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Atlantic Cape Community College's Information Source

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NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

Retirement Party for Helen & Billy Hughes Tonight

If you purchased tickets, don't forget the retirement party for **Helen Hughes**, continuing education, and **Billy Hughes**, Worthington Atlantic City Center mailman, tonight (Friday, March 4), at the Mays Landing Country Club. The evening will begin with a cash bar 5-6 p.m., with dinner served at 6 p.m. Helen has 35 years of service to ACCC and Billy has 30 years of service.

Presidential Search Interview Schedule

The college community welcomes presidential candidates to campus including:

March 3-4 Dr. Carolyn Curtis
March 7-8 Dr. Ronald Davis
March 10-11 Dr. Peter Mora

Dr. Marco Silvestri has withdrawn from the search.

Meet with TIAA-CREF Rep March 31

The next TIAA-CREF visit on campus will be Thursday, March 31, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., room H-127. To schedule a counseling session, call Joyce Trainer at (800) 842-8412 or visit their Web site: www.tiaa-cref.org/moc. Other dates are available (see Feb. 21 *Atlantic Cape Communicator* online at <http://www.atlantic.edu/whatsnew/commBackIssues.htm>)

Next Communicator March 18

The next issue of the *Atlantic Cape Communicator* will be March 18. Deadline is noon, Monday, March 14. Information should be sent to mcgowan@atlantic.edu.

Contestants Needed for 'ACCC Idol' Talent Show; Staff Encouraged to Apply

Attention singers, musicians and dancers! Contestants are needed for the ACCC Idol Talent Show to be held 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 5. The event will be held in Walter Edge Theater on the college's Mays Landing main campus to benefit the Mary Tower Scholarship fund. Prizes will be awarded.

Applications are available from **Vita Stovall**, counseling; **John Mohr**, Worthington Atlantic City Center; or **Linda Hair**, Cape May County Extension Center. To enter, submit a video sample of your performance (up to three minutes), the completed application and a \$10 registration fee, which is a donation to the scholarship fund.

Admission is \$3. The Mary Tower Scholarship is awarded annually in memory of Prof. Mary Tower who died in April 2003 after a long battle with breast cancer. She was a favorite of students.

For more information, call **Judy Matsunobu**, professor, ESL, ext. 4884, or **Elinor Mattern**, instructor, ESL, ext. 4880.

Join Tilton Fitness in March for \$1

Tilton Fitness, as a corporate partner with ACCC, is pleased to announce a special membership opportunity for all ACCC employees. Now through March 31, you can join any Tilton Fitness for only \$1, a savings of \$199. Tilton Fitness will be outside the bookstore in J building on the Mays Landing campus on March 10 if you'd like more information or to sign up.

Additionally, you can receive specially-negotiated Premium Gold membership rates at a savings of up to 40%. A variety of services and memberships designed to accommodate every budget and lifestyle are available. Tilton Fitness has locations in Mays Landing, Northfield, Somers Point and Stafford Township. Call (609) FITNESS to find out more about the programs available or visit [www.TiltonFitness.com/\\$1](http://www.TiltonFitness.com/$1).

A Few Tickets Available for Taste of the Gala March 9

Enjoy the culinary delights of chefs from local restaurants and the Academy of Culinary Arts at "Taste of the Gala," a cooking demonstration and wine tasting from 6-8 p.m., Wednesday, March 9. The event will be held in room M129.

Chef John Piper from Cucina Rustica at the Sheraton in Atlantic City, Chef Joe Sheridan from Showboat Casino Hotel, Chef Ed Salvatore from Casa di Napoli at Showboat, and chefs **Klaus Muller** and **Tree McCann** from the ACA, will demonstrate their original recipes. Phil Lisi of Ireland Coffee will provide flavored coffee for the evening.

Tickets are \$25 a person and reservations are required. Proceeds benefit the ACA through the ACCC Foundation. This is the final cooking demonstration before the April 20 Press of Atlantic City Restaurant Gala. For more information or Taste of the Gala reservations, call **Stacey Clapp**, ext. 5632.

