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Atlantic Cape Community College's Information Source

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NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

Next CommuniCator March 17, Deadline Noon, March 13

The next issue of the *Atlantic Cape CommuniCator* will be Friday, March 17. The deadline is noon, Monday, March 13. Submit articles by e-mail to mcgowan@atlantic.edu.

All Desks Should Have ACCC Mission Statement; Call If You Need One

All employees should have a copy of the ACCC mission statement on their desks. The latest version of the mission statement has five bulleted items. If you have the old four bullet points version or don't have one at all, call **Anna Simmons**, ext. 4907.

Middle States Reaccreditation Team to Visit March 26-29

The Middle States Reaccreditation Team will visit ACCC March 26-29. Team members will meet with ACCC personnel throughout the visit both individually and in group settings. One-on-one meetings with ACCC personnel will be determined upon the team's arrival. The team's itinerary, which does include group meetings, is posted at www.atlantic.edu/about/middlestates/TeamVisitSchedule.htm.

The team will have group meetings with faculty, the steering committee, students, senior staff and trustees. An open meeting to all ACCC personnel is scheduled for March 28 from 2:15- 3:30 in the Walter Edge Theater. ACCC's Middle States Web site is: www.atlantic.edu/middlestates/index.htm. The site will be updated daily. Please bookmark it for easy access.

Borders Offering Educator Savings Days March 23-28; Must Print Coupon

Borders is offering Educator Savings Days March 23-28 for ACCC employees and retirees, with 25 percent off nearly everything. Get 25 percent off your personal and classroom purchases of regularly priced books, music, café items, gifts and stationery and more when you show your educator ID or pay stub. Visit www.bordersstores.com/educator and print out the coupon. A reception of food, free gifts and raffles will be held Friday, March 24, 4-8 p.m. Offer excludes previous purchases, gift certificates, shipping, non-stock special orders, used or out-of-print titles, newspapers, magazines and comics.

ADA Workshop/Hands-on Demo March 3; Register Today

An ADA Workshop/Hands-on Demonstration, open to all ACCC faculty, staff, chef educators and students with disabilities, will be held Friday, March 3, room M-129. Joan Messa, a consultant with Vis-Ability, Inc. will conduct the "training" portion of this workshop. Mike Parker, Director of Vis-Ability, Inc. will demonstrate new, cutting-edge assistive technology for people with all types of disabilities.

There will be two sessions of continuous demonstrations so that everyone has the opportunity to get "hands-on" experience of how to use the assistive technology equipment in the DSS resource room in the Counseling and Support Services office.

Equipment and software to be demonstrated include:

- Telesensory Aladdin Sunshine Color CCTV, a portable magnification product for people with low vision
- VERA, the “very easy reading apparatus”
- JAWS screen reading and screen magnification software
- Zoomtext, software designed to meet the needs of people with visual impairments
- Openbook, software that transforms a computer and scanner into a full-featured reading machine.

The morning session will be held 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. A light lunch will be served between the morning and afternoon sessions. The afternoon session will be held 1-4:30 p.m. ACCC staff and students will have the opportunity to try this equipment and learn how to use it.

The workshop/demonstration will be presented in April at the Worthington Atlantic City Center and Cape May County Campus.

To register or for more information, contact **Lucy McGlynn**, ext. 5090.

‘Once Were Warriors’ Presented March 8

At 12:30 on Tuesday, March 8, the International Education and Multicultural Awareness Committee will present the foreign film, *Once Were Warriors*, in the outer cafeteria, Mays Landing Campus, in celebration of International Women’s Day. This movie is the story of a contemporary Maori family in New Zealand, set against the backdrop of a culture in transition. It touches on many issues including identity, history, tradition, family, morality, addiction, domestic abuse, gender equality, and overall, culture. **Dr. Wendy Waisala**, assistant professor, English, will introduce the film with some information on Maori traditions.

Roger Ebert says in a review of *Once Were Warriors*: “It is powerful and chilling... with such narrative momentum that we are swept along in the enveloping tragedy of the family’s life.” He also praises “... its power in presenting two great performances by Morrison and Owen. You don’t often see acting like this in the movies. They bring the Academy Awards into perspective.”

