



# ATLANTIC CAPE COMMUNICATOR

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## NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

### U.S. Ambassador to Speak at ACCC Graduation

William J. Hughes, attorney and former U.S. ambassador to Panama from 1995-98, will deliver the keynote address to ACCC's Class of 2004 at the school's 37th annual commencement at 4 p.m., Thursday, May 27. The college will award nearly 550 associate in arts, associate in applied science, and associate in science degrees.

Hughes was the first assistant Cape May County prosecutor from 1960-70. He left to become a partner in a private law firm, and in 1975, was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. He served as a representative until 1995, when he was appointed U.S. ambassador to the Republic of Panama, a post he held until 1998. Since then, he has acted as a visiting professor at Rutgers University and a visiting distinguished scholar of public policy at Richard Stockton College. He is "of counsel" at Riker, Danzig, Scherer, Hyland and Perretti, LLP.

High honor speaker will be **William Labb** of Hammonton. Labb will receive a degree in general studies and plans to transfer to Stockton to major in mathematics. He is married with three children and plans to be a mathematics teacher. Student Government President **Boyd DeLanzo** will offer remarks. DeLanzo will be the new student representative to the board of trustees beginning in November.

### 'Web for Students' Offers More Accessibility for Students

"Web for Students," the SIS Plus product which gives students the ability to view their transcripts online, register real-time, check for course availability, view the course catalog, apply for financial aid and more is now fully functional and accessible to all current, previous and prospective students.

Faculty and staff are asked to encourage students to use this resource to its potential. Prospective students will be able to request institutional information and apply for admission online.

A mailing to all ACCC students providing them with a PIN to access the system was sent out recently. Those needing a PIN should contact the Web help desk at 343-5005 or via e-mail at [lsamuel@atlantic.edu](mailto:lsamuel@atlantic.edu). The system can be accessed through ACCC's home page or directly at [wfs.atlantic.edu](http://wfs.atlantic.edu).

### County Approves \$4.3 M in Upgrades for Mays Landing Campus, WACC

ACCC's Mays Landing campus and Worthington Atlantic City Center will undergo \$4.3 million worth of upgrades under a plan approved by the Board of Chosen Freeholders this week. More than \$1.3 million will fund the college's planned One-Stop Center for admissions, registrar and other administration and student service areas in J building, allowing students to move from one area to another more seamlessly. That \$1.3 will also pay for improved areas for the meeting room used by the

board of trustees, expansion of the second floor above the atrium and other activities.

The Atlantic County Board of Chosen Freeholders voted on Tuesday to introduce a \$4.3 million bond ordinance that pays for the upgrades. The county will issue the bonds, with the state paying back half of the bonding and interest costs, according to Atlantic County Executive Dennis Levinson. The work involves:

- \$904,315 for roof replacement and repairs.
- \$1,288,334 heating and air conditioning-related upgrades, including expansion of a geothermal system.
- \$44,932 for plumbing work.
- \$1,304,344 for the renovations to J Building.
- \$788,075 for a variety of other improvements that include retrofitting elevators, repainting rusty pipes, carpet installation and upgrading bathrooms.

### **Planned Summer Vacation Slips Due to Human Resources June 7**

“Planned Summer Vacation” is designed for 12-month employees who, because of work responsibilities, may have difficulty using excess vacation hours before June 30. If your vacation balance is above the allowed balance, you must submit an approved leave request form to the Human Resources office by Monday, June 7. Please write “PSV” on the right side of the leave request form. Your balance is available on your check stub.

### **ACCC Kicks Off ‘Leaves for Learning’ Beautification Project**



ACCC, in partnership with Cape Savings Bank, kicks off its Leaves for Learning Beautification Project today at the site of the new Cape May County campus now under construction. The project aims to rally community support to raise funds for trees and shrubs to enhance the landscaping at the new full-service campus. Cape Savings has donated \$25,000 to the project.