Culinary Career Day Brings Future Chefs to ACA

More than 100 students and educators from vocational-technical schools across New Jersey participated in hands-on culinary workshops and feasted at a gourmet lunch buffet at the Academy of Culinary Arts on March 2. More than 200 students were expected, but many schools cancelled at the last minute because of testing, transportation problems and missed snow days. Students attended from Atlantic County Institute of Technology, Burlington County Special Services School District, Cape May County Technical Institute, Cumberland County Technical School, Gloucester County Institute of Technology, Hudson County School of Technology, Hunterdon County Polytech, Mercer County Technical School, Monmouth County KIVA Technical School, Ocean County Vocational and Technical School, Passaic County Technical Institute, and Somerset County Vocational and Technical High School.

Visitor Making a Presentation? Place Work Order for Tech Support in Advance

Content and subject specialists along with outside vendors are often invited to our campuses to make presentations. The college has made a concerted effort to provide a robust presentation environment for faculty and staff that will meet the needs of most, if not all, of these external presenters.

This environment includes an Internet-connected high-end computer for computer-based or Internet-based content, a VCR/TV for video-based content, and a LCD ceiling-mounted projector that supports output from either the computer or the VCR.

Outside presenters/vendors need only bring their "files" on removable media (CD, Floppy Disk, Zip Disk, or "Thumb" Drive) to make their presentations. This configuration not only simplifies the presentation

requirements for outside presenters/vendors, but helps the college maintain the presentation environment that is used every day by college faculty and staff.

In the unusual circumstance where unique software is to be demonstrated or a unique program is required, either the presenters should be told to bring their own projectors, or a request should be made in advance via the help desk for a loaner projector for the class period. Please do not call the day of the presentation for a project. Arrangements should be made when the presentation is scheduled.

If you have any questions, please contact the Help Desk at helpdesk@atlantic.edu, ext. 5555 or e-mail **Nick Ganaway**, ganaway@atlantic.edu. Thank you.

Students Collecting for Tsunami Relief

ACCC students will collect funds for tsunami victims through March 11 at the Mays Landing main campus and the Charles D. Worthington Atlantic City Center. A goal of \$10,000 has been set, and 100 percent of funds collected will go to UNICEF.

The Student Government Association is organizing collections through the Tsunami Relief Committee, advised by **Carol Plum-Ucci** and headed by Chairperson **Jayna Laxman**. Coordinator **Catherine Mwangi**, Treasurer **Jen Kaczmarski**, and Public Relations Writer **Rebekah Zumwalt** form the committee of unpaid student volunteers.

Students are encouraged to contact Mwangi at cmwangi@hotmail.com to volunteer an hour of their time to hold a collections bucket on campus. Student clubs are invited to support the collection effort either by volunteering members to hold buckets or by contributing a percentage of their club funds. By contributing a personal minimum of \$2, you can share in making the collection goal of \$10,000 a reality.

Donations may be deposited in clearly marked white plastic buckets that will be held in several locations on campus during the two-week collection period. Checks may also be sent to: Tsunami Relief Fund c/o Jen Kaczmarski, SGA Office.

‘An Evening with the STARS’ Info Session Outlines NJ STARS Scholarship

ACCC will host *An Evening with the STARS* to provide information to high school students eligible for free ACCC tuition under the NJ STARS scholarship program. The information session will be held 6 p.m., Wednesday, March 9, in Walter Edge Theater. For more information about NJ STARS, contact **Linda McLeod**, assistant director of college recruitment, ext. 5009, or e-mail mcleod@atlantic.edu.

Get Tickets Now for ‘Welcome Home, Marian Anderson’ March 12

Welcome Home, Marian Anderson, a Broadway-style play celebrating the life, troubles and triumphs of the first black woman to perform on the stage of the Metropolitan Opera Company in New York, will be presented at the Middle Township Performing Arts Center, 7:30 p.m., Saturday, March 12. Tickets are \$25 for general admission and \$20 for seniors and students.