Another reviewer said, “Hollywood, this is not.” Warning: This film uses profanity and a strong depiction of domestic violence.

For more information, contact **Elinor Mattern**, ext. 4880.

Support New Jersey’s Community Colleges Web Glitch Fixed; Please Act Now

The glitch in the Web site to notify your government officials of the funding needed for community colleges was fixed. Please take five minutes to visit the Web site and send e-mails to officials now. It’s easy...just fill in a few blanks and hit send!

State funding for community colleges has dropped 13 percent per student over the last four years. The NJ Council of County Colleges has partnered with the New Jersey Education Association to sponsor an ad campaign to ask for support of New Jersey’s community colleges. TV ads are now running to drive people to <http://www.supportcommunitycolleges.com/>. Flyers have been posted on all community college campuses.

Thanks to **Penny Wells**, program/chemical compliance officer, who served as chair of the NJEA State Higher Education Committee and worked more than a year on the project.

Sign Up Now for Text Messaging Alerts

If you didn't sign up for text messaging alerts for weather closings or other emergencies, do it now. Those who want to receive messages can sign up for the service using ACCC's Website: www.atlantic.edu and click on the TxtAlerts icon to register. The service is free, but participants may be charged by their cell phone providers for receiving the text message.

Deadline to Apply to Complete in 'ACCC Idol' Talent Competition March 7

The deadline to apply to compete in the Second Annual 'ACCC Idol' talent show is March 7. ACCC employees and students are eligible to compete. See **Vita Stovall**, student development, or **Linda McLeod**, WACC or CMCC, to enter.

ACCC Receives N.J. SmartStart Rebate for CMCC

Facilities Management recently received a \$25,344 rebate check from Atlantic City Electric as a participant in the New Jersey SmartStart Buildings program. "NJ SmartStart is a statewide energy efficiency program which provides a wide range of design and technical support, as well as equipment and technology incentives to yield substantial savings," said **Mark Streckenbein**, director, facilities planning and management. The first of two scheduled rebates is connected with the design and construction of the Cape May County Campus. Rebate funds will be applied toward CMCC's annual utility expenses.

Get Your Gala Raffle Ticket Now

Now's the time to purchase your Gala Raffle ticket. Cost is \$100. Only 750 tickets will be sold at \$100 each. Five cash prizes will be awarded, including: \$22,500, first prize; \$7,500, second prize; and \$2,500 third, fourth and fifth prizes. Dollar amounts are based on all 750 tickets being sold. Proceeds benefit student scholarships at ACCC. The winning tickets will be drawn at the Gala on Thursday, March 23, at the Atlantic City Convention Center. Winners do not need to be present to win.

ACCC employees interested in taking a chance on the Gala 50/50 Raffle but who can't spring for a \$100 ticket can now get in on the deal. Group tickets will be available by sending \$10 to **Jo-Ann Volpe**, advancement office. There's no need to get your own group together, although you can do that also. Jo-Ann will make up the groups and give you your ticket number. Call Jo-Ann, ext. 5653 or stop by and see her, second floor, J building or send your checks interoffice mail to her, room J-250, made payable to ACCC. Write "gala raffle" in the memo line.

Heart Captains Planning for Heart Walk; T-shirt Designs Wanted

The Heart Walk Captains are busy planning for this year's American Heart Walk in Ocean City. **Marion Pool** was appointed as Heart Walk Chairperson and Heart Captain for CMCC. **Susan Lee** was appointed as a new heart captain for Worthington Atlantic City Center. Anyone interested in being a team captain should see the Heart Walk Chairpersons: **Mike Kammer**, ext. 4879; **Pat Kubaska**, ext. 5654; **Charita McClain**, ext. 5610; **Marion Pool**, ext. 3602; or e-mail **BettyAnn Inloes Hines**, hines@atlantic.edu for further information. On March 14 at 5:30 p.m. there will be a Heart Captain Kick-off sponsored by the American Heart Association at the Linwood Country Club.

