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Atlantic Cape Community College's Information Source

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NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

Planned Summer Vacation

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 a leave request form to the Human Resources Office by Thursday, June 7. Please write "PSV" on the right side of the leave request form.

35 Hour/Week Support Staff - 196 hours (28 days)

40 Hour/Week Support Staff - 224 hours (28 days)

ACCCOSAP – 272 hours (34 days)

Deans/Executive Directors – 320 hours (40 days)

Counselors/Librarian - 240 hours (30 days)

If you do not use excess time, it will automatically be deducted and you will lose it. (Your balance is available on your check stub.)

Nearly 700 Degrees Awarded at ACCC's 40th Annual Commencement Ceremony

ACCC awarded nearly 700 degrees, the largest in its history, at the College's 40th Commencement, May 24. Jane Oates, Executive Director of the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education and senior policy advisor to Gov. Jon S. Corzine, delivered the keynote address. **Dr. Peter L. Mora**, ACCC president, also presented an honorary associate in science degree to Oates.

The Lindback Distinguished Teaching Excellence Award was presented to **Marilyn Malerba Keiner** of Linwood, Associate Professor of Paralegal Studies.



Francis Rauscher received the Adjunct Teaching Excellence Award.

The Adjunct Teaching Excellence Award was presented to **Francis Rauscher** of North Cape May, English instructor.

High Honors student **Jessica Westerland** of Wildwood, who

achieved a perfect 4.0 average, delivered the class farewell. Westerland, a NJ STARS scholar, received an associate in science degree in General Studies. She plans to continue her education through the NJ STARS II scholarship program at Rowan University, where she will study

journalism. She hopes to write novels and work for a local newspaper when she completes her education.



Marilyn Keiner received the Lindback Distinguished Teaching Excellence Award

“We all ran the same race and we all had our own individual obstacles and triumphs, but what is most important is that we all persevered, and we all arrived at this point,” Westerland said. “For some of us, this is the end of the race, and for others we are still running and this is just another mile marker. Whichever way you look at it, we all made it this far and that is an accomplishment to be proud of.”

Judith A. Cole of Egg Harbor Township was elected by the student body to serve as student representative to the college’s Board of Trustees, it was announced. She earned an associate in applied science degree in Nursing.

Student Government Association President **Lakir Patel** of Mays Landing encouraged students to strive for their dreams and enjoy future successes and learn from failure. “Remember, we will always have our education to fall back on, so use it to create your stepping stone to success,” he said.

Robert Boyer, chairperson of ACCC’s Board of Trustees, conferred the degrees and presented them to the graduates.

Note: The list of graduates is available on our Web site: www.atlantic.edu. Select ‘Class of 2007 List of Graduates’ from the headlines.

Nurses Pinning Honors 80 Nursing Grads



Members of ACCC’s Nursing Class of 2007 received their pins signifying the completion of their two-year program, May 23, at the Ocean City Music Pier. More than 80 nursing graduates participated. Congratulations to the graduates!

At left, Nursing Class President Melissa Trout-Baron addresses the graduates.

FRS, Purchasing Training Offered for ACCCers

The Finance, Purchasing and Accounts Payable departments will offer a training session on its systems, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 27, room J-202. The training will be broadcast to WACC and CMCC. Participants will learn how to enter purchase requisitions in the system and review their budgets and account activity online. There will be an open question and answer period. All college staff members are welcome to attend. Those involved in the requisitioning process are encouraged to attend this informative session. Please e-mail dkeener@atlantic.edu by June 21 if you plan to attend. For questions about the training contact **Dorie Keener**, Purchasing, ext. 4920, or **Leslie Jamison**, Finance, ext. 5004.

ACCC Foundation Board Names Six New Members, Re-elects Officers

The ACCC Foundation Board added six members and re-elected officers at its annual meeting, April 12. Joining the 32-member board are:

Dr. Nirmala Basavanand, Atlantic City, a private practice physician specializing in asthma, allergy and immunology. She is an active member of the ACCC Foundation Golf Committee and was instrumental in the Tee It Up For Nurses fundraising efforts.