The production is co-presented by the Minority Affairs Committee of the ACCC Board of Trustees, Concerned Citizens of Whitesboro and Access to Art, Inc. The play was written by singer, actress and playwright Vanessa Shaw, who plays Marian Anderson. Fellow actors Mark Edward Lang and Ivan Thomas play various males in her life. For tickets, call ACCC’s business office, ext. 5104, CMCEC, ext. 4001 or administrative service at the Worthington Atlantic City Center, ext. 4804.

HERE'S THE SCOOP

Congratulations to Rich and **Mindy Hoag**, continuing education, on the birth of their son, Jack William Hoag. Jack arrived at 4:18 a.m. on Feb. 23 weighing 8 lbs., 6 oz. and measuring 21 inches.

Taffy Peterson, division office, who is recovering from a stroke, sent this note: "I send my love. Thanks to the board for the lovely flowers. But most of all, thanks to everyone who has called and sent cards to me and all the prayers. I couldn't get through this without my ACCC family. I love you all." We wish you a speedy recovery, Taffy!

Joanne Gleason, admissions, sent this note after receiving an outpouring of sympathy on the loss of her beloved husband, Jerry. "Words cannot express my heartfelt thanks for all the cards, prayers, flowers and fruit baskets. But most of all thanks to the administration, faculty, staff and students for all their outpouring of love, support, and understanding during this most difficult time in my life. I am truly blessed to be part of the ACCC family."

Get well wishes to **Marion Caccavale**, accounts payable, who is on medical leave recovering from wrist surgery on Feb. 28. Cards can be sent to her home address at 16 Windsor Dr., Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234.

Lisa Givens, student development, is proud of her daughter Giannay Givens. Giannay made the honor roll at Atlantic Christian School. She is in the second grade and this is her first year at the school. Giannay also recently earned a yellow belt in Karate. Go Giannay!

Liberty Tax Service celebrates Teacher Appreciation Week, offering free tax preparation at its offices in Mays Landing. The offer is good March 6-12 only. Visit www.libertytax.com or call (609) 909-9191 for details.

Martek Wireless Communications is offering Nextel special discount programs for ACCC employees. They offer several different plans and phones. Call Bob Hudson at Martek, 609-839-0674 for more information.

Get your gala raffle tickets now! If you haven't purchased your ticket yet for the Gala Raffle, see **Ellen Gregory**, president's office, today. Go together with your office workers and purchase your ticket as a group. 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. The winning tickets will be drawn at 10 p.m. at the Gala on April 20, at the Atlantic City Convention Center. Winners do not need to be present to win. Three ACCC employees have won the last two years!

Birthdays: **Julia Ratliff**, **Wilfred Parsons**, March 5; **Sue DeNick**, March 8; **Cindy DeFalco**, March 10; **Jed Soifer**, March 11; **Judy Niewender**, March 17. Adjunct birthdays: **Tina Vignali**, **Jennifer Sargente**, March 5; **Martin Conley**, March 6; **A.K. Mustafa**, March 7; **Carl Tripician**, March 10; **Brian Adair**, March 12; **Therese Halscheid**, **Dana Quarrier**, March 14; **Nicole McCann**, **Anthony Giacoppo**, March 15; **Scott Zauber**, March 16.

NEWS FROM ACCC'S EXTENSION CENTERS

Greetings from Charles D. Worthington Atlantic City Center

By Jean McAlister (for the vacationing Brittany Williams)

There's so much going on...

To **Helen Hughes** and **Billy Hughes**, please accept our fondest farewell and well wishes from all of us in Atlantic City. We will miss you both. Come back and visit.

With our A-1 mail delivery person retiring (Billy), a few notes about mail arrival/departure and distribution. Mail will be located in administrative services for drop off and pick up daily. We no longer have “Billy’s Cart” to deliver the mail to offices.