There will be a design contest for our heart walk team T-shirt open to the ACCC community. More information coming.

ACCC Sets Nursing, Health Career Information Sessions

Free information sessions for those interested in a career in the health field are planned. Nursing information sessions cover everything one needs to know about the requirements for entering the nursing program. The sessions on nursing are appropriate for high school seniors wanting to attend nursing

school, current ACCC “pre-nursing” students enrolled in prerequisite courses, and for members of the public considering pursuing a degree in nursing.

--6-7:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 8, CMCC, room 132

--5-6:30 p.m., Thursday, April 6, outer cafeteria, Mays Landing Campus

--5:30-7 p.m., Tuesday, April 25, faculty dining room, Mays Landing Campus

--5:30-6:30 p.m., Thursday, April 27, as part of an Open House at CMCC

Health career planning sessions for a career in health care will provide valuable tips for obtaining an associate degree at ACCC for becoming a respiratory therapist or registered nurse. Those interested in radiology may benefit from ACCC courses prior to selection to a hospital-sponsored school of radiology and may continue studies at ACCC for an associate in science degree in health sciences after receiving radiology certification. Sessions are scheduled for:

--5:30-7 p.m., Tuesday, March 28, faculty dining room, Mays Landing

--3:30-4:45 p.m., Thursday, April 27, as part of an Open House at CMCC

--6-7:30 p.m., Monday, May 15, faculty dining room, Mays Landing

For more information call **Glenda Stogel**, college recruiter, ext. 5048, or e-mail stogel@atlantic.edu.

ACA Signs Transfer Agreements with Four-Year Cooking Schools

Recognizing the value of liberal arts and general education courses offered at ACCC, two of the nation’s most prestigious private four-year cooking schools have signed transfer agreements with ACCC’s Academy of Culinary Arts, Dean **Klaus Muller** announced.

The institutions are:

- New England Culinary Institute of Montpelier, Vt., which offers bachelor’s degrees in hospitality and restaurant management
- Johnson & Wales University of Providence, R.I., America’s largest cooking school and the alma mater of star chefs Emeril Lagasse and Tyler Florence, among other highly regarded culinary professionals.

The agreement with NECI grants acceptance and provides a \$2,000 scholarship to ACCC students who maintain a 3.0 grade point average in their program studies and a 2.0 GPA overall and who want to pursue a NECI bachelor’s degree.

To transfer into J&WU’s associate or bachelor’s degree programs, ACA students must earn at least a “C” grade, select a major to ensure transfer credits are properly awarded, and have their curricula evaluated course-by-course.

ACCC Begins Computer Art, Web Professional Credit Programs This Summer

This summer ACCC will offer three new credit programs for fledgling Web designers and computing professionals who need to increase their artistic or technological skills. Each program consists of five courses, including ones offered on campuses or online.

ACCC’s summer credit courses can be transferred to four-year institutions by vacationing college and university students. The three series are:

- Visual Communications, which teaches students the design elements that underlie graphic and Web communications. The five courses are Fundamental Drawing, ARTS 110, offered in the summer; Design Concepts for Print and Web, ARTS 116; Art with Computers, ARTS 135, fall; Web Page Design, ARTS 163, fall; and Web Graphics and Animation, ARTS/CISM 165, summer and fall.

- Web Design Professional for working professionals wanting to enhance their Web design proficiency. Courses are Design Concepts for Print and Web, ARTS 116; Introduction to Computers, CISM 125, offered in summer on campuses and online; The Internet and the World Wide Web, CISM 127, online in summer; Web Page Design, ARTS 163, fall; and Web Graphics and Animation, ARTS/CISM 165, offered in summer and fall.
- Web Development Specialist for working professionals wanting to upgrade their proficiency in Web application technologies. Courses include Introduction to Computers, CISM 125, summer on campuses and online; The Internet and the World Wide Web, CISM 127, online in summer; Computer Programming-Java, CISM 154, fall semester on campus and online; Web Page Design, ARTS 163, fall; and Web Design for Information Management, CISM 183, fall.