Vicki Clark, Cape May, Executive Director of the Cape May County Chamber of Commerce. She serves as an active member of the Foundation’s Restaurant Gala Committee and is a board member of the N.J.

Travel Industry Association, the Lower Cape May Regional School Board and the Atlantic Cape May Workforce Investment Board.

Justine Coyle, Egg Harbor Township, Assistant Vice President at Commerce Bank's English Creek branch. She is active with the Foundation's Restaurant Gala Committee and volunteers as a board member for the Disabilities Resource Center.

Mark Hall, Linwood, Regional Vice President for Newfield National Bank with marketing responsibilities in Atlantic and Cape May counties. He volunteers with the Atlantic County Chamber of Commerce and is active on its Economic Development Committee.

Roman P. Osadchuck, North Wildwood, is the founder and owner of RPO Realty in Wildwood. He was active in the Foundation's Golf event last year and supported the Restaurant Gala. He has been involved with the arts and cultural community and has received numerous awards for volunteer work.

Jennifer P. Young, Woolwich, External Affairs Director for Verizon Communications. Through this position she has built relationships with businesses and non-profit organizations across South Jersey. She has 17 years of corporate experience and is affiliated with numerous organizations, serving on the executive committee of the Southern New Jersey Development Council and on the boards of the Atlantic City Hotel and Lodging Association and Cape May County Chamber of Commerce.

Also returned for a second term were **Nick Cashan III** of Hammonton and **Joanne D. Kay**, Esq., of Wildwood Crest.

Foundation officers, who are serving two-year terms ending in 2008, include **Lynda Pagliughi** of Avalon, President; **Frank Forde** of Absecon, Regional Officiating Coordinator, Vice President for Atlantic County; **Charles Pessagno** of Cape May, President of the NIA Group, Vice President for Cape May County; **Dennis Stacy** of Somers Point, American Express Financial Advisor, Treasurer; and **Stephen R. Nehmad**, Egg Harbor Township, a partner in the law firm of Perskie Nehmad & Perillo, Secretary.

In its history, the Foundation has raised nearly \$2 million for college scholarships, academic programs and enhancing the campus environment, including more than \$245,000, this year from the 2007 Press of Atlantic City Restaurant Gala. It has allocated close to \$210,000 for 2007-08 scholarships.

Founded in 1978 as an independent 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, the Atlantic Cape Community College Foundation is dedicated to serving the mission of ACCC by providing financial support to the College and its students. Foundation funds provide college scholarships to students with financial need, capital for campus improvements, and cultural and educational programs.

Art Gallery Features Works of More Than 20 Alumni through May 31

ACCC's Art Gallery features the work of more than 20 alumni through May 31 to commemorate the college's 40th anniversary. The exhibit is free and open to the public and includes pieces from studio arts majors and minors from the 1970s through the present. Their works represent diverse media, including watercolor and oil paintings, works of collage and sculpture in paper mache, glass, ceramics and pine needles.

The ACCC Art Gallery is on the Mays Landing Campus, adjacent to the theater in C-building (C-125). Hours of exhibition can be obtained by calling the ACCC Art Gallery Information Line, ext. 5040. For more information about ACCC's Art Gallery, or to book a group visit, call Art Gallery Coordinator **Buddy Jacobs**, ext. 5346, or bjacobs@atlantic.edu. For more information, visit www.atlantic.edu/artgal/artgal.html.

Metlife Lunch 'n Learn Workshop June 13; Reservation Needed

Metlife Resources, one of the authorized vendors for the State of New Jersey Defined Contribution pension systems (ABP and ACTS), will hold two *Lunch 'n Learn* workshops in Mays Landing on Wednesday, June 13, to assist employees with financial planning for retirement. Metlife representatives Randy Warren and Keith Bermeo will hold sessions noon-1 p.m. and 1-2 p.m., room J-204. Reservations are required. RSVP directly to one of the Metlife representatives at (800) 492-3553, ext. 28393, for Randy, e-mail rwarren3@metlife.com, or ext. 28036 for Keith, e-mail kbermeo@metlife.com.

