticcapewib.info>.

## **American Red Cross Blood Drive, March 31**

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday, March 31, in the gymnasium on the Mays Landing Campus. To register for the drive, call **Sara Turner**, ext. 5112.

## **Nursing Program Information Session Planned for March 31**

A nursing program information session for those interested in pursuing a career as a registered nurse will be held 5:30 p.m., Monday, March 31, in H-116. Call **Glenda Stogel**, ext. 5048, for more information.

## **American Culinary Federation Accrediting Team to Visit ACA April 14-16**



The American Culinary Federation three-person accrediting team will be on site Monday-Wednesday, April 14-16. The ACF team will discuss the evaluation process and may ask questions during a reception on Monday evening. On Tuesday, the team will take a tour of the culinary facilities and the student support areas that affect the program, including the library/resource center.

Team members will conduct interviews and observe culinary classes. Course syllabi and supporting material will be examined and the self-study evaluated. The team will be on campus all day using J-245 as its resource room. On Wednesday, the team will complete an exit interview where it will give insight to its findings and follow up with a report announcing its final accreditation recommendation within 30 days.

## **MetLife Rep Plans Retirement Workshops on Mays Landing Campus April 16**

Keith Bermeo, Financial Services Representative for METLIFE, will conduct two retirement planning workshops on Wednesday, April 16, in J-207. Workshops will be held at noon and 1 p.m. Call Keith at (800)492-3553 ext. 28036 or e-mail [kbermeo@metlife.com](mailto:kbermeo@metlife.com) to make an appointment. METLIFE is one of the vendors in the N.J. Alternate Benefit Program (ABP) and the Additional Contributions Tax-Sheltered Program (ACTS).

## **WACC to Lead ACCC Team for May 3 Arthritis Walk**

Once again, Community Affairs will "Join the Team for a Cure" and lead the ACCC team in the annual Arthritis Walk, Saturday, May 3. The walk will begin at 10 a.m. at the Absecon Lighthouse, Rhode Island and Pacific avenues and continue on the Boardwalk. Participants may choose a one- or three-mile walk.

There are 46 million men, women and children in the U.S. who are diagnosed with arthritis. Take the first step by joining the Arthritis Walk to help raise funds to support research in the prevention, control and cure for arthritis.

Help raise funds to improve the lives of 46 million Americans, including 300,000 children, living with

arthritis. Walk for a teammate or to honor a friend or family member with arthritis. Call ext. 4858 or e-mail [brenner@atlantic.edu](mailto:brenner@atlantic.edu) for more information or to register. We hope to see you on May 3 for the Arthritis Walk on the AC Boardwalk!

### **Philadanco! Performance at ACCC April 15**

Philadelphia Dance Company's *Philadanco!* will perform at ACCC, 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 15, in Walter Edge Theater on the Mays Landing Campus. The event is free and open to the community, school children and dance disciples in Atlantic County. ACCC's Community Affairs Program and Diversity and Equity Committee of the Board of Trustees, in conjunction with Access to Art, Inc., will present the lecture/demonstration.

The lecture/demonstration is an introduction to the dance and choreography of *Philadanco!*, explanations about modern and jazz dance, ballet and Afro-inspired movement for which the company is duly acclaimed. This is a unique opportunity for area school and dance groups as well as teachers and other dance disciples to see the renowned dance company on stage.

*Philadanco!* performs across the world to rave reviews and sells out at the Kimmel Center in Philadelphia, where it is in residence. The company has performed at the Kennedy Center, the Joyce Theatre in New York, Brooklyn Academy of Music, the Travis Center in West Palm Beach and across three continents to rave reviews and often performs with the Philadelphia Orchestra.

*Philadanco!* will perform for Access to Art, Inc., at the Middle Township PAC, 417 E. Pacific Ave., Cape May Court House, at 7:30 p.m., May 17. Tickets are \$25 and \$30 and may be obtained by calling the Middle Township PAC at (609) 463-1924 from 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

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

### **Chuck Law's Whimsical Paintings on Display at ACCC Art Gallery**

"A Different View: Contemporary Still Life Paintings" by Linwood artist Chuck Law will be the featured exhibit at the ACCC Art Gallery, April 2-May 2. An opening reception with light refreshments, where the public can meet the artist, will be held 1-4 p.m., Sunday, April 13. Admission is free.



Law's modern still life paintings of beach gear, rows of candy buttons and the like are included in private collections throughout the United States as well as Europe. He received many awards for his unique oil painting style done in traditional realism with a contemporary viewpoint. Law also expresses himself through plein air landscape, marine art and animal paintings.