Interoffice mail arrives from Mays Landing main campus and is sorted daily by **Ann McClaskey**. You may pick up the mail anytime after 10 a.m. The U.S. Mail usually comes before noon. It will be sorted upon its arrival. We will have mail slots in administrative services with your department name for pick up.

Interoffice and outgoing mail departs Atlantic City by 8 a.m. daily. We have pre-sorted bins where you can drop off your mail. All outgoing mail must be in administrative services by 6 p.m. for the following day pickup.

If at any time you have large boxes, please contact administrative services who will coordinate box pick up and delivery with housekeeping or mail staff. As always, all packages must be signed for.

Congratulations to our Employees of the Quarter, the Security staff at the Worthington Atlantic City Center. Our construction project has been one full of activity. Who has to clear the parking area, move cones, redirect traffic when the dump truck comes? Security. Who lets the students know where their classrooms are this week? Security. Who lets the roofers on to the roof? Security. Who makes sure that all doors were locked so things weren’t missing? Security. Who would help find the AV at night that is somewhere it doesn’t belong? Security. Who had to constantly move people around red caution taped off routes in the early part of construction? Security. Who gave directions to students to find support services? Security. Who heard all the complaints and tried to do something about them? Security. So, it is only fitting that we acknowledge all security staff who helped us at this site, but for sure to our five full-time security personnel who did a fabulous job every day. **Ernie Sandoz, Don Nigsch, Rick Collins, Serena Palmer** and **Bill Smith**. Congratulations. A great job to all. Their bios will run in the next *Atlantic Cape CommuniCator*.

I’d like to also acknowledge **Don “Scott” Tietje** who helps us on the weekends. We couldn’t have done it without you!

Thanks to everyone to signed up to volunteer for the Restaurant Gala. I’m pleased to say that I’m booked right now for the night of the event. I have a few on the wait list. I really need chair coverers and bag stuffers. Supervisors, please encourage your staff to help with this number one scholarship event.

CE has been reaching out to regional high schools. There have been several tours this month. Sterling High School was recently here with 28 students. **Tommy Giardina** presented on slots, and **Mary Martinez** talked about gaming. **Judy Allen** and Tommy went to Duberson High School and presented our continuing education and slot/gaming courses.

Farewell to our Macau students who recently graduated from our “Professional Development for ESL/EFL Instructors.” They were instructed by our ESL faculty at City Center. There was even a *History of Gaming in Atlantic City* presentation.

The new Kids College guide hits the streets on March 9. We’re getting started even earlier this year. Make sure you sign your kids/grandkids up soon. Courses are sure to fill up fast. Employees’ children receive a 20% discount. This discount is not combined with any other discount offered. Register by

calling **Jeff Wenzel**, ext. 4829.

Welcome aboard to **Heather Oliver** who is handling Restaurant Gala duties due to **Kailin Hackney's** recent departure for the Borgata Casino Resort and Spa as a food and beverage trainer. Good luck, Kailin. Hello, Heather. Thanks **Kathy Corbalis** for letting us have Heather from the advancement office.

Welcome back to **Carol Drea** who was housed in Mays Landing during construction here. She and **Sherwood Taylor** can be found in room 152.

A bit of historical note: Did you know that the Electric Company on the Monopoly Board is ACCC's Charles D. Worthington Atlantic City Center? Well, at least the original building is. Also, Thomas Edison was the consulting engineer for the project!

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

by Lisa Apel-Gendron

A big thank you to daytime security guard **Ron Howe** for clearing all the sidewalks of snow and ice at CMCEC on Feb. 25. Ron had everything nice and clean for the start of classes at 9 a.m. On a similar note, the CMCEC team did a standout job of notifying faculty and students about the early closing Feb. 24. Good job, everyone!

Right after spring break, we have a number of events to help students and the community plan their academic futures:

March 23: Thomas Edison State College representative Julie Punchello will visit CMCEC, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., in room 1. Appointments are not necessary.

