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NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

Jay Peterson Named Faculty of the Year



Jay Peterson, assistant professor, English, was voted 2005-2006 Faculty Member of the Year by ACCC students at all three campuses. He will be honored at the SGA banquet on April 28.

In congratulating to Prof. Peterson, **Carmen Royal**, dean of students, wrote, "I would like to extend my sincere appreciation for the commitment and support you have demonstrated to our students throughout the year. Keep up the excellent work."

The Pleasantville resident joined the ACCC faculty in September 2004 after serving as an English instructor with State Fair Community College of Jefferson City, Mo., and as an adjunct instructor at Columbia College in Columbia, Mo.

An accomplished online educator, Peterson earned a master's degree in English from the University of Cincinnati where he served as a teaching assistant. He earned a bachelor's degree in Philosophy and English from Rutgers University.

Peterson, who also attended Allentown's Muhlenberg College, has performed community service with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Jefferson City, The Salvation Army of Cleveland, Literacy Volunteers of America in Toms River and the Ocean County YMCA.

His extra-curricular service with State Fair Community College included serving as adviser to a five-star Phi Theta Kappa Chapter, the Student Affairs Council committee, and publishing a monthly campus newsletter.

Peterson's memberships include the Two-Year College English Association and the National Association of Developmental Education. He is also a member of ACCC's Academic Standards Committee.

Correction to Campus Phone Directory

Please correct your phone directory listing for the business office on page 2. It should be ext. 5104.

Middle States Evaluation Team Gives Oral Report

An oral report was provided by Dr. Elaine Ryan, chairperson of the Middle States Evaluation Team. Following the presentation, ACCC President **Dr. Peter L. Mora** acknowledged the commitment of the college community in preparing the Self Study over the past two years and thanked the members of the evaluation team for their diligence and support.

The next steps include:

--A draft of the Evaluation Report will be sent to ACCC within 14 days. The college will have the opportunity to respond and correct inaccuracies in that document within 10 days.

--The college will then submit a Formal Response to the Evaluation Report, which will be sent to the Middle States Commission.

--The chairperson of the Evaluation Team will write a Confidential Brief to the Middle States Commission containing a recommendation on re-accreditation.

--The Middle States Commission will meet in June to review all documents and make a formal decision on re-accreditation.

Dr. Mora said he was “confident that the college is effectively moving forward in the process leading to re-accreditation.”

50/50 Gala Raffle Winners Announced

Lucky ticket-holders shared in the more than \$21,250 prize in this year’s Press of Atlantic City Restaurant Gala 50/50 Raffle. The winning tickets were drawn at the 23rd annual Restaurant Gala held March 23, at the Atlantic City Convention Center. The winners include:

- First Prize, \$12,750, Dr. Herman Saatkamp of Galloway Township
- Second Prize, \$4,250, Barbara D’Onofrio-Getze of Little Silver
- Third Prize, \$1,417, Concord Atlantic Engineers of West Atlantic City
- Third Prize, \$1,417, Group ticket of college employees **Kathy Fritz**, library; **Carol Drea**, customized training; **Pat Kubaska**, continuing education; **Esther Gandica**, continuing education; **Silvia Schottinger**, WACC ESL instructor; **Michelle Andrews**, financial aid; **Jo-Ann Volpe**, advancement; and Philadelphia Sign Company of Palmyra (30 percent).
- Third Prize, \$1,417, Seashore Campsites of Cape May

Winning amounts were based on the number of tickets sold. Four-hundred-twenty-five raffle tickets were sold at \$100 each, raising \$21,250 for scholarships. Presented by Commerce Bank, this year’s dining extravaganza attracted nearly 1,000 attendees and raised a record-breaking \$210,000 for culinary and college scholarships at the Academy of Culinary Arts and ACCC. In its 23-year history, the Gala has raised more than \$1.4 million for college scholarships.

Smartstart Rebates Keep Rolling In

Facilities Management recently received a second rebate check from Atlantic City Electric in the amount of \$26,352 as a participant in the New Jersey SmartStart Buildings program. “The second NJ SmartStart rebate was in connection with our high efficiency chiller, circulating pumps, air handlers and cooling tower fans which were installed in our Cape May County Campus,” explained **Mark Streckenbein**, director, facilities planning & management. CMCC has generated a total of \$51,696 in SmartStart rebates. Facilities Management is a long time participant in the NJ SmartStart program receiving an aggregate total-to-date in excess of \$110,000 in rebates.