The campaign runs through fall 2005, when the new campus is expected to open to students. Residents and businesses can support Leaves for Learning by making a donation directly to ACCC or at any Cape Savings Bank location in Atlantic and Cape May counties.

The new facility will be located on 29 acres on Court House-South Dennis Road. The nearly 68,000-square-foot building will feature a brick façade, 19 classrooms, a library, cafeteria, and counseling, testing, tutoring and financial aid offices.

For more information on the Leaves for Learning Beautification Project, contact **Dr. Theresa DeFranco**, executive director of the Office of Advancement, ext. 4995.

### **Want to Be A Club Advisor? Send Written Request to Dean of Students Now!**

Anyone seeking to be a student club advisor for academic year 2004-05, must submit a written request to **Carmen Royal**, dean of students, by May 17. This includes those who served as advisors this year.

### **Graduation Stories Wanted**

Commencement is Thursday, May 27, and the College Relations Office is looking for graduates with human interest stories. Past stories have included grads who are senior citizens, family members graduating together or who have had several family members already graduate, those with recent military experience and those who have overcome obstacles to earn their degrees.

If you know of any particularly interesting students who are graduating, please forward their names and what makes them an interesting story to [mcgowan@atlantic.edu](mailto:mcgowan@atlantic.edu) or [sclapp@atlantic.edu](mailto:sclapp@atlantic.edu) so that we can contact them for permission to share their stories with the media.

### **ACCC to Hold Nursing Applicant Forum May 17**

ACCC will host a Nursing Program Applicant Forum from 5:30-7 p.m., Monday, May 17, to provide specific program entry requirements and an overview of what students can expect of the nursing program. The forum will be held in the faculty dining room, C-Building, on the Mays Landing main campus.

Participants will share concerns about entering an allied health career program and ACCC's A.A.S. degree nursing program. The nursing program is expanding to help address the shortage of registered nurses. However, acceptance is prioritized to residents of Atlantic and Cape May counties, and is based on meeting competitive selection criteria.

This information session is designed for those who are enrolled in pre-program, pre-clinical or prerequisite courses for nursing majors. Information on ACCC's advanced placement process for LPNs will be provided.

For more information, call **Glenda Stogel**, ACCC health careers recruiter, at (609) 343-5048, or e-mail [stogel@atlantic.edu](mailto:stogel@atlantic.edu).

### **Support ACCC Walkers in American Heart Walk May 15**

The American Heart Association's annual South Jersey Heart Walk will take place on Saturday, May 15, at Sixth Street and the Boardwalk in Ocean City. The walk will begin at 10:30 a.m. Anyone interested in walking can register with any of the Heart Walk captains and get a free ACCC Heart Walk T-shirt. You can also register on the day of the walk from 9-10:30 a.m. at the Sports & Civic Center on 6th Street. Free parking is at 5th Street and the Boardwalk for those who arrive before 10 a.m.

Participating children who raise a minimum of \$10 will get a wristband for free amusements on Gillian's Wonderland Pier 1-3 p.m. and Playland Park 3-5 p.m. that day. This year, walkers will have the opportunity to walk in memory of a family member who they lost to heart disease.

If you can't make the Walk, you can still show your support for the American Heart Association by sponsoring a participant. Make a cash donation or write a check payable to American Heart Association and give it to any of the captains. There is no amount that is too small for this very worthwhile cause. Together we can make a difference.

## **HERE'S THE SCOOP**

by **Joe Rossi**

Welcome to **Thom Partin**, who joined the admissions office part time.

As of Monday, May, 17, the Mays Landing main campus cafeteria will begin summer hours: 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m. The hot dog cart in A building is closed until September.

Congratulations to long-time ACCC part-timer **Henry Spier** on his appointment as advisor to the *Atlantic Cape Review* student newspaper, effective academic year 2004-05. Henry succeeds **Denise Coulter** who has assumed English department chair duties.

Get well wishes to **Connie Walton**, academics, who is out with an arm injury after an auto accident.

**Katie Mock**, bookstore manager, thanks ACCCers for their cards and well wishes following her illness. Katie expects to return next week.