April 2: **Rachel Wettstein** of our Continuing Ed area will present *New Pathways to Teaching in NJ* at 10 a.m. in room 6.

April 4: Nancy Fiedler of Stockton College's teacher education department will present a workshop on Stockton's traditional teacher certification program at 10 a.m. in Room 4. Reservations are required. Dial ext. 4100 to reserve a seat.

April 6: Steve Phillips, Stockton director of admissions for transfer students, will visit from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in room 1. Appointments are required. Dial ext. 4100 to schedule an appointment.

If you'd like to spend a little time with **Dr. May** before he retires, please plan to join us Wednesday, May 4 from 3-4 p.m. at CMCEC for desserts and tea with the president. Students, faculty and staff are heartily encouraged to come and socialize. More information to come, but early reports indicate that **Regina Van Epps** is bringing her decadent cream cheese pound cake.

Have you ever heard CMCEC's Glencoe saga? If not, suffice to say that the keyboarding software has had its share of hiccups over the years, dating back to **Dr. Art Wexler's** tenure at CMCEC. A new one surfaced recently, but thanks to the diligence of lab techs **Dereck Pruszinski** and **Mike Hadrava** and techie **Chris Vallese**, all is well again in Glencoe Land. Adjunct **Linda Gruchowski**, who teaches our OSTM classes, responded in her usual calm and affable way to the latest challenge. Hopefully we're good for the balance of the semester!

Only one more week until spring break, but who's counting? Have a great weekend.

ACCC IN THE NEWS

The Black History Month event titled *Lest We Forget* was featured in The Press. Photographs accompanied the article. It was also featured News Channel 40 and in The Current newspapers. An article titled *Colleges teach how to win jobs at casinos* said that Harrisburg Area Community College administrators have made “several exploratory visits to Atlantic Cape Community College in New Jersey which for years has been training workers for Atlantic City’s casinos.”

The Press of Atlantic printed a story titled *Enrollment may surpass predictions, ACCC says*. The article quoted **Dr. May** as saying that enrollments may increase more than the 5 percent originally predicted when the new Cape May County campus opens in September.

The Press of Atlantic City ran a story on the dispute between ACCC and Hessert Construction over site work performed at the Cape May County campus.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Mitch Mischlich, senior history adjunct and security, was guest speaker at the Hamilton Township Historical Society meeting last week. He spoke about *Twin Lakes—The Secret World War II Bomb Plant in Mays Landing and its Role in the Victory Over Japan*. Articles on his talk appeared in The Current newspapers.

Theresa Halscheid, English adjunct, is helping fourth grade students at the Pine Brook School set poetry into motion. The program is sponsored by the PTA and aims to give students an appreciation of the poetic art while allowing them to gain satisfaction through self-expression.

Gemma Van Epps, daughter of **Regina Van Epps** was accepted into the doctoral program at Rutgers’ Environmental Science Graduate School, the oldest environmental grad school in the country. Her area of interest is environmental health.

Congratulations to ACCC men’s basketball players **Kevin Holmes** and **Jason Grant**. Holmes made first team and Grant made second team for the All-Region Division III and Garden State Athletic Conference Teams representing Atlantic Cape. Holmes was also nominated for All-American.

Dr. Peter Mora, vice president, Cape May and continuing education, was guest speaker at the Coalition of Civic Associations of Cape May County.

ACCC was named Allied Member of the Year 2004 by the Atlantic City Hotel & Lodging Association in recognition of “your continuing support of ACHLA and the Atlantic City Hospitality Industry. Kudos to **Sue Jones**, hospitality recruiter, who works closely with the association on educational activities, including serving on the Scholarship Golf Tournament planning committee. Sue also coordinates the trips to the ACHLA luncheons for the tech high school students majoring in hospitality and travel & tourism. In presenting the award, Howard Bacharach, executive director, acknowledged Sue’s efforts. **Dr. Peter Mora**, vice president, Cape May and continuing education, accepted the award.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The calendar is updated regularly at www.atlantic.edu/about/monthlycal.shtml.

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