For more information on the Visual Communications program, contact **Cheryl Knowles-Harrigan**, department chair, ext. 4993, or e-mail cknowles@atlantic.edu. For more information on the Web Design and Web Development Series, **Otto Hernandez**, ext. 5112, or e-mail hernande@atlantic.edu.

Donations Needed for Silent Auction

Do you have gift items in your closet that “just aren’t you?” How about that item from Aunt Edna last Christmas? Donate them to the ACCC American Heart Walk team for the Silent Auction. Monies raised will boost ACCC’s contribution to the Heart Association on behalf of our team, who will participate in the American Heart Walk on the Ocean City Boardwalk on Saturday, May 20. Last year’s auction raised more than \$700. The auction will be held in late May. Give your items to **Jo-Ann Volpe**, advancement, J-238, silent auction coordinator, or call her, ext. 5653.

Continuing Ed Cooking Workshops Offered

Now is a great time to take a non-credit culinary workshop. Offerings in the next few weeks include:

- **Country French Cooking**, taught by the Academy’s native French educator **Michael Huber**, will cover classic dishes like chicken chasseur and other bistro favorites. Bon appetit. Wednesday, March 8, 6-9 p.m., in the seminar dining room, Cape May County Campus.
- **Sensuous Seafood** dives into identifying local and exotic seafood, its availability, how to judge its quality and, perhaps most importantly, how to prepare it at home, Tuesday, March 21, 6-9 p.m., Mays Landing Campus.

The fee for each culinary workshop is \$49. Bring an apron, hand towel, sharp knife, and notepad and pen. To register, call ext. 4829 or visit www.atlantic.edu/conted. Other workshops are offered this spring.

Basic Skills Workshop March 21; Register Now

All are invited to attend a Best Practices Basic Skills Workshop, Tuesday, March 21, room H116, 12:30-1:45 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Come and listen to what your colleagues have to say about best practices for developmental students in college skills, English and math. Did you know that 75% of our student population test into a developmental course(s)? That means that every one of us is dealing with the need for basic skills in our classrooms. Please RSVP **Mary Yoa**, ext. 4964, e-mail yoa@atlantic.edu or **Lydia Lehr**, ext. 5609, e-mail llehr@atlantic.edu.

TIAA-CREF Visits Planned; Make Appointment

TIAA-CREF Individual Consultant Kevin Mumford will be visiting the Mays Landing Campus on Thursday, March 9; Friday, April 7; and Thursday, May 4. Appointments are available 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in room J-202. Call (800)842-8412 to make your 30-minute appointment. You should bring a copy of your most recent statement to the meeting. If you would prefer to schedule online, select the “Meetings/

Counseling” option at the top right corner of the TIAA-CREF homepage: www.tiaa-cref.org. Counseling at other campus locations will be announced when dates are arranged.

Free Tickets Available for ‘Schoolhouse Rock Live’ Shows on March 12

“Schoolhouse Rock Live,” the bright and entertaining theater production for children based on the popular 1970s Saturday morning cartoon series, will be performed free on March 12 at two locations. The performances are sponsored by ACCC in association with the New Jersey Theater Alliance’s Family Week at the Theater.

The production will be performed by Beach Haven’s SurfFlight Theater on Sunday, March 12, at noon at the Middle Township Performing Arts Center in Cape May Court House and at 4 p.m. in the Walter Edge Theater on ACCC’s Mays Landing Campus. It is recommended for students in grades K to 5.

Reservations are required. For more information or to make a reservation for the Mays Landing Campus performance, call College Relations, ext. 4907. To make a reservation for the Middle Township Performing Arts Center performance, call 463-1924.

Placements Needed for Work Study Students

The College Work Study Program, a federally-funded financial aid program which pays eligible students to work at ACCC, has many gifted students looking for employment on campus. Students are available for temporary or regular placement to help office staff with a quick project or a long-term assignment. Students are ready to assist for a few hours, a few days, or for as long as help is needed. Call **Tammy DeFranco**, ext. 5274, or e-mail tadefran@atlantic.edu.