Congratulations to **Mitch Mischlich**, security, on his new Nissan Titan pick-up truck. Enjoy your new wheels!

**Dennis Huey** thanks all who made donations to the Kara Huey Memorial Scholarship Fund recently. The Science Club raised \$249. The winners of the promotion were **Kathy Fritz**, library, beach chair; **Jamie Masso**, Worthington Atlantic City Center, beach umbrella; and **Chris Reitnauer**, son of **Penny Wells**, beach towel.

**Kathy Fritz**, library, is proud of her daughter, Christa, who is graduating May 14 from Richard Stockton College with a BA in environmental science, and her niece, Danielle Collins, who graduated May 8 from the University of Pittsburgh - Bradford, with a BA in biology. Congratulations!

**Caesar Niglio**, project manager for the new Web for Students product, would like to thank all SIS committee members, student services staff, business office, finance office and ITS for their hard work and continued support on the project.



*Facilities Management is hard at work renovating the Mays Landing East location (Building T). Installing walls for a computer lab are, from left, Dominick DiPietro, supervisor; Bud Ireland and Domenic "Ace" Acilio.*

The Northfield Children's Learning Center for Dyslexia is conducting a golf tournament fund raiser on Monday, May 24, at the Mays Landing Country Club. All raised funds support the purchase of supplies for the Center and grants for the children. There will be a shotgun start at 1:30 p.m., scramble format. Your tax deductible donation is \$100/golfer or \$90 for each member of a foursome. The cost includes: range balls

noon-1:30 p.m., lunch, 18 holes of golf plus use of a golf cart and a barbecue buffet upon completion of your round. Prizes for best score, longest drive, hole-in-one, closest to the hole, etc., will be awarded. Get a foursome together and join **Dennis Huey**, science, for this worthy cause. Contact Dennis for registration forms. Hole sponsors are also needed.

Happy birthday to: **Joe D'Agostino**, **Richard Perniciaro**, May 14; **Fay Newman**, May 15; **George Richert**, May 17; **Phaedra Peyton**, May 18; **William Flanagan**, May 19; **Maryann Carol**, May 21; **Robert Kachur**, **Elinor Mattern**, May 22; **Patrick Sweeney**, May 25; **James Taggart**, May 26. Adjunct birthdays: **Harold Carfrey**, **Denman Sweetman**, May 14; **Christine Coulson**, May 15; **Maria Dicino**, May 17; **William Headington**, May 19; **Barry Bender**, May 21; **Robert Lagg**, May 27.

## **NEWS FROM ACCC'S EXTENSION CENTERS**

### **Greetings from Charles D. Worthington Atlantic City Center**

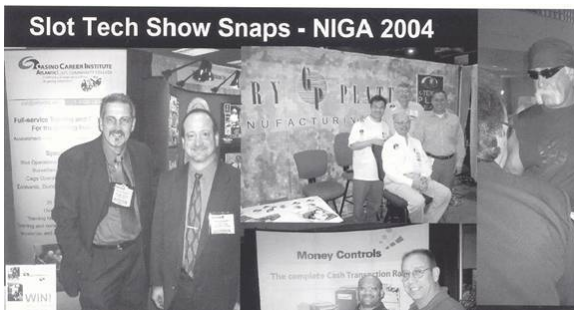
**by Brittany A. Williams**

Well, Cinco de Mayo came and celebration followed the past two weeks at City Center.

Thanks to the student services staff and funds from student activities, students and staff enjoyed several "Think Spring" activities. On Tuesday, plants and herbs were given out to those present. A brief lesson

in horticulture and some “earth-conscious” factoids were planted in attendees’ minds as well. The following day, celebration blossomed. To mark Cinco de Mayo, students were treated to a delicious array of Mexican food. Taquitos, chimichangas, chicken flautas and soft tacos filled the estomagos of those present. Dessert was served up the following day with a make your own sundae assembly line and an ice cream soda table. Yum...