Law was born in Nice, France. He grew up spending time between Southern New Jersey and Norfolk, Va. Much of his artwork was influenced by his proximity to the Atlantic Ocean and Chesapeake Bay. Law's 20-year career as a floral designer has also enriched his talent for color, composition and natural form. He began pursuing painting on a full-time basis in the spring of 2005.

### **Book Drive 'Give More for Atorkor' To Benefit Prof. Atsu-Swanzy's Village**

The second annual book drive to help supply books for a library in Atorkor, is collecting books for Prof. **John Atsu-Swanzy's** village in Ghana, Africa. Children's books, textbooks and reference books are needed, according to Atsu-Swanzy, Assistant Professor of Mathematics.

This year, Absegami High School's Black Cultural Interest Club is assisting ACCC's International

Education and Cultural Committee in getting donations. For more information, contact Atsu-Swanzy, [jswanzy@atlantic.edu](mailto:jswanzy@atlantic.edu), ext. 5663, or **Paula Manns**, [pmanns@atlantic.edu](mailto:pmanns@atlantic.edu), ext. 4969.

## **ACCC Students Join Tobacco Protests April 2**

ACCC will be among 12 New Jersey colleges to stage “Kick Butts” student rallies against tobacco use on 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Wednesday, April 2. All three campuses will host educational demonstrations focusing on the dangers of tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke. Events include:

--The Mays Landing Campus will feature 1,200 pinwheels in the center of campus representing those who die from tobacco use on a daily basis.

--The Cape May County Campus (CMCC) will host a 10-table display with a live radio broadcast, informational anti-tobacco games, the opportunity for smokers to get their CO2 checked and more. Those who visit all 10 tables will be eligible for a raffle for an iPod Nano. Students from Cape May County Technical, Lower Cape May, Middle Township, Ocean City, Wildwood Catholic and Wildwood high schools will cover the tables throughout the day.

--The Charles D. Worthington Atlantic City Campus (WACC) will stage a “CSI” type event, with silhouettes drawn on the ground representing those killed by tobacco use. Students from Atlantic City High School will occasionally “drop” to the ground to represent another death from tobacco use.

The event is organized by Reaching Everyone By Exposing Lies (REBEL) and REBEL U, student programs sponsored by the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services Comprehensive Tobacco Control Program.

For more information on the Mays Landing event, call ext. 5097. For the WACC and CMCC events, call ext. 4897, or visit [www.njrebelu.com](http://www.njrebelu.com).

## **Job Fair at Mays Landing Campus April 8**

ACCC will hold “Job Fair 2008” 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Tuesday, April 8, on its Mays Landing Campus. The event will be held in the cafeteria in C building and lobby of adjoining J building. Restaurant recruiters will be in M building to meet with ACA students. More than 20 employers will meet with college students and community members to discuss career opportunities at their businesses.

Employers will attend to fill seasonal and current jobs. Representatives of local employers will answer questions and do on-the-spot interviews or schedule appointments for interviews at their location. Students and community members are encouraged to bring resumes.

For more information, e-mail **Cynthia Correa**, Assistant Director, Student Development, [ccorrea@atlantic.edu](mailto:ccorrea@atlantic.edu) or call ext. 5089.

## **HERE’S THE SCOOP**

Welcome aboard to new employees who joined us this week:

--**Levi Fox**, Student Development Specialist

--**Dennis Jones**, Counselor I, Educational Opportunity Fund

--**Linda Jones**, (no relation to Dennis), Administrative Secretary, Facilities Management

Deepest sympathy to **Sara (Ryan) Turner**, Health Services, on the passing of her dear mother, Rosaria “Sara” Mesagno. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to 210 Simpson Ave., Ocean City, N.J. 08226.

**Marge Battistelli**, Academic Support Services, sent this note: “Sincere thanks for the caring thoughts,

prayers and kind expressions of sympathy that brought so much comfort to our family after the loss of my mother.”

**Nancy Hand**, Senior Clerk, Accounts Payable, who is recovering from hip replacement surgery, reports that she is getting physical therapy at home three times a week and just started using a cane. “It seems a little scary after being on a walker all this time or a wheelchair for sitting. I’m still a little weak and take naps every day trying to get my strength back. It seems to be taking forever, but there is daily progress.” She sent this note, “Please tell everyone how much I loved the flowers, edible fruit bouquet, gifts and beautiful cards with words of encouragement. I miss everyone and ACCC! I can’t wait to return.” Rest up, Nancy. We’ll be happy to see you, too!