HERE'S THE SCOOP

Shilon Carter, Counseling and Support Services, was a groomsman in her brother's wedding on May 4. She wore a tuxedo and had a great time. "I never thought I'd see the day," she said. See the photo at right.



Pat Luciano Federici, retired dean of students, sent the following thank you note, "Please extend a heartfelt thank you to the College community or their flowers, mass cards and sympathy notes. They were very much appreciated and helped living with the loss of a brother I so dearly loved."

Chuck and **Kathy McGowan**, College Relations, spent four days on the water bringing home their 2007 Beneteau 323 sailboat. The couple met friends on their way home from the Bahamas on Thursday night for two days in Bear, Del., stayed overnight in Cape May and ended at Viking Yachting Center in New Gretna on Sunday, where they're docked for the summer. Son, Joe, and daughter-in-law, Eva, joined the trip.



Happy birthday to: **Patrick Sweeney**, May 25; **James Taggart**, May 26; **Brittany Williams**, **Linda McLeod**, May 29; **Leila Crawford**, May 30; **Connie Walton**, June 1; **Thomas Hughes**, **Stacey Clapp**, June 2; **Timothy Cliggett**, **Domenick DiPietro**, June 5; **Cathie Skinner**, June 6; **Philip DeCicco**, **William Smith**, June 9; **Svetlana Marzelli**, June 12; **Tom Partin**, **Donna Vassallo**, June 15; **Michael McHale**, June 16; **Moe Nagrod**, June 17; **Tak-Shun Chung**, June 18. Adjunct birthdays: **Eileen Ramsbacher**, May 31; **Janice Nee**, June 2; **Eliot Friedland**, June 3; **Brandi Scollins-Mantha**, June 6; **Michael Petner**, June 9; **Lydia Fecteau**, June 14; **James Ney**, June 15; **Robin Kearns**, June 18; **Francis Tomlinson**, June 20.

NEWS FROM ACCC'S OTHER LOCATIONS

Greetings from the Worthington Atlantic City Campus

by Daymis Alicea

The end is near. Well, for those graduating it is just the beginning and here at City Campus we wish all our graduating students a fond farewell and good luck.

It turns out that **Joyce Gruber**, Free ESL Instructor, and **Elinor Mattern**, Assistant Professor of English, knew each other in what now seems like a past life. They were amazed to find that their paths crossed more than 30 years ago. The two attended ACCC's "Timeless Memories" celebration and sat at the same table. With plenty of table-talk to go around, it was soon discovered that they lived in the Southeastern part of Ohio in the early '70s. Joyce taught eighth grade at John Gregg Elementary School and,



coincidentally, Elinor had taken a first grade position in the same school just after graduating from Steubenville College. Goes to show that we have a large world but it's still small enough that you can meet the same people several times in your lifetime and not even realize it. How cool is that??

Dean Bobby Royal was honored by the Lighthouse District of the Jersey Shore Council, Boy Scouts of America, as recipient of the Whitney Young Service Award. A reception was hosted by Pleasantville Mayor Ralph Peterson on May 23. We are all very proud of his accomplishments.

Staff, faculty and students were treated to a morning snack of raisin rolls, cinnarolls and tasty coffee cake with apple or orange juice by the Student Services Office. Breakfast is provided roughly twice a month to encourage students to eat before classes because it makes learning more effective if you have a full belly. Test-taking strategies and study skills information is also distributed.

At right, students were treated to breakfast at WACC.



Congratulations to **Dean Bobby Royal**, on the graduation of his son, Jerrell Wade Royal, from the University of Missouri-Kansas City with a Master's in Business Administration degree. Bobby and Carmen went to Kansas City on May 5 for the event.

Congratulations to WACC student **Dimple Desai**, (who managed to take ALL of her classes at the City Campus except science) on her graduation from ACCC and her acceptance to Drexel University. She said this as she left, "Don't worry, you're not rid of me. I'll be back," before waving farewell to us in the Student Services Office. Dimple graduated with 117 credits (including ESL) with a GPA of 3.0.