HERE’S THE SCOOP

Welcome aboard to **Gail Donaghy**, part-timer in the division office at CMCC.

The Mettille family sent this note: “A special thank you to everyone at ACCC who sent Mass Cards, fruit baskets, planters, prayers, phone calls, cards, and kept us in their thoughts during the recent loss of our mother/grandmother. They all helped so much at this time. Thank you again, from **Marge, Charles and Mike Mettille**”

Welcome aboard to:

- Joan Burke**, outcomes assessment coordinator who succeeds **Vickie Melograno**.
- Karen Beckman**, director of institutional research who succeeds **Max Slusher**.
- Vincent Chainey**, security guard
- Eric Kozek**, security guard

Get well wishes to **John Torcasio**, receiving.



Dave Capelli, ACCC theater manager, recently had the chance to meet Olympic Gold Metal Winner Kerri Shrug, when she visited ACCC’s Jonathan Pitney Hall on Feb. 18 and 19 for the Starbound Gymnastic Competition. The event helps choose the best gymnasts from the East coast. Kerri was on hand to provide well wishes to the young Olympic hopefuls, present special awards and sign autographs. Dave and Kerri swapped Olympic Village stories, chatted about the level of today’s competitors, and picked out one or two future Olympians in the group. Kerri now works in Washington, DC, for the U.S. Postal Bureau. Dave asked her what was the most popular question people ask her, she said they ask “How’s your ankle?” Taking the bait, Dave asked, “How’s the ankle?” She

replied, “It was 12 years ago...my ankle is fine.”

Jay Corbalis, son of **Kathy**, college relations, and **Mark**, academic computing, left last week for Argentina for a semester abroad. A junior at Cornell University, he's studying at a university in Buenos Aires as part of his dual major in city and regional planning and Spanish.

Before he took off, Jay spent a lot of time at the Rowan Rec Center, where he ran into **Ryan McGowan**, son of Kathy, college relations. The two hadn't seen each other since their years together in Kids College, but they recognized one another and enjoyed a game of pick-up basketball. Ryan is a junior in Rowan's civil engineering program.

We are saddened to hear of the Feb. 27 passing of long-time associate professor of business, **Bob Braid**. Mr. Braid joined the college in 1974 and retired 26 years later. He was 73. Donations can be made in Mr. Braid's name to the National Parkinson's Foundation, 1501 N.W. 9th Ave., Bob Hope Road, Miami, Fla. 33136-1497 or the Covenant House, P.O. Box JAF 2973, New York, N.Y. 10016-2973. Expressions can be sent to his widow, Mary Jo Braid, at 603 Somerdale Road, Voorhees, N.J. 08043.

Happy birthday to: **Miguel Delgado**, March 3; **Julia Ratliff**, **Wilfred Parsons**, March 5; **Natalie Cohen**, March 8; **Cindy DeFalco**, March 10; **Jed Soifer**, March 11. Adjunct birthdays: **Claude Fortune**, **Francis Rauscher**, March 3; **A.K. Mustafa**, March 7; **Carl Tripician**, March 10; **Brian Adair**, March 12; **Therese Halschied**, March 14.

NEWS FROM ACCC'S OTHER LOCATIONS

Greetings from Charles D. Worthington Atlantic City Center

By Daymis Alicea



The City Center classrooms have been buzzing with interesting projects and fun interactive events that help teach our students in a creative, hands-on way. I was lucky enough to be invited to participate with the students in the class and capture the memorable moments. **Prof. Mary Beth DeBlasio's** ENGL102 course engaged in a creative building project that correlated with critical thinking and visualization techniques needed to enhance their writing.

The non-credit ESL classroom hosted the Atlantic City Fire Chief, who gave an excellent presentation to the students on fire safety and prevention techniques.

Prof. Ernesto Laya's Advanced Reading and Writing class created visual presentations on three topics: the Vietnam War, World War II and the Civil Right Act. Staff and other students were invited to attend the class and engage the three different groups on their chosen topic. On hand was **Bobby Royal**, dean of Worthington Atlantic City Center, who enjoyed the interaction the projects generated.