As if that wasn’t enough, the goodness kept on coming. The Cross Cultural Club, under the direction of advisor **Michael Kammer**, hosted its annual Multicultural Festival as well. The cafeteria was transformed into a veritable United Nations. Flags from all over the world decked the hall and many attendees arrived in their beautiful traditional dress. Among the swirls of color and laughter, the event included an Asian buffet and a grand assortment of visual displays. Students created several displays about the culture, cuisine and history of their countries. The displays were replete with photos, music, maps and even a morsel or two of some home cooking. Ever have a yellow cherry or a hot wasabi pea? Yum again...



*Slot Instructor, Tommy Giardina, pictured with Slot Tech Magazine Editor in Chief Mark Fromm and, yep, Hulk Hogan spliced to the right.*

In other news, the Casino Career Institute and slot instructor **Tommy Giardina** have been making headlines lately. Giardina can be found in this month’s issue of Slot Tech Magazine. The magazine’s coverage of the National Indian Gaming Association 2004 conference included a photo layout of Giardina with other attendees. Giardina is pleased to report also that the Delaware State Police Gaming Commission recently donated eight slot machines to CCI!

Congratulations go out to **Dr. Richard C. Perniciario**, associate dean and director of the Center for Regional and Business Research, who was recently elected to the

Kessler Memorial Hospital Board in Hammonton. His term will expire in March 2005 and at that time he will be eligible for election to a two-year term. Additionally, he will be appointed to one or more committees that meet monthly, quarterly, or as needed depending on the committee’s charge.

It is truly no wonder CCI has been getting so much mention lately since the Web is full of CCI praise. The 1,782-member Slot Technician community page at [www.delphiforums.com](http://www.delphiforums.com) recently included an inquiry asking members for a recommendation of a good slot tech school. After a few negative responses about several dismal Slot Technician schools (that were deemed “too expensive” or “useless” by alumni), a beam of light appeared on the message board and this testimonial followed: “Try the Casino Career Institute in Atlantic City, NJ. You can go to the Atlantic Cape Community College Web site for info. It is a six month school along with an internship in a casino or vendor. I did it and got a job right away in AC,” a member replied.

Have you seen the May issue of Casino Connection magazine? If not, grab one soon because it is chock full of information and accolades for ACCC. The article, “Learning Curve” included quotes from ACCCers **Harvey Weiss, Rummy Pandit, Dan Thoren, Donna Albano** (former faculty) and **Dr. Pete Mora** regarding the achievements of ACCC in meeting the needs of the area population via degree offerings, career training, and partnerships with local business and organizations. A snapshot of **Jean McAlister** also ran in the last issue in an article titled, *Tourism Council Plans for the Future*. McAlister is chairman of the Council. And finally, **Angela Wang** was also pictured in the zine in a piece about Caesars Entertainment Training and Tech Center.

Welcome back to **Josie Chivalette** who has returned to work after having some considerable knee

troubles. Josie sends out her heartfelt thanks to the ACCC community for all of their support, get well wishes, and flowers during her recovery.



*Pictured at the President's Dinner, Steve Carraccio and Mitch Brown of WMS Gaming with CCI's Tommy Giardina.*

Among those recognized at the college's recent President's Awards were Commerce Bank, AC Coin and Slot and WMS Gaming. Steve Carraccio, technical training supervisor for WMS, wrote to **Tom Giardina**, "Thanks once again for the wonderful event last night. As I'm sure you already know, we enjoy working with you in any way we can, and in particular, through the internship program."

**Al Ebinger**, ITS, is proud of his daughter, Holly Marie, who graduates from ACCC on May 27.

**Brittany Williams** sends her thanks to all of the ACCCers that supported her by donating to the

Parkinson's Unity Walk. Her fundraising team exceeded its goal and she was lucky enough to do the walk on a beautiful day in New York City's Central Park. Speaking of walks, the Heart Walk is tomorrow! Great job fundraising and good luck to all of those who are participating!