**A champion of CMCC passes...**We are saddened by the passing of Cape May County Herald Editor/Columnist Joseph Zelnik, 75. Zelnik of Stone Harbor was highly instrumental in convincing local politicians to approve the construction of the Cape May County Campus. The Zelnik family plans to establish an ACCC journalism scholarship to honor him.

Deepest sympathy to **Marsha Patrick**, Assistant Professor, Allied Health, on the passing of her mother, Helen Phillips of Egg Harbor City. She was 82. Expressions may be sent to Marsha, 166 Nelson Drive, Williamstown, N.J. 08094.

Happy birthday to **Mariann Sozio, Denise O’Connor**, March 28; **Nicholas Donato**, March 29; **Paula Demarest, Lucille McGlynn, John Stratton**, March 30; **Taffy Peterson**, March 31; **Lynette Ingram**, April 1; **Dan Thoren, Howard Webb**, April 2; **Janet Brenner, Christine Gamboa**, April 3; **Millie Ciraolo**, April 5; **Mary Lou Breitzman, Electra Stulak**, April 7; **Rhonda Petruzzi**, April 8; **Norman McKiver, Vickie Melograno**, April 9; **Dorothy Filomena, Brenda Kuhar**, April 10. Adjunct birthdays: **Jacqueline Kelly**, March 31; **Terrence Monroe**, April 3; **Joy Jones, Patricia Russell-Chapman**, April 4; **Earl Stein**, April 6; **Irene Scholler**, April 10.

## NEWS FROM ACCC’S OTHER LOCATIONS

by Daymis Alicea

Congratulations to ESL instructor **Lisa Pollard** who became a first-time grandmom on March 12. Eleanor Dawn Forman arrived three weeks early weighing 6 lbs., 6 oz. Proud parents are Lisa’s son, Michael, and his wife, Andrea. They live in New York City.

Congratulations to **Josie Chivalette** on her promotion from Assistant Director, WACC Administrative Services, to Director, WACC Program Support Services, retroactive to July 2.

What a difference a week of silent corridors makes...I alternated from bored to tears to bored to death. You know it’s bad when you look at the clock and it’s only 2:30 p.m. and then, two hours later, it’s only 2:45 p.m. Silence, unending and unbending, and if you know me, then you know that equals purgatory. I was happy to see the end of spring break. That said...

I hope everyone enjoyed their spring break with their kids and the bunnies that freakishly lay chocolate eggs (we do like to confuse our kids). I was happy to see my dead garden spring to life with beautiful flowers and at the same time I realized, horror of horrors, yard work!

The split-term ESL sections started March 24 and quietly ushered out the old way of enrolling ESL students.

The new generation 1.5 ESL sequence will go into effect for fall 2008. Why the change? More and more of our students are coming in with adequate listening and speaking skills. Whether acquired by American

high school ESL programs, education in their home countries or by adequate county funded programs, the result is that listening and speaking skills are up. There is a shift in the population that required ESL and, therefore, we have shifted to meet the need. The listening and speaking components are still very much a part of the course(s) experience, regardless of level, the intensity of which is now sprinkled liberally throughout the entire ESL sequence. There will be a stronger (more pronounced) focus on reading and writing. As you can imagine, these are critical skills that an emerging ESL student requires to be successful in subsequent ENGL level courses. The program's shift is more in line with other colleges and universities and the additional courses are a valuable tool to increase college-level preparedness in our ESL population.

So, what's going to happen to those students who don't have any listening and speaking skills of which to...um, speak of? Don't worry, we still have the free ESL courses (actually, a \$15 enrollment fee, we all know nothin' is free), and we have the continuing education ESL Workshops (at \$139 per course, books included). These courses adequately meet the needs of the 'I absolutely do not speak any English and that is why I brought a translator with me' potential student. Free ESL (**Barbara Kozek**, ext. 4817) has its own way of enrolling students and Continuing Education (**Susan Lee**, ext. 4829) has special requirements for their ESL workshops. Potential students (and their translators) should contact them for additional information.

PS. Registration begins on April 21 for 32+ students. That means students must have more than 32 credits to register on THAT DAY....but alas, no student ever seems to understand this phenomenon!

Well, that's all I've got to say about that! Take two and call me in the morning. TTFN.