Wow, **Darmish Dave** got married! Some of you may remember that "Double D" (as he is sometimes called by his friends in the Administrative Office) went off to India at the behest of his family to meet and greet his future bride. He tells me that after about a month or so they got engaged and were happily married in January. Double D started back to work on Feb. 27 in administrative services. Glad to have you back.

Speaking of administrative services, they held a surprise birthday party for **Josie Chivalette**. She tells me she is proud to be able to celebrate her organs making it through unscathed for yet another year and is currently peddling her healthy kidney to the highest bidder on ebay (*she is hoping to retire on the proceeds from that sale*) though the bidders have not met her 'reserve' of two million as yet. As to her other kidney, well, she promised that one to **Ernie Sandoz**, security. But I digress. Her birthday

celebration was highlighted by yet more cake, but this one was something to brag about...strawberry shortcake with whipped topping from Mino's. Every little bit was licked up by the same people who ate cake with me that morning, but again, I assure you that cake served in WACC is cal-free.

The Cross Cultural Club sponsored a fabulous activity on Feb. 21. Classes got together in the cafeteria and enjoyed a birthday celebration for George Washington, the Father of the United States. He is 476 years old now and, yes, I had candles on that huge sheet cake. The students were asked to say something about him and what he stood for and some of his most famous quotes were re-quoted. Several ESL classes created projects about George Washington and they were put on display for their peers to enjoy. Great job to all who participated.

Newsworthy news (not only to us, but to The Press of Atlantic City) Ashley Ingram, daughter of **Lynette Ingram**, financial aid, led her Atlantic City High School basketball team to victory over Sacred Heart, 69-36. Ashley was responsible for 30 of those points. Her six of six three pointers was so awesome that it broke the record and earned her a place in the Ventnor Shoot-Out record books. Ashley modestly credited her awesome streak to fellow player Tasha Cannon who said of Ashley, "I'm proud of her . . . she did a great job." Her coach commented, "She tried to be modest about it, but she was unbelievable." Her proud mom said, "I was yelling my head off like a lunatic."



Angela Wang, non-credit program specialist, traveled to her beautiful homeland of China for a two-week vacation. She enjoyed her stay with family and friends and revisiting her old haunts. Angela is standing in Shanghai City where the city lights stay on all night long. She tells me it was about 40° and in the hard winter can actually drop below 5°. The NIKON & OKWAP signs in the background are electronic companies but just down the road you can find KFC, TGIF, Pizza Hut and the Hard Rock Café. She shopped a lot and brought back great gifts. What a great place to visit.

I forgot to mention in the last *CommuniCator* that the Minority Affairs Committee also had a hand in bringing about the "Lest We Forget" program that ran in the beginning of February. Many thanks and I apologize for the oversight.

Jay Peterson, assistant professor, English, and **Elinor Mattern**, assistant professor, ESL, will exhibit photographs: *Journey into the East*, at the Atlantic City Art Center, March 1-31. An opening reception will be held 1-3 p.m., Sunday, March 5. The center is on the Garden Pier, Atlantic City Boardwalk & New Jersey Avenue.

Mattern speaks to groups on many aspects of culture, communication and creativity. She earned her MFA in Poetry from Fairleigh Dickinson University, and was the recipient of that program's Director's Award in Poetry. She is a visual artist, exhibiting photographs and paintings.

Peterson was born in Seoul, Korea, and was raised in Toms River. He holds a B.A. from Rutgers University and an M.A. from the University of Cincinnati. He uses an Olympus C-740 digital camera while traveling among 48 states and 20 countries.

Keep those submissions coming...your colleagues love to read about what's happening here in WACCy World.

Greetings from the Cape May County Campus

by Lisa Apel-Gendron

Black History Month concluded with an exceptional learning experience for students, faculty, staff and 40 youngsters from a local elementary school. Thanks to **Lisa Givens** and **Aline Bennett**, student services, the African American Heritage Museum of Mizpah brought an exhibit of artifacts and historical memorabilia to CMCC Feb. 22.