Telephones for Disabled Needing Assistance Installed on Mays Landing Campus

Telephones for disabled persons needing assistance were installed at the elevators in J and M buildings on the Mays Landing Campus recently. Visitors can lift the receiver and it will automatically ring for assistance to:

--First floor J: **Rose Conaghy**, student development (ext. 5621) - she is located right next to the elevator

--Second floor J: **Charita McClain**, human resources (ext. 5610) - she is the closest staff person to the elevator

--ACA (M building): **Connie LaMonaca**, ACA (ext. 4944) - she is located in the ACA office on the second floor.

‘ACCC Idol’ Talent Show to Benefit Tower Scholarship April 4

The second annual “ACCC Idol” Talent show is planned for 12:30-3 p.m., Tuesday, April 4. The event will be held 12:30-2 p.m., in Walter Edge Theater on ACCC’s Mays Landing Campus.

Eleven students will compete for the title of ACCC Idol. Competitors include singers, dancers, actors and musicians. Tickets are \$3 and are available at the door. Proceeds benefit the Mary Tower Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund. Prof. Tower died in April 2003 after a battle with cancer. She joined the college in September 1969 and retired in spring 1997, but continued to serve as an online instructor.

Call **Vita Stovall**, Career and Academic Planning Center, ext. 5081, for more information.

Golf Tournament April 2 Benefits Baseball Club

ACCC’s Baseball Club will hold a golf tournament, noon, Sunday, April 2, at the Mays Landing Country Club. Cost is \$90 a player and includes greens fees, cart, lunch, dinner, beer and a donation to the ACCC team. Corporate or individual sponsorship is \$100 per hole. Call **Tom Borucki**, coach, ext. 5043, if you would like to participate or can help at the event.

ACCC Plans Administrative Professionals Week Event

ACCC’s Office Systems Technology students and the William J. Hughes FAA Technical Center chapter of the International Association of Administrative Professionals will sponsor a free event for office professionals, 5:30-7 p.m., Thursday, April 27. Cape May County Clerk Rita Marie Fulginiti will speak on “Service through Record Keeping,” at 6 p.m. The event will be held in the cafeteria on ACCC’s Mays Landing Campus. Activities will include exhibits, refreshments and door prizes.

The occasion will mark the 54th annual Administrative Professionals Week, formerly known as National Secretaries Week, April 23-29. The “Week” honors administrative professionals, who handle wider duties than clerical responsibilities, in management and technology in the public and private sectors.

The event is open to the public. For more information, contact **JoAnne Barbieri** at ext. 4988 or e-mail barbieri@atlantic.edu.

HEART WALK 2006: Get Started/Get Fit

Dr. Joyce Grohman, professor of nursing and member of the ACCC’s heart walk committee, sends this information as the college community prepares to participate in the annual Southern NJ Heart Walk.

According to Welk, Corbin, Welk and Corbin, authors of “Concepts of Physical Fitness” (13th edition) the most important aspect of physical fitness is cardiovascular fitness because of its importance to optimal physical performance and good health. Individuals with reasonable levels of fitness have an improved quality of life, and decreased risk for heart disease. Fitness is promoted through regular cardiovascular exercise and the health and wellness benefits derived extend beyond reducing the risks for heart disease. Dr. Rita F. Redberg, a cardiologist at University of California, San Francisco, stated, “I think exercise is the fountain of youth. If it were a pill, everyone would be taking it.”

Sign up now for the annual Southern NJ Heart Walk, May 20, on the Ocean City Boardwalk. See a committee member today: **Leslie Atherholt, Aline Bennett, Tom Borucki, Janet DeCicco, Dom DiPietro, Dr. Joyce Grohman, Pat Heller, BettyAnn Hines, Sue Jones, Michael Kammer, Pat Kubaska, Susan Lee, Charita McClain, Marge Mettillie, Gail Mischlich, Marion Pool or Jo-Ann Volpe.**

Free Culinary Preparatory Program Begins June 26

High school graduates and GED holders interested in a career in the culinary arts may be eligible to participate in a free, eight-week summer program at ACCC that will help prepare them for rewarding, life-long employment. Applicants must also meet certain income, residency and other requirements.