New signs were installed in Atlantic City to direct drivers to WACC. The first is located on Arctic Avenue at the second traffic light at the foot of the AC Expressway, by the new Nike outlet. It directs drivers to turn left onto Arctic Avenue. See photo at right. Eight blocks after turning, just before Bacharach Boulevard, the second sign appears on the right hand side of the road, just before the traffic light.



New signs direct drivers to WACC.



Dr. Peter Mora and **Dean Bobby Royal** invited Borgata executives Joseph Corbo Jr. Vice President of General Counsel, and Auggie Cipollini, Senior Vice President and Chief Assistant Officer, for a tour of the Worthington Atlantic City Campus and an orientation on programs and services offered there. Dr. Mora led the discussion which concluded with constructive and practical suggestions from



the guests for improving working relations with the casino industry. Dean Royal conducted a tour of the campus pointing out renovations and describing expanded programs and services.

As part of its mission to serve the community, ACCC's Worthington Atlantic City Campus began providing a classroom and fully-equipped computer lab last fall for St. James' AME Church Youth program, CHILL. Choices for High-schoolers in Learning Literacy, open to students in grades 7-12, provides mentoring, tutoring, scheduled homework days and computer time to teach students how to create newsletters, resumes, original bookmarks and greeting cards. Its summer reading program is focused on the Atlantic City High School English Department requirements. Last year, seven students

were honored for their accomplishments.

We are looking forward to the Memorial Day weekend and hope that all staff, faculty and students enjoy the extra day off with family and friends on this official kick-off to the BBQ season. Save me a rib or two, won't you?

Happy Memorial Day, my friends. Until next time.

Greetings from the Cape May County Campus

by Lisa Apel-Gendron

More good news emanates from CMCC! We have another graduation and a birth to report. **Electra Stulak**, Counseling, became a grandmom, May 7, as Emma Christine Stulak entered the world at five pounds, 13 ounces and 19 inches long. Happy parents are Electra's son, George, and his wife, Christine. Jake Van Epps, son of **Regina Van Epps**, English, and her husband, John, received a Master of Science degree in community counseling from the University of Georgia, May 12, with a 4.0 GPA. Jake will enter a doctoral fellowship at Penn State. Congrats to all the Stulaks and Van Epps!

There's a new face at CMCC. **Bobbie Heard**, Biology, is teaching Anatomy and Physiology during first summer session at CMCC. You'll see her Monday through Thursday on the third floor through June 28. Her office is room 329 for the summer.

Do you know where **Ghyll Theurer** is? Every Thursday, the Continuing Education Program Coordinator works at CMCC. Her office is room 340, and the local extension is 3670.

Kathy Fritz, Library, and her husband, Bill, returned from their April trip to the Grand Canyon, Hoover Dam and Lake Mead. Good to have you back, Kathy!

Summer library hours, effective May 21, are: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m.- 8 p.m. Tutoring may be arranged on an as-needed basis by stopping at the circulation desk or by phoning ext. 3713 or 463-3713 off campus.

Speaking of the library, have you seen the enjoyable display of student artwork from spring semester? Take a look and see what our students have accomplished. It's impressive! Also on display this month is information and selected readings about the U.S. military.

Non-credit classes are still hopping. Fire Protection ICS and Building Inspector RCS have just finished. Conversational Italian, Basic Floral Design, Exploring Digital Photography and Internet for Seniors are running now, and other classes are scheduled for June, July and August.

More than 20 employers and 50 youthful job seekers took over CMCC's first floor lobby, May 15. Sponsored by the Workforce Investment Board (WIB), the job fair aimed to match youth ages 16-21 with local employers in need of help. ACCC staffed information tables during the event. **Sherwood Taylor**, Continuing Education, spoke with young people and their parents about career training programs offered by ACCC. A monumental thank you goes to **Tim Cliggett**, Facilities, for setting up and to **Trish Wickham** and **Matt Liggins** for tearing down the dozens of tables and chairs used for the fair.