**Marion Pool** reports that the college is continuing to support Atlantic City's Birthday Celebration. Check out the upcoming events:

- On Saturday, May 22, come have some fun at the Atlantic City Card Sharks indoor football game at Boardwalk Hall!
- A scholarship luncheon hosted by Atlantic City Hotel and Lodging Association will take place on the same day at noon at Trump Plaza. For more information call 345-8910.
- Then, spend Memorial Day weekend in AC too! On Saturday, May 29, from 3-8 p.m., you can enjoy the Jazz Explosion at Kennedy Plaza (in front of Boardwalk Hall).
- Spend the following day, May 30, on the South Carolina Beach at 11 a.m. for the 150th Birthday Celebration: Unlocking the Ocean event. That evening, let your weary bones travel back to Kennedy Plaza and unwind to the encore presentation of Jazz Explosion from 3-8 p.m.
- The following week, on Wednesday, June 2, at 6 p.m., the 150th Birthday Speaker Series will present Ed Davis, radio personality & author of *Atlantic City Diary* at the Atlantic City Free Public Library, 1 N. Tennessee Ave.
- Last, but not least, visit the Boardwalk on Saturday, June 5, for the city's 150th Birthday Celebration Rolling Chair Parade. For more information contact Soundra Usry-Hollingsworth at 343-6326.

### **Events, meetings, ceremonies, etc. – Cape May Campus, involving**

#### **Dr. Peter Mora and his Continuing Education Managers:**

**Dr. Peter Mora**, interim vice president for Cape May and continuing education, attended the Governor's 2004 workforce summit at the Nicholas Music Center, Douglass College campus of Rutgers University on April 19. The summit provided important new ideas and the opportunity to discuss the relationship between New Jersey's workforce policies and economic growth.

**Dr. Mora** served on a panel for workforce development at the New Jersey Community College Council's Spring Trustees Conference which was held on April 29 at the Lafayette Yard Marriott in Trenton. Other panelists were: Dr. Gerald Ryan, president, Raritan Valley Community College; Dr. Robert Rosa, dean of continuing education, Hudson County Community College; and Dr. Ed McDonnell, vice president for economic development and executive dean of Rohrer Center, Camden County College.

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

by Lisa Apel-Gendron

Well, it's over. We all survived! Thanks to our faculty, tutors and lab aides for a great semester. We'll see you in September.



*Evening lab technician Dereck Pruszinski and 16-month-old son Noah take a break from touring in London's Trafalgar Square during a trip to England and Scotland last month. Dereck's wife, Jennifer, took the photo.*



*Noah gets to meet some kids from England outside a London museum. Despite his tender age, Noah needed a passport for the trip.*

Speaking of pride...**Denise O'Connor** and **Lisa Apel-Gendron** are celebrating daughters' graduations today. Jennifer Lapsley, Denise's daughter, graduates today from Rowan with a dual degree in English and education and elementary teacher certification. **Lori Gendron**, Lisa's stepdaughter, graduates today from Stockton with a bachelor's degree in social work. Jennifer and Lori both graduated from ACCC before transferring. So if you know of a school district in need of a good elementary teacher or a human service agency looking for a good social worker, give us a call at CMCEC!

Our mini Division Office at the Tech School closed May 13 for the summer. **Buzz Hauf** will be back in September as well.

We have five credit classes scheduled for first summer session as well as several non-credit computer courses which run throughout the summer. Eight classes are on the roster for second summer session and three for third summer session.

**Faith Gager, Denise O'Connor, Melissa Moy** and **Linda Hair** finished their classes in style. Congratulations to all four employees for an admirable job of balancing work and school. We're very proud of you!

Have a good weekend!

### ACCC IN THE NEWS

Cape May County freeholders approved a \$2,840 contract with ACCC to train public health nurses in "Command Spanish" and Understanding the Hispanic Culture," aimed at the medical profession. The training will help health officials better serve the growing Hispanic community, according to an article in The Press.

A story in The Press announced Dr. May's plans to retire a year in June 2005.