The comprehensive program, funded by New Jersey's Educational Opportunity Fund, was designed to give students the opportunity to adjust to a college environment before entering the challenging culinary arts associate degree program at ACCC's Academy of Culinary Arts.

Classes meet at the college's Mays Landing Campus, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays, June 26-Aug. 17. Participants who complete the program will receive nine college credits, including an introduction to the culinary arts curriculum, have the \$300 deposit waived and are guaranteed a seat in the ACA 2006 fall class. Other benefits of the program include basic computer training, field trips, books and uniforms, and preparation for a required national sanitation examination.

For more information, call **Eric Stewart**, ext. 5629.

Heart Walk T-shirt Design Deadline Today; Campuses Asked to Compete

Today is the last day to submit your idea for the Heart Walk T-shirt Contest. The American Heart Walk will be held on Saturday, May 20, on the Ocean City Boardwalk. The college community is invited to create a two-color design for ACCC's 2006 team shirt. The winner will have his/her design and campus featured on the front of the shirt. Design ideas can be submitted in any form, i.e. sketches, computer drawings, etc. Designs must be submitted with your name and campus location by today to any of the heart captains: **Leslie Atherholt, Aline Bennett, Tom Borucki, Janet DeCicco, Dom DiPietro, Dr. Joyce Grohman, Pat Heller, BettyAnn Hines, Sue Jones, Michael Kammer, Pat Kubaska, Susan Lee, Charita McClain, Marge Mettillie, Gail Mischlich, Marion Pool or Jo-Ann Volpe.**

On the day of the walk, all company team T-shirts will be judged by the AHA Executive Leadership Committee and volunteers and an overall winner will be selected. For more information, call **BettyAnn Hines**, ext. 5100.

Best Practices Conference at Mercer April 28; ACCCers Presenting

The N.J. Council of County Colleges Best Practices Conference will be held Friday, April 28, at Mercer County Community College's Conference Center.

Bobby Royal, dean of community affairs and Worthington Atlantic City Center; **Lynn Baumgardner**, trustee; and **Carmen Royal**, dean of students, will present, *Supporting College and Community Programs through Board of Trustees Initiatives*. They will talk about the working relationship established by a sub-committee of ACCC's board that links college departments, students and community organization as a working group to promote social equity on the campus and in the community and their efforts in helping elementary students gain an awareness of the possibility of attending college.

To register for the conference, visit www.njccc.org

Developmental Ed: Insuring Academic Success Teleconference April 18

A teleconference titled *Developmental Education: Insuring Academic Success* is planned for 2:30-3:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 18, room J-206. A 30-minute audio conference will immediately follow.

Building upon the strategies put forth at the November 2005 National Developmental Education Summit, the teleconference will deal with actionable ideas to improve your developmental education program.

Video examples from several exemplary college programs will be featured. Video interviews with additional national experts will also be included.

Objectives include:

- Discussing importance of data collection, use, and longitudinal tracking
- Showing how and what information to collect
- Explaining the latest teaching/learning strategies in such areas as: learning communities, courses, student support services, creating structure and assessment

Contact **Marge Battistelli**, ext. 4918, if you plan to attend.

ACCC Nursing Information Sessions Planned

Free nursing information sessions are planned in April. The sessions cover everything one needs to know about the requirements for entering the nursing program and 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. Sessions include:

- 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

A health career planning session 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. The session is planned for 3:30-4:45 p.m., Thursday, April 27, as part of an open house at CMCC.

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

ACCC to Hold Job Fairs at Mays Landing and Cape May County Campuses

ACCC will hold Job Fairs at the Mays Landing Campus on Tuesday, April 11, and at the Cape May County Campus on Saturday, April 22. The public is invited to attend both events. The fair at Mays Landing will take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the cafeteria and culinary lobby of adjoining J and M buildings. The Cape May County event will be held 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Job fairs provide venues for employers to get together with students and community members to discuss career opportunities at their businesses. Some employers will be on hand to fill seasonal and current job needs. Representatives of local employers will answer questions and do on-the-spot or schedule interviews. Students and community members are encouraged to bring copies of their resumes.