In addition to exhibiting to ACCC students, faculty and staff, the curators provided students from Woodbine Elementary School with a living history lesson. After their lesson, the youngsters had lunch and toured the building with **Matt Bailey**. It was a noisy, but fun morning. **Rita Michalenko**, assistant professor of art, and **Sue Hellings**, math adjunct instructor, spent time looking through the many items. **Tim Cliggett**, facilities, and I spent some time reading posters offering slaves for sale. That was something I'd never seen before, and I must say it gave me the chills. Thank you, Lisa and Aline!

Photo courtesy of Al Jayne, security

We welcome **Gail Donaghy** to the evening shift in our Division Office. Gail replaces **Jennifer Lauriello**. Gail will be located outside Room 335 from 3:30-8:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday. Her extension is 3502. Please stop in and say hello.

Tears of joy and sadness came to cafeteria associate **Dawn Brewster** recently. Dawn welcomed a new grandson into the world, but on the same day she lost her stepbrother. We're with you, Dawn.

Denise O'Connor, business office, is anticipating the arrival of a third grandchild in August. If you haven't met Denise, you would never, ever think she's a grandmom!

Our first OATS (Office Assistant and Technology Specialist) class graduated Feb. 23. This intensive non-credit program meets 24 hours a week for six months. These graduates are *prepared!* Instructor **Keiko Schrottke** did a standout job with her class...just ask them! The next career training program, Medical Office Specialist, began Feb. 28. Another OATS class is slated to begin in April.

Two transfer events are on the calendar for credit students. Dr. Luci Nurkowsi of Rowan University will visit March 7 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. in the first floor lobby. Julie Punchello of Thomas Edison State College will visit March 29 from 4-7 p.m. in the first floor lobby. Both events are drop-in. Please encourage interested students to spend some time with these helpful women.

Outsiders are inside our building. The Office of Conference and Meeting Services (aka **Jean McAlister** and **Kay Pandit**) is busy scheduling events for outside groups at CMCC. Some of the groups include: Cape May County 4-H, Upper Township Rotary, Cape May County Health Department, Lower Cape May Regional High School, Cape May County Youth Services Commission, Middle Township High School and the Cape May County Bar Association. Do you know of an organization looking for a site to hold a meeting or conference? We can probably help. Please refer leads to **Kay Pandit** e-mail kpandit@atlantic.edu or ext. 4802.

Enjoy your weekend!

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Congratulations to **Allan Scholler**, Esq., on successfully passing the Pennsylvania and N.J. bar exams. Proud parents are Andre and **Irene Scholler**, music adjunct. He is practicing law in Philadelphia.

Keith Forrest, speech, wrote a guest column in The Press of Atlantic City titled, *Frey went over the line—but just where is that line?*



An article featuring **Geoffrey Pettifer**, director of college marketing, and The Midsummer Night Players, titled *Star Struck*, appeared in the winter 2006 issue of New Jersey Lifestyle magazine. This summer, Geoff and the MSNP will perform *The Three Musketeers* in Cape May. This fall, Geoff heads back to The Walnut Street Theater in Philadelphia for the leading role in an original play titled *Grave Decision*.

Ninety-two percent of the 2005 nursing graduates passed the nursing boards, NCLEX. **Dr. Barbara Warner**, department chair, believes the significant increase in scores from 77% last year to 92% this year is, in large part, due to the inclusion of the Meds Publishing Total Curriculum Support Program throughout ACCC's nursing program and the NCLEX review at the end of our nursing program. The NCLEX Review is also included free within the total curriculum support program.

Sue Weisgerber, financial aid, was honored by the South Jersey Council of the Boy Scouts of America at its annual meeting and recognition dinner. She was honored for her contributions to the BSA district and council.