Ancillary events are still front and center at CMCC. We hosted the Foundation's feasibility study meetings, May 16 and 17. Thanks to **Kathy Fritz** for making a group study room available. A group of



Kathy and Bill Fritz celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary with a trip to Lake Mead and the Grand Canyon.

60 elementary school children and their teachers from Cape May City Elementary visited, May 17. The Cape May County Human Relations Commission continued their monthly meetings with us, May 17. CMCC hosted the Continuing Education staff retreat, May 18. And ACCESS scholarship interviews will be held May 30 in room 113, 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information on ACCESS, contact **Patty Kelleher**, ext. 5641.

The CMCC team is glad to see **Michelle Andrews** and **Sue Weisgerber** of Financial Aid each week. While we're interviewing for a part-time financial aid assistant at CMCC, Michelle comes Tuesdays and Sue comes Thursdays to assist CMCC students. We appreciate the support offered by **Linda DeSantis** and her affable financial aid team!

The O'Connor family's sneakers got a workout, May 19, at the Heart Walk in Ocean City. Heart captain **Denise O'Connor**, Business Office, husband, Brian, and daughter, Kaitlyn, all walked for CMCC. Denise reports that the weather was pleasant and everyone enjoyed themselves while raising funds for a good cause.

Have an outstanding weekend!

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Black Student Alliance received a letter from the Atlantic County Women's Center thanking them for their \$50 donation.

Jean McAlister, WACC admin services, was sworn in for her eighth term as Secretary to the Executive Board of the Greater Atlantic City Region Tourism Council at the installation luncheon at Smithville Inn on May 17. The swearing in was performed by Dennis Levinson, Atlantic County Executive, who announced the partnership of the County Tourism Board and the Greater Atlantic City Region Tourism Council. The County will be supporting the efforts of the Tourism Council whose goals are to promote tourism in Atlantic County.

Grant Wilinski, Associate Dean, Academic Support Services, was elected to the Board of Trustees of the Literacy Volunteers Association Cape-Atlantic, Inc., a volunteer-based adult reading and English Language program. LVA provides free tutoring services to adults in Atlantic and Cape May counties who need to improve their literacy skills and English as a Second Language services, job preparedness and survival skills training.

Brittine Ehrke, Business Services, graduated from Rowan University with a B.S. in English.

Shilon Carter, Counseling and Support Services, earned a bachelor's degree in Human Resources Management from Franklin University on Mother's Day.

At right: Shilon Carter with her daughter, Jazmin.



Bobby Royal, Dean, Worthington Atlantic City Campus and Community Affairs, was honored by the Jersey Shore Council Boy Scouts of America on May 23.

Former ACCC'er **Ellen Gregory**, Executive Director of the Nonprofit Community Partnership for Egg Harbor Township Schools, was mentioned in an article in The Press of Atlantic City, as hoping to ease the growing district's budget concerns by offering benefactors naming rights to school buildings and facilities in need of upgrades.

ACCC IN THE NEWS

A story titled, *ACCC Students Ask for Space of Their Own*, appeared in the Cape May County Herald newspapers. CMCC students spoke at the Board meeting at CMCC April 24 requesting a place for students to congregate. “People leave in a rush,” Nichols said, “there is no where to sit.” It would be nice to have somewhere to relax and talk between classes. **Dr. Joe Rossi**, Dean of the CMCC and Labor Relations, replied that a design for the reconfiguration of the conference dining room behind the cafeteria is in the works.

A story titled, *ACCC’s Mora Gets Praise and Raise* appeared in the Cape May County Herald newspapers. The Press of Atlantic City also ran a story on the subject.

Gina Skinner, Admissions, was quoted in a Press of Atlantic City article on immigration laws. If a student is not a U.S. citizen, he/she must have a green card or a visa to enroll at ACCC, she said.

ACCC was included in an article titled, *Colleges Compete to Boost Beginners*, in NJ Biz Magazine, April 23 issue, as one of the N.J. college choices for entrepreneurial programs

According to an article in The Current newspapers, the *Chefs R Baking* event, held at the Greate Bay Country Club in Somers Point, May 20, acknowledged the Academy of Culinary Arts for its generosity and dedication in aiding to help end child hunger in America. Several ACA chefs and students donated their time and talent to the event, which raised \$5,500.