For more information on the Mays Landing event, e-mail **Tammy DeFranco** at tadefran@atlantic.edu or call ext. 5274. For more information on the CMCC event, call **Valerie Crawford**, ext. 4501 or e-mail vcrawfor@atlantic.edu.

Sign Up for a Continuing Ed Cooking Workshop

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

Figures, Flowers and Unique Decorations, all made from marzipan, the succulent confection that is almond paste. This is a hands-on workshop in creating edible table decorations. It takes place from 6-9 p.m. on Wednesday, April 5, in the seminar dining room at the Cape May County Campus.

Creating Artisan Bread, unveils secrets of preparing tasty and hearty old world bread dough, 6-9 p.m., Tuesday, April 11, in ACA's professional kitchens at Mays Landing.

Meals on the Run delves into using simple ingredients in planning healthful meals that can be cooked in less than one hour, 6-9 p.m., Tuesday, April 25, in the professional kitchens at Mays Landing.

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.

College Book Nomination Sought; Deadline: April 4

It's that time of year again! It's time to choose the "college wide book." Last year's choice of *The Color of Water* by James McBride was well received. **Melisa Rousseau**, assistant professor, English, expects an equal amount of excitement and cooperation with the new book choice. "I ask for the combined effort of as many faculty members as possible from across the curriculum to aid in the choice for the next college wide book," she said.

If you would like to make a nomination for the college wide book please send your nomination and the ways that it could be taught in a cross curricular nature and how it would be suited for all students. E-mail your nominations to mroussea@atlantic.edu with the following information on or before Monday, April 4:

1. Name of text and author
2. Briefly describe the content of the text.
3. How is this book suited for reading and teaching across the curriculum?
4. How is this book suited for reading and teaching to 070 students as well as the 100 and 200 students?

Please be prepared to discuss your nomination and the four pieces of information during a meeting to be held April 11 at 12:30 p.m., room TBA.

TIAA-CREF Visits Planned; Make Appointment

TIAA-CREF Individual Consultant Kevin Mumford will be visiting the Mays Landing Campus on 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.

American Red Cross Blood Drive April 3

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday, April 3, in Jonathan Pitney gym on the Mays Landing Campus. The drive is sponsored by the Culinary Student Association and the Criminal Justice Club.

HERE'S THE SCOOP



Carmen Cabrera, enrollment services, is extremely proud of her daughter, LeiVani, for being a part of an undefeated basketball team at Mullica Township schools. This was LeiVani's first year. You go girl!

At left: Carmen Cabrera's daughter, back row, second player from left, poses with her basketball team and coach.

Donald “Scott” Tietje, security, thanks the college community for their kind words and cards received in memory of his mother, Dawn M. Snyder.

They're back! The Science Club will have a hoagie sale on Wednesday, April 12. Regular, veggie (cheese) or turkey are available at \$5 each and will be delivered by noon. Hot peppers are an option. Great for lunch or dinner! We will deliver to the City Center. If there is sufficient interest in Cape May, we will attempt to arrange delivery there as well. E-mail **Dennis Huey** at huey@atlantic.edu to place your order or call him, ext. 5014. Thanks for your past support.

Welcome aboard to **Curtis Fitzpatrick** and **Clennon “Skip” Roe Jr.**, both full-time housekeeping employees for Cape May County campus.

Welcome to **Karen Sherback**, surgical technician instructor, continuing education.

Gift items are still needed for the silent auction to benefit ACCC's American Heart Walk team donation. Monies raised will boost ACCC's contribution to the American Heart Association on behalf of our team. Last year's auction raised more than \$700. The auction will be held in late May or early June. Give your items to **Jo-Ann Volpe**, advancement, J-238, silent auction coordinator, or call her, ext. 5653.

We recently heard from former president's office ACCCer Ellen Gregory, now a fundraising professional for the Egg Harbor Township School District. Ellen keeps busy following two high school softball playing daughters, while her youngest plays elementary school soccer. Mom also carves out time to serve as an assistant lacrosse coach with the local Police Athletic League. She's hoping the sport will catch on and offer girls another spring activity to choose from. “I have never played the game, but I want to learn and I want my girls to learn, so I volunteered to help,” she said. Ellen sends good wishes to everyone and can be reached at GREGORYE@eht.k12.nj.us.