## **Greetings from the Cape May County Campus**

**by Denise O'Connor and Joe Rossi**

Lots of CMCC vacation news to report. We're substituting for our beloved bi-weekly author, **Lisa Apel-Gendron**, who was scheduled for her annual two-week trek to Cactus League spring training baseball in Arizona with husband, Howie. The couple decided to postpone the trip due to the failing health of Howie's father. But we're happy to report that on the first day of her abbreviated one-week vacation around her Dennisville home, Lisa not only did some yard work but caught the first televised Phillies' pre-season game on the tube! While Howie headed to Western Pennsylvania to see his dad, Lisa yanked weeds and gathered fallen limbs. The couple is planning a visit to baseball's Arizona Fall League. Always great to have you back, Lisa.

**Joan Dillon**, Student Services, is off to Moscow with her son, Will, who turns 14 in April. Three years ago Joan promised her children that on special birthdays she would take them somewhere exotic. So when her daughter, Grace, turned 13, off they went to Moscow to visit Joan's brother, Richard. Joan had not seen her sibling in 16 years. Well, here it is three years later and she's fulfilling her promise to Will. And by the way, since Grace turns "Sweet 16" this year she'll be traveling to Vegas and San Diego to visit Joan's sister.

**Jennifer Botwin**, Cashier, leaves on March 29 for a week in Virginia Beach.

**Tim Cliggett**, Facilities, is back from a relaxing 26-day hiatus in Clearwater, Fla.; Savannah, Ga.; and Myrtle Beach, S.C. A retired Philadelphia police officer, Tim and his wife, Patty, caught up with his brother and sister-in-law, several present and former Philly officers and firefighters and ACCC adjunct instructor **Larry Conti** while enjoying the warm southern skies. He just missed Chemical Compliance Specialist **Deanne Gipple** at a Phillies' game in Clearwater. (Actually, they were at opposite ends of the ballpark's Tiki Bar). As a former law enforcement officer, Tim wants to warn everyone that speeding on South Carolina's Route 17 will yield a fine AND 30 days in the slammer. So take it slow if you go!

**Roy Burnham**, Facilities, and wife, Suzanne, traveled 12 hours for a four-day stay up north. The couple took Roy's mother, Eva, home to Maine and visited Roy's birthplace of North Conway, N.H. The Burnhams returned home in time for the St. Patrick's Day birth of grandchild number five, Isabella Danielle, who arrived bright and early at 4:30 a.m. Of his driving experience in snow-covered Maine, Roy noted that he "had to follow the telephone poles" to know where he was going.

Chemical Compliance Specialist **Deanne Gipple** and husband, Don, traveled to Florida for five days and three Phillies' games. Don, a Wildwood Crest firefighter and EMT, usually heads south with his buddies, but Deanne said that this year "the boys canceled" so Don took his bride on the trip. She's back safe and sound with some minor sunburn.

**Valerie Crawford**, Assistant to the Dean, reports that daughter, Michelle, and son-in-law, Scott, finally sold their Pitman home and are fully relocated in South Carolina with Val's 16-year-old granddaughter, Kaitlyn. Scott, a technician for Blue Cross/Blue Shield, took a new job with the company last year.

The CMCC team orchestrated a smooth and fast evacuation drill this week thanks to superb organization by Sgt. **Al "A.J." Jayne** and his evacuation captains, including Parking Lot Officer **Hank Cebulski**, ITS Technician **Chris Vallese**, Cashier **Jennifer Botwin**, and Facilities staffers **Roy Burnham** and **Tim Cliggett**.

Here's a list of CMCC's April events: Customized computer training for a banking consortium, "Kick Butts Day" (stop smoking), Youth Investment Council, team building training for the Thomas Heist Agency, Cape May County Chamber of Commerce focus groups, Sturdy Savings Bank, and retail sales and service training.

**Kathleen Denice**, Testing, remained busy with "Jump Start" through spring break. She was recently at Egg Harbor Township High School testing hundreds of potential ACCC students.

Special thanks to **Esther Gandica**, Corporate and Workforce Training, for her great work in providing food for the Thomas Heist training. The cafeteria closes during spring break so Esther served as program and food service coordinator. She picked up and delivered breakfast and lunch for the clients. Great going!

Big thanks also go to **Thom Partin**, Receiving, for helping Esther get the food to the students.

Congratulations to CISM adjunct **Eric Morano** on completing his master's of information science degree from Strayer University today!

Get well wishes to Faculty Support Office Assistant **Linda Hair**. Hurry back!

Happy spring!

## **Continuing Education News**

by **Sherwood Taylor**

**SAVE THE DATE:** May 8, the ISE will celebrate its first year providing training to the retail, sales and service industry. The Health Professions Institute will hold a Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting celebration, 11 a.m., Friday, May 23. Details on these events will follow.