The Atlantic City Archery Classic, founded by ACCC archery coach **Helen Bolnick** in 1976 was a big success last month, with about 750 archers competing, according to The Press. For the first time, the event offered a chance at \$1,000,000 to an archer who could shoot 60 arrows into the center of a bulls-eye two days in a row. No one won the challenge.

An article in the Ocean City Sentinel Ledger announced the naming of **Ruth Tunnell** as campaign coordinator for the Ruth L. Williams Memorial Scholarship.

ACA Chef Educator **Phil Cragg** and his *Ocean Kids First* program were featured in The Manahawkin Beacon recently. Phil is involved in the annual Save Our Strength Taste of the Nation Dinner held in Ocean County each year. As a spinoff of that program, *Ocean Kids First* teaches children and their parents basic nutrition and cooking skills.

The Atlantic City Weekly featured a photo of the ACA's recruitment booth with Chef **Paulett Strand** and hospitality recruiter **Sue Jones** taken at last year's Spring Job Fair. The article gave tips on making the most of a job fair.

**George Dailey**, assistant professor of history, was quoted in a Press of Atlantic City story on the movie, *Troy*. George said he is curious to see how the poem's themes of courage, honor, duty and pursuit of excellence are portrayed in the movie. "It's got all the drama and the passion, and it's a great story that many people relate to played out in one of the great books of Western history," said Dailey, who covers the text in his Heritage of the Western World class.

An article titled, *ACCC board approves audit of International, Advancement programs* appeared in The Press.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**Susan DePhilippis**, ESL, will be presenting a session about using the Internet and WebCT resources for the ESL classroom at the New Jersey State ESL Teachers (NJTESOL/BLE) Conference on Wednesday, May 19.

ACCC students **Boyd DeLanzo** of Ocean City and **Kathleen McAlarnen** of Ocean View were among 35 of New Jersey's best and brightest community college students honored by the New Jersey Council of County Colleges at its 10th annual Phi Theta Kappa Day celebration May 13, at the War Memorial Theater in Trenton. "Each year, the Council of County Colleges hosts this luncheon program to recognize the members of the New Jersey All-State Academic Team, which is sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for community colleges," said Dr. Lawrence Nespoli, Council president. "These students are recognized for their outstanding academic achievement and exceptional service to their communities as members of Phi Theta Kappa at their local community colleges."

Former ACCC professor of sociology **Joyce Anderson** published her first book, *Courage in High Heels*, an insight into the lives of eight women who overcame formidable obstacles in their lives. The book is based on interviews with the extraordinary women. Joyce can be contacted at [JSAwrite@aol.com](mailto:JSAwrite@aol.com).

## Photos from the Employee Service Awards Banquet:



*Employees honored for 10 years of service included, from left, Kathy Landau, Dorie Keener, Bud Ireland, Christina Cavage, Terri Hamby, Jean McAlister, Moe Nagrod, Pat Heller and John Stratton. Missing: Bruce Johns, Lisa Givens, Kenya Long, Anna Simmons.*



*Employees honored for 15 years of service included Jim Homan, Tammy DeFranco, Renee DeAngelo and Rick Collins. Missing: Pam Bigelow-O'Neill, Paula Demarest, Donna Leeds.*



*Employees honored for 20 years of service included, from left, Norman McKiver, Penny Wells, Marge Battistelli, Kathy Corbalis, Linda DeSantis, Barbara Mottola and Joe Rossi. Missing: Tyrone McKiver, George Richert.*



*Employees honored for 25 years of service included Ron McArthur, Joanne Gleason, Connie LaMonaca, Taffy Peterson and Kip Rand. Missing: Carlo Canale, Ernie Sandoz.*

*Photos courtesy of Nick Ganaway, ITS.*

**More photos to appear in the May 28 issue.**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The calendar is updated regularly at [www.atlantic.edu/about/monthlycal.shtml](http://www.atlantic.edu/about/monthlycal.shtml).

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**--Kathy McGowan, editor**