Rob Lyons, security, thanks the college community for their expressions of sympathy on the loss of his father.

ACCCers are invited to join an Arthritis Awareness Walk team on May 7. **Janet Brenner** and **JoAnne V. Barbieri** are working with **JoAnne A. Barbieri**, adjunct faculty member and team division chairperson for the Arthritis Foundation. The walk will begin at 10 a.m. from the Absecon Lighthouse in Atlantic City. Check-in is at 8:30 a.m. The mission of the Arthritis Foundation is to improve lives through leadership in the prevention, control, and cure of arthritis and related diseases. If you can't walk 1 to 3 miles on the boardwalk, please support your friends and co-workers. There will be family activities at the Absecon Lighthouse for everyone to enjoy and learn. Visit our team Web site to register and make a donation to fund research to cure arthritis: <http://atlanticcountyarthritiswalk.kintera.org/faf/search/searchTeamPart.asp?ievent=143290&lis=1&kntae143290=3E3631D117624E908C73F3502DD36760&team=1266423&tlteam=0>. Arthritis doesn't discriminate -- it affects one in three people, including men, women, teens and even children. People turn to the Arthritis Foundation as a place where information, support and resources can be found -- you can help. The Arthritis Foundation has made it easy!

Today is the last day to take advantage of the \$1 membership offer from Tilton Fitness, a savings of \$199! You can receive specially-negotiated Premium Gold membership rates at a savings of up to 40 percent. A variety of services and memberships designed to accommodate every budget and lifestyle is available. Tilton Fitness has locations in Mays Landing, Northfield, Somers Point and Stafford Township. Call (609) FITNESS to find out more about the variety of fitness programs available - or visit [www.TiltonFitness.com/\\$1](http://www.TiltonFitness.com/$1).

Happy birthday to: **Taffy Peterson**, March 31; **Lynette Ingram**, April 1; **Dan Thoren, Howard Webb**, April 2; **Janet Brenner, Christine Gamboa**, April 3; **Susanne Sacchetti**, April 4; **Millie Ciraolo**, April 5; **Kenneth Foster, Electra Stulak**, April 7; **Rhonda Petruzzi**, April 8; **Norman McKiver, Vickie Melograno**, April 9; **Dorothy Filomena, Vickie Melograno**, April 10; **Bob Johnson**, April 11; **Aline Bennett, Karina Mercado**, April 12; **John Bryant**, April 13. Adjunct birthdays: **Luanne Anton**, April 1; **Toni Calvello**, April 2; **Wanda Fecher, Terrence Monroe**, April 3; **Patricia Russell-Chapman**, April 4; **Earl Stein**, April 6; **Irene Scholler**, April 10.

Shore Advice

Protect Yourself from the Sun

By Sara Ryan, R.N., M.S.N

Ultraviolet light from the sun is the most recognized cause of skin cancer, (Melanoma). UV light is also used in tanning salons. The invisible effects of UV light accumulate over a lifetime.

Melanin, a pigment in our skin, can protect us against UV light to a degree. To help better protect the skin, however, use sunscreen with ultraviolet light protection.

Look for skin creams, suntan lotions and makeup that have SPF (Sun Protection Factor). Wear these products year round. Ultraviolet light is present even in the winter months. Therefore, when you choose skin products also look for the degree of protection.

Protect your skin especially during the first few sun exposures in the summer. Use a suntan lotion with a higher degree of protection, i.e., SPF 30. After more exposures and as your skin tans you can decrease the SPF protection and go down to an SPF 15. Remember, even on cloudy days you will have sun exposure. In fact, it is a more intense UV light.

The months to follow will have more Shore Advice about melanoma.

NEWS FROM ACCC'S OTHER LOCATIONS

Greetings from Charles D. Worthington Atlantic City Center

by Daymis Alicea

It's spring cleaning at the City Center. Desks are neat and boxes are put away. I think everyone is eagerly trying to hurry up summer.