**FREE! Retail, Sales and Service Training:** The Institute for Service Excellence (ISE) is recruiting for its April, May and June classes. Classes are being held at the ISE in the Hamilton Mall and the Cape May County Campus. The training is provided through an agreement with the Atlantic Cape Workforce

Investment Board. For additional information on the program or to refer interested participants, call the ISE, ext. 5600.

**Youth Career Advancement Program:** ACCC, in conjunction with Job Connection, a partner of the Atlantic County One Stop System and the Youth Investment Council of the Atlantic-Cape May Workforce Investment Board, will train eligible 18- to 21-year-olds looking for entry-level positions in health and office careers. The training will be held in Atlantic and Cape May counties and is completely free. Participants are paid for their time in the classroom, and the program provides some assistance with child care expenses. Contact **Erica Hoskins**, ext. 5682.

**Grant Opportunity for Local Businesses!** New Jersey Business and Industry Association (NJBIA) members, New Jersey Chamber members, private-sector companies and non-profit organizations may be eligible for training classes through a grant to the NJBIA funded by the NJ Department of Labor. Available courses include: English as a second language, basic computer skills, verbal and written communication skills, as well as math and measurement courses. For more information or to forward inquiries, call ext. 5680.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Chef **Bruce Johns**, Director of Culinary Operations at ACA, was named Chef Educator of the Year by the Professional Chefs Association of South Jersey, a chapter of the American Culinary Federation. The Marmora resident was honored at the organization's 35<sup>th</sup> Annual President's Scholarship Dinner Dance Ball held on Feb. 10 at Bally's Atlantic City.

Executive Director of College Relations **Kathy Corbalis** was elected to the advisory board of the Community FoodBank of New Jersey—Southern Branch.



The Performing Arts Club sponsored Bands for Cans to benefit the Community FoodBank of NJ—Southern Branch on March 14. Area bands performed for the cause. About 250 people attended, each bringing canned food. The event raised four grocery carts of food for the FoodBank. ACA grad **Evelyn Benton**, '89, thanked participants for their support.

*Performing Arts Club members pose with Dave Capelli, Theater Manager; Evelyn Benton, Executive Director, Community FoodBank of NJ Southern Branch; Band Promoter David Mallet and Heather Boone, Club Advisor.*

## ALUMNI

ACA grad **Amanda Nahas-Christodoulou**, '00, was featured in Atlantic City Weekly's Forty Under Forty. She is Chef/Owner of From Scratch, a personal chef company. The silver-medal graduate's business primarily serves those who need specialized and medical diets. She serves on the board of Ruth Newman Shapiro Cancer and Heart Fund and is the Noogieland Chef at Gilda's Club South Jersey. She has taught nutrition workshops in Atlantic City to mothers who are on government assistance and worked with the Atlantic County Women's Center. She lives in Egg Harbor Township with her husband, Alex. Thanks to Thelma Winchell for the note to let us know about Amanda's success!

**Andrew Sciarretta**, ACA '06, was named Executive Sous Chef at Sonsie's restaurant at The Pier Shops at Caesars Atlantic City. Sciarretta lives in Vineland.

## ACCC IN THE NEWS

The Current recently ran a bevy of stories about ACCC. There was an item about the health career classes at the Health Professions Institute. Plus, there was a feature story about St. Patrick's Day recipes provided by ACA Chef Educators **Jeff Phillips** and **Tree McCann**. In addition, ACCC general studies student **Stacy Koushel** was quoted in a story about the new Galloway Township branch of the Tilton Fitness health club.

Five color photographs of ACA students making ice carvings for the Restaurant Gala appeared on the front page of The Press' Region section March 25. NBC40 also covered the ice carving event.

ACA Chef Educator **Bruce Johns** was featured in articles in the Atlantic County Record and in The Press' Community Extra on being named Chef Educator of the Year by the Professional Chefs Association of South Jersey.

The Camden Courier-Post ran a story about CCI receiving new instructional slot machines donated by A.C. Coin & Slot and International Game Technology. CCI students and faculty mentioned in the article were **Regina Fix**, **George Nottingham**, **Thomas Giardina**, **Qaisar Kahn** and CCI alum **Tony Sacari**, now a rep for IGT. **Dr. Peter Mora** was also quoted. NBC40 TV did a story on the donation and a follow up story on CCI's slot training the next day. Slot technician student **Chris Keener** was quoted in the piece.