Joe Ondusko, 25, of Stafford Township, was featured on the front page of The Press of Atlantic City on ACA graduation day, May 11. Ondusko was in a horrific car accident on Sept. 8, 2001, while a student in the ACA, leaving him in a coma for two weeks. Doctors expected him to remain in a completely vegetative state, but he proved everyone wrong. On May 4, Ondusko completed the ACA’s baking and pastry professional series with a 3.4 GPA.

Dr. Richard Perniciaro, Dean of Administration, Research and Planning and Director of the Center for Regional and Business Research, and **Christina Cavage**, ESL Department Chairwoman, were quoted in The Press of Atlantic City in an article highlighting the Asian population increase in New Jersey. Perniciaro said, “Many Asians are coming to New Jersey and this region for employment.” Representing more than 7 percent of the state’s population, immigrants with minimal English skills are able to find entry level work in the casinos and the tourism industries, while others who have specialized skills are sought over by pharmaceutical and high-technology companies. Cavage said, “The Asian student population has surged in such courses at ACCC... Hispanics used to make up 70 percent of the ESL classes. But that percentage has dropped to 50 percent as Asians fill more program slots.”

Tabletop Drill Helps ACCCers Prepare for an Emergency

College representatives participated in a tabletop drill to help prepare for an emergency on campus. The emergency at hand was a forest fire west of the Mays Landing Campus, and the campus needed to be evacuated. Security Chief **Bill Keener** presented a PowerPoint describing the scenario step-by-step. Participants from Security, Facilities, College Relations, ITS, Student Services and the College Nurse discussed how their areas would respond at each step. Lt. Cooker of the Hamilton Township Police Department answered many questions that arose. He is working with Security with support from Atlantic County Emergency Management.



College reps discuss emergency preparation

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE



Dr. Mora attended the Metropolitan Business and Citizens Association Annual Foundation Luncheon, April 26. The MBCA is composed of businesses and individuals who promote a healthy business climate in the Greater Atlantic City region. Dr. Mora received the MBCA's Education Appreciation Award last year. This year, the MBCA honored Senator Bill Gormley with their annual award.

At left, Dr. Mora with Pinky Kravitz.

ACCC students and sisters **Carole** and **Rachel Dieterly** were nominated for the All USA Academic Team. The sisters were recognized for their scholarly achievements at ACCC, their involvement in PTK, community service and numerous extracurricular activities. Both girls are graduates of Gospel of Grace Christian School, serve in Phi Theta Kappa, have written for *Rewrites Magazine*, are on the archery team, and volunteer time at the Cape May County Zoo. Carole will be graduating this fall with an AS in Biology, which she will take with her to Stockton where she will major in Zoological Studies. Rachel earned an A.S. in Math Science during the summer of 2006 and is now studying Organic Chemistry, and will major in Pre-Med at Stockton in the fall. Over the summer she will be participating in UMDNJ's SOM pre-med program.

Brittany Williams recently attended the Association of Governing Board's North East Symposium on Governance and Accountability. She reported on the symposium to the Personnel and Board Development Committee of the ACCC Board of Trustees.

Williams was recently a guest at the 40th Anniversary Presidents' Colloquium at Brookdale Community College. Panelists included Jane Oates of the Commission of Higher Education, George Boggs of AACU, and past and present presidents of Brookdale. The panel focused on the past, present and future of community colleges.

President Mora sends his thanks and kudos to all ACCCers who supported the AHA Heart Walk on May 19 at the Ocean City Boardwalk. See photos below.

Scenes from the American Heart Association Heart Walk



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The calendar is updated regularly at <http://www.atlantic.edu/calendars/index.php>. Be sure to add your events. Go to www.atlantic.edu and at the top right, click on calendars. Scroll down and at the bottom left, select Add Event Form and submit your event!

--Kathy McGowan, editor