That's right, can't you just smell those lazy summer Fridays when the entire world is working and you are sleeping in? Time to plan those three-day weekend vacations and dust off your beach gear.

There was a beautifully put-together health fair here on March 22. There were chiropractors and stress clinics and even a Mary Kay consultant. The best, by far, was the back massage school that gave our students 10-minute stress-reducing back massages in their special chairs. I must confess, I gave it a whirl and my day improved significantly. Great job to student activities!

The reports are in and the volunteers of the Gala all say the same thing. WOW! So many guests attended this year that it was packed to the gills. Some backstage funny things happened that guests were unaware of, but made the event run smoothly. Like **Jean McAlister's** mad dash from Gate 2 to Gate 7, with skirt hiked up to the knees and high-heels pounding the pavement as she madly waved off the bus load of marching-band students, who were about to disembark and spoil the surprise. Needless to say, her mad-dash paid off and when the band played, it went off without a hitch. Great goin' Jean!

It was nice seeing faces from Mays Landing at City Center these past weeks. **Barbara Clark**, admissions,

was on hand to train fellow co-workers on the simplistic beauty of screen 140 and 141, an invaluable tool for advising transfer students.

Aline Bennett, student activities, was present on the day of the health fair. She tells me she prays for me and I appreciate it so much. Thank you, Aline.

Linda McLeod, admissions, is still hanging out with us at the City Center while **John Mohr**, director of student services, recovers from his ankle mishap. We love having you, Linda.

More and more we see the “Tall and Bearded Man.” He has cut most of that beard off and given himself a close haircut. It looks great and we are happy to see him around. I cannot mention his name because I promised him that I would not mention his name in the *CommuniCator*. I think he is shy.

John Mohr, director of student services, expects to be back to work on April 3. Reports that he has been vagabonding in Hawaii are patently false since I have it on good authority that he has not ventured far from his sofa.

Student Services Office in the City Center is collecting used cell phones. Phones will be donated to the women’s shelter where they are programmed to dial 911 and given to women who may be the subject of domestic violence. Please donate with your heart to this worthy cause. You can interoffice your old cell phones or drop them into any of the yellow collection boxes throughout the City Center.

Congratulations to all of the ESL students that have moved on to their next ESL level in the mid-term courses which started on March 20. Great goin’ to the ESL faculty and staff!

The academic advisors are gearing up for the registration madness that seems to come sooner every year. We will be hosting an advisement session in the cafeteria the week of April 3 to catch those students who need to review their academic progress and create schedules in an effort to shorten lines during registration peak times. Faculty and staff can assist by reminding the students.

Please keep those submissions coming and I’ll talk to you next payday!!!! YIPEEEEE!

Greetings from the Cape May County Campus by Marion Pool while Lisa was vacationing in Arizona

Dr. Mora and **Dr. Rossi** took Judge Kyran Connor on a tour of the Cape May County Campus March 13. Judge Connor was duly impressed with the facility and CMCC’s commitment to the community.

The 4-H Center held a series of public speaking competitions for their student clubs from 5-9 p.m. during spring break. The group used 13 classrooms spread over four days – Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. 4-H club evaluators, and one of CMCC’s Marjorie Ward Scholars, Stanley “Jamar” Bogan, evaluated the oral presentations of approximately 130 students. The students, their parents and the 4-H club coordinators were very impressed with our new facility. It was great to have so many potential and future ACCC students and their parents seeing and using the technology and getting familiar with the building.

On March 27, Stockton Admissions representative Steven Phillips came to CMCC and on March 28, Thomas Edison admissions and transfer representative, Juliette Punchello, assisted our students. Our registration, financial aid, counseling and admissions staff attended one of two pre-registration meetings via ITV from Cape May in preparation for the summer and fall registration period in April.

CMCC faculty members attended the Basic Skills Best Practices workshop by simulcast on March 21 so

they did not have to travel to Mays Landing – yeah!

The Board of Trustees held two of its standing committees at CMCC on March 22. The academic and student affairs committee simulcast its meeting from Mays Landing while the long range planning and capital projects committee held its meeting as a conference call.