ACCC Adjunct Science Professors **Deanne Gipple** and **Terri Hamby** were showcased in a front-page article in the Cape May County Herald about the CMCC science program and their status as females in the field.

The Press of Atlantic City published an article about ACCC's request to Atlantic County for \$15 million for upgrades at the Mays Landing Campus. **Dr. Peter Mora** was quoted.

Executive Director of College Relations **Kathy Corbalis** was quoted in a story in The Press of Atlantic City about the text message service available to ACCC students.

Student Services Director **John Mohr** was pictured and featured in a story in the Mainland Journal on the Greater Egg Harbor Regional District announcement that it would name the gymnasium of its soon-to-be-built regional high school in Egg Harbor City the "Joe Mohr Gym" after John's father, who died in 2002. "It's an honor to represent my parents and family to all of you and the community," John said. "My dad was a significant part of Egg Harbor High." Retired State Senator William L. Gormley made the request to name the gym after Mohr, who became the newly-formed Greater Egg Harbor Regional's first athletic director when Oakcrest replaced Egg Harbor High in 1960. John's nephew, ACCC student **Michael Williams**, a member of the college's basketball team, was also pictured.

The Atlantic County Record ran a story about the U.S. Intercollegiate Archery Championship to be held at the Mays Landing Campus, May 15-18. A photo of champion ACCC archer **Steve Gatto** accompanied the story.

ACA student **Nancy West** was featured in a photo in the Delaware Valley News about the Lick Hunger Ice Cream Challenge. She won in the kids' category with her flavor, Where's the Beach, consisting of Creamsicle swirl, jelly beans and salt water taffy bits.

The Press of Atlantic City, Daily Journal and Atlantic City Record featured stories about the Holocaust production, "The Last, the Very Last...Butterfly," that was presented at ACCC by the Pushcart Players.

The Current and Atlantic County Record ran articles about Adjunct Art Instructor and Art Gallery Coordinator **Buddy Jacobs**, who conducted an art demonstration at Oakcrest High School's Art History Institute.

**Dr. Richard Perniciaro**, Dean of Facilities, Planning and Research and Director of the Center for Regional and Business Research, was quoted in an article in The Press of Atlantic City, on the Tropicana Casino and Hotel availability for sale. "It's not necessarily going to go to the highest bidder," he said. "It's a matter of someone coming in to refresh the property, and the previous owner was not able to do that, obviously." Perniciaro said attractive qualities in a buyer include stability, cash to invest and experience in both gaming and working with labor unions. "The less risk, the better, in terms of bringing this building back," he says, adding that a price tag of about \$1 billion "seems logical considering nowadays it costs \$2 billion to build in the market."

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

On March 11, the Atlantic County Board of Chosen Freeholders presented Dr. Mora with a resolution recognizing the College "for the manner in which it handled the Governor's Town Hall Meeting" on Feb. 7. Dr. Mora extended thanks to the Freeholder Board and the ACCC team, led by **Dr. Joe Rossi**, that coordinated the visit, and to the Hamilton Township Police Department for its ongoing support and collaboration.

ACCC's accreditation was reaffirmed on March 13 by the Middle States Commission of Higher Education. Great job to all!

Did you know that the Library also maintains a Middle States Resource Center at the Mays Landing Campus? Check it out!

ACCC belongs to a number of professional organizations that work in support of the community college sector. One such organization is the Chamber of Commerce of Southern New Jersey. Named the Best Chamber in New Jersey by NJBIZ, the Chamber of Commerce Southern New Jersey (CCSNJ) is a not-for-profit business organization founded in 1873 whose mission is to provide members with opportunities to meet other members and do business, resources to enhance members' position in the marketplace and a collective voice on public policy issues that impact business. CCSNJ is the largest chamber in the region with 1,700 members and growing, and with more than 150 events each year it is also the most active. CCSNJ member companies employ close to 325,000 people throughout Southern New Jersey.

## 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!

## Assessment Tip of the Month

The Assessment Committee will offer tips once a month in the *Atlantic Cape CommuniCator*. This month's tip: Self Assessment: Allow students to self-assess on a regular basis. Ask them to report regularly on how they feel about their progress including success and any areas for improvement. Encourage them to create strategies for improvements.

## Next CommuniCator April 11

The next *Atlantic Cape CommuniCator* will be Friday, April 11. Deadline is noon, Monday, April 7. E-mail your submissions to [mcgowan@atlantic.edu](mailto:mcgowan@atlantic.edu).

—**Kathy McGowan**, editor