Bobby Royal, dean, Worthington Atlantic City Center and Community Affairs, was the keynote speaker at Egg Harbor City's Black Leadership Awards on Feb. 20 at the Abundant Life Worship Center. Royal who spoke passionately on the theme: "Building Community Unity-Together," had the attention of everyone in the room as he recounted his own life experiences and related how a cooperative relationship between church, school and the training of his parents were the key ingredients to community working together. Several prominent citizens, much-admired for making a difference in the community, were honored at the event, including Bishop John R. Gandy, a member of the ACCC Board of Trustees Minority Affairs committee. Presentations were made by the offices of Congressman Frank LoBiondo, Senator Bill Gormley, County Executive Dennis Levinson, Freeholder Joseph Silipena (presented by James Curcio), Mayor Joseph Kuehner, Egg Harbor City, and NAACP Mizpah Branch. The event was sponsored by the EHC Community Outreach Corporation, Pastors United for Community Service, and NAACP Mizpah Branch.

ACCC IN THE NEWS

A story on the new Rotaract Club collecting coats for the Atlantic City Rescue Mission appeared in the Cape May County Herald newspapers.

ACCC was awarded an arts grant, according to the Hammonton Gazette. The award was part of the NJ State Council on the Arts administered by the Atlantic County Office of Cultural Affairs.

An article on the new TxtAlerts system by Telecaster, which offers emergency notifications to ACCCers who sign up for the service, was featured in the Telecaster online newsletter with a link to The Press of Atlantic City article on the service.

The Current newspapers wrote a story titled, *Rethinking the recipe for success: ACCC ponders changes at Academy of Culinary Arts*. The article was sparked by a comment made at the January board meeting that academics was looking at the idea of re-engineering the ACA program. The writer interviewed **Dr.**

Arthur Wexler, senior dean of academic affairs. “Any words, particularly ‘re-engineering,’ was not intended to implicate that there would be reduced staffing,” he said. “Down-sizing is not part of what we are doing. What we want to do is redesign or rethink the (Culinary Arts) program.”

ACCC’s Institute for Service Excellence school-to-work pilot program at Hamilton Mall, which helps students acquire basic skills for the workplace, has been a big hit at Oakcrest High School with both college-bound and work-bound students, the Current reported recently. A photo with the article showed ACCC instructor **Dee Kelly** working with student **Juan Lopez-Maya** while Karol Bucci, Oakcrest teacher who runs the program there, looked on.

The Herald Times of Cape May County ran an advance article announcing the display of photos taken by Edward Lea in the art gallery on the Mays Landing Campus. In other news regarding the gallery, four area newspapers—the Hammonton News, the Egg Harbor News, the Mainland Journal and the Atlantic City Record—published photo montages of area students.

ALUMNI

Michael Simoncini, ACA ’96, has given up his catering business, Meals 2 U, in Little Egg Harbor to join the Ocean County real estate firm Prudential Zack Realtors. Joining him at Zack is Tracy McVey, a fifth grade teacher who also happens to be Michael’s betrothed. “Two heads are better than one,” says Simoncini, who on occasion demonstrates his culinary skills for McVey’s class.

Former student **Jeremy Parker**, was awarded a research grant from the history department of Northeastern University which will enable him to travel to Tokyo for the spring 2006 semester to study social movements in postwar Japan. <http://www.history.neu.edu/>. Proud mom is ACCC librarian **Ellen Parker**.

Atlantic County Kids Series Features Colorful ‘Out of Africa’ March 11

The third of three performances designed for young audiences and families will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, March 11. Fabulous Folktales presents *Out of Africa* as part of the annual Kid Shows series presented by the Atlantic County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs. Performers become a living book as they lift words and actions right off the pages. *Out of Africa* features the stories The Ghost of Moosha about two children who meet the ghost of a slave and release the spirit of freedom and The Wonderful Tree that demonstrates the best way to succeed is slowly and carefully. Tickets are \$3 and are available at the door. For more information, call the Atlantic County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 625-2776, ext. 6314.

The IRC Book Discussion Feb. 7 A Smashing Success

Thanks to **Donna Vassallo** for a wonderful “sold-out” discussion of the book *Generations*. It was a lively group, which made for a thoroughly enjoyable discussion. Thanks again, Donna. Keep your eyes open for information on the upcoming IRC poetry discussion.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The calendar is updated regularly at <http://www.atlantic.edu/calendars/index.php>.

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