The Cape May County Health Department held a kickoff meeting for its MAPP planning process for improving community health. The conference met on March 23 in CMCC's tiered lecture hall and used three rooms for breakout sessions. Freeholder Gerald Thornton opened the meeting and welcomed the group and **Marion Pool**, CMCC manager, offered the opening remarks and lunchtime tours of the building. The community-wide planning process conference involved a broad distribution of community groups – public, private and voluntary organizations joined community members and informal associations involved in the delivery of local public health services. The meeting is the first in a series of meetings with the goal of the formulation of a Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP).

Cape May Continuing Education at CMCC

Welcome to **Valerie Troupe**, instructor for the new medical administrative office specialist program. There are six students enrolled. They meet through July 11 followed by internships. This is CE's newest program at CMCC. Successful graduates will take administrative and clerical support positions in physicians' offices, medical centers and hospitals and are eligible to take certification examinations.

ACCC is now a certified testing center for the National HealthCareer Association. ACCC's continuing education students can test and become certified after successfully completing the medical administrative assistant, medical administrative office specialist and medical coding and billing specialist programs.

CE classes are blossoming at CMCC. Every CE class offered in Cape May County, with the exception of the brand new digital video class offering, ran nearly full. The QuickBooks class, which will start next week, has been full for a while. CE is planning to offer more classes at CMCC during the summer.

CMCC has a new CE intern, **Fanely Anderson**. Fanely, nickname Nely, completed the office assistant technology series several weeks ago. She is polishing her skills working on ACCESS and Excel programs while she completes her 140-hour internship and job hunts. She has completed two major projects already and we have many more in mind if she is not hired away first.

Jeff Wenzel, continuing education, hosted a *School Counts!* meeting March 21 at CMCC.

Continuing Education News

by **Sherwood Taylor**

Carol Drea, director of corporate training, was recently interviewed on the Pinky Kravitz show about the Seashore Customer Service Training Initiative. This program provides free customer service leadership and frontline service training for local businesses.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

ACCC's student newspaper, the *Atlantic Cape Review*, won four New Jersey Collegiate Press Awards, including third place for general excellence in a two-year college newspaper. It was the first time the ACCC paper has won an award in the category.

A record 21 colleges submitted 338 entries. Winners were honored at the NJCPA's spring conference held in Trenton on Thursday.

Individual winners in the 2005 NJCPA Better College Newspaper Contest award were:

- **Grace Weschler**, Atlantic City, first place for opinion writing for her article “Domestic Violence Victims Need Your Support.”
- **Alicia Hartgrove**, Absecon, and **Rebekah Zumwalt**, Pleasantville, second place in feature writing for their “Taking a Closer Look at the MySpace Revolution.”
- Zumwalt, a third place in opinion writing for a column headed, “Good News is Out There, It’s Just Not Cheap.”

The contest was judged by active and retired writers, editors and photographers who are members of the New Jersey Press Association.

Carol Plum-Ucci, Absecon, adjunct instructor, is the Review’s advisor.

Book Release: In her new book of poems, *Uncommon Geography* (Carpenter Gothic, 2006), **Therese Halscheid**, adjunct instructor, chronicles travels across varied terrain, beginning with a stay in a log cabin in the secluded pine forests of New Jersey, then moving to sacred environments as far as New Mexico, as well as other unusual settings where she has been house-sitting to write, such as a primeval swamp and an elk farm. In this new body of work, the journey outward reflects an inward exploration of self. To learn more about *Uncommon Geography* and the author, see her Web site: ThereseHalscheid.com.

Dr. Peter Mora, ACCC president, will be honored with the education award and serve as keynote speaker at the Metropolitan Business & Citizens Association Fifth Annual Scholarship Foundation Awards Luncheon. The event will be held at noon, Thursday, April 20, at Trump Plaza Casino Hotel. Cost of the luncheon is \$40 and benefits the MBCA scholarship fund. For tickets or more information, call 348-1903 or visit <http://www.mbcanj.com/pages/scholarships.shtml>.

The recent National Council of Marketing and Public Relations annual conference in Austin, Texas, brought momentous news for several members of the College Relations staff.

In NCMPR’s national Paragon competition, public relations work for the 2005 Restaurant Gala captured a silver award in the *Media Success Story* category. **Stacey Clapp**, pr/marketing specialist, prepared the publicity campaign and award-winning entry, working with **Kathy Corbalis**, executive director, college relations, and a member of the Gala’s Executive Committee.

Also at the conference, Corbalis was named NCMPR District I director, a position to which she was elected in the fall, and joined the organization’s national board for a two-year term. District I covers the northeast region from Maine to Maryland in the United States, four provinces in eastern Canada and the United Kingdom.

Geoffrey Pettifer, director of college marketing, prepared the Power Point presentation and co-presented with Corbalis on “Using Internet-Based Tools to Track Your Marketing Efforts” at the conference. They spoke about an innovative Web-based tracking system used by the college for its Winter Term campaigns since 2004. Inquiries for ACCC’s Winter Term, through the Web site, have risen to 3,500 from 1,800 in the past three years.

NCMPR is an affiliate of the American Association of Community and has more than 1,550 members from more than 600 colleges across the United States, Canada and Bahamas. The Paragons recognize outstanding achievement in communications at community, junior and technical colleges.

ALUMNI

ACCC’s Nursing Alumni are planning an eight-day Eastern Mediterranean Cruise beginning Sept. 18. The cruise will be on Costa Cruise Line’s Costa Victoria, Europe’s number one cruise line. Prices start at

\$1,100 per person. Four nursing CEUs are available. Ports of call include Venice and Bari, Italy; Katakolon, Santorino, Mykonos and Rhodes, Greece; and Dubrovnik, Croatia. A portion of the cruise proceeds will go to the Nursing Alumni Scholarship Fund. For more information, call Marie at Preferred Travel, 645-0800.

Kathryn A. Sappie, '89, PTA graduate, of Little Egg Harbor, was awarded the Wachovia Foundation Scholarship at Thomas Edison State College, where she's studying for her bachelor's degree in psychology. "I have always wanted to get my bachelor's and pursue my passion, which is to teach children," she told the Tuckerton Beacon. The scholarship is funded by Wachovia Corp. and is awarded to Edison College students who earned associate degrees at New Jersey community colleges.

ACCC IN THE NEWS

Dr. Richard Perniciaro, dean of administration, planning and research, was interviewed on the development in Atlantic City for N.J. Network News.

According to an analysis by longtime Editor Joe Zelnik, reported in the March 1 Cape May County Herald, the funding formula between Atlantic and Cape May Counties for ACCC may need an adjustment owing to enrollment trends. According to the article, the formula was based on 23% of enrollment being provided by Cape May County vs. 77% from Atlantic County. The Herald said that ratio has changed to 20:80, meaning funding increases from Cape May County have not kept pace with Atlantic County's growth of funding. The article quotes Cape May County Administrator Stephen O'Connor as saying, "There is no need to make a move until we see what the [CMCC] does. It is not an urgent problem."

The Press ran an article on March 11 announcing the opening of an exhibition of paintings by Cherry Hill artist Marion Spirn at the ACCC art gallery. Her art will be on display through April 7.

"Why would Atlantic Cape Community College send people door to door for dollars?" That's the question AC resident Tanim Rahman asked himself when an alleged scam artist solicited him for funds, according to an article in March 25 edition of The Press. It wouldn't, Rahman reasoned, and called the police, who arrested the solicitor. The matter was under investigation at press time. ACCC does not solicit door to door. If you see anyone engaged in that practice, please call your local police department.

Democratic Atlantic County Freeholder Alisa Cooper, who has been charging patronage and nepotism in county hiring practices, was advised that it was "time to put up" in a Press editorial. Two days later, according to The Press's follow up, she "named names" as examples of nepotism in some county offices. Cooper has sought and received public information about ACCC employees.

The Press of Atlantic City displayed a photo montage of The Press of Atlantic City Restaurant Gala in its March 24 edition, the day following the soiree held in the Convention Center. Nearly 1,000 persons paid \$175 to attend. The event raised \$210,000 in scholarship funds for students studying at the ACA and the college.

Next CommuniCator April 14, Deadline Noon, April 10

The next issue of the *Atlantic Cape CommuniCator* will be Friday, April 14. The deadline is noon, Monday, April 10. Submit articles by e-mail to mcgowan@atlantic.edu.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

--Kathy McGowan, editor