

# ATLANTIC CAPE COMMUNICATOR

Atlantic Cape Community College's Information Source

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## NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

### Flex Time Begins Tuesday, May 31

Flex time will begin one week early this year. Beginning Tuesday, May 31, support personnel normally working a 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. schedule shall begin 8 a.m. to 4:37 p.m. or 8:30 a.m. to 5:07 p.m. duty days. The college will be closed Monday, May 30, in observance of Memorial Day. The first flex day is Friday, June 3. Worthington Atlantic City Center, room 134, is open on Fridays for CE registration during flex time from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Please consult with your supervisor regarding your precise reporting and dismissal times. Facilities management non-office personnel and the security department do not participate in flex scheduling. Management personnel should maintain the same weekly reduction pace as the staff. During flex time, support staff work 32.5 hours per week, a 2.5 hour reduction. Management personnel should maintain a 37.5 hour schedule per week during the flex period.

Leave time taken during flex will be charged at hours paid, not hours worked. A vacation week during flex time is charged at 35 or 40 hours not 32.5 or 37.5, respectively. One leave day during flex is charged at 8.75 hours for staff and 10 hours for management.

The final flex day is Friday, Aug. 19. "Summer hours" begin Monday, Aug. 22. Support staff who normally work 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. shall report for duty from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. during summer hours. Regular hours resume Tuesday, Sept. 6.

### ACCC Awards 656 Degrees at Commencement



*Dr. Louise Kaplan received the Lindback Award.*

ACCC awarded 656 associate in arts, associate in applied science and associate in science degrees at the school's 38th annual commencement, at 4 p.m., Thursday, May 26. The Honorable William Gormley, New Jersey state senator, delivered the keynote address.

High Honors student **Yulia Guzairova** of Russia, who achieved a perfect 4.0 average, delivered the Class Farewell. Guzairova, age 20, received an Associate in Science degree in General Studies. She plans to continue her education at Drexel University. She thanked ACCC's faculty for helping shape her future and the future of her fellow graduates.

“On behalf of my fellow graduates, let me say thank you to every professor who helped us to achieve our goals and to come to this crossroads in the never-ending quest for knowledge. We appreciate your time and effort dedicated to us in shaping who we are today,” Guzairova said. She told her fellow graduates to “reach for the stars.”

Guzairova studied linguistics in Russia for two years before coming to America as an exchange student. She enrolled in ACCC because she thought it would be beneficial to not just study English, but practice English at an American college. She lives in Ocean City and works part time.



*Senior Adjunct Martin Berdinis received the first adjunct teaching excellence award.*

Graduates and their guests also heard from Student Government President **Fred Washington** of Egg Harbor City, who spoke of the challenges many graduates faced.

“By sitting where you are today as graduates, you have not only demonstrated, but proven, that what at times seems impossible is indeed possible,” Washington said.

**Brian Lefke**, chairperson of ACCC’s Board of Trustees, conferred the degrees and presented them to the graduates.

The Lindback Award for teaching excellence was presented to **Dr. Louise Kaplan**, professor, anthropology. A new adjunct teaching excellence award was presented to Senior Adjunct **Martin Berdinis**.

## Construction Closes Down College Buildings

Facilities management is upgrading the electrical infrastructure of main campus buildings. D building will be shut down on Thursday and Friday, June 2 and 3, as contractors replace a major electrical component. D building fire suppression systems will be off line. No one is permitted inside during those two days. Exterior campus lighting, which feeds off of D building, will be operational with back-up emergency power. The Venus server, housed in D building, will operate on back-up emergency power.

## Mays Landing East Holds Ribbon Cutting, Open House



*Dr. May cut the ribbon for the Mays Landing East official opening.*

Staff at the Mays Landing East location (building T) welcomed visitors from the college community and the community-at-large at a ribbon cutting and open house last week.

The event was held in honor of **Dr. John May** as he plans to retire from ACCC.

Representatives from area training partners attended the event and enjoyed refreshments and networking. Dr. May cut the ribbon to celebrate the remodeling of the building.

## American Heart Walk Raises More Than \$3,000

ACCC’s team for the American Heart Walk raised more than \$3,000 for the American Heart Association’s Heart Walk last Saturday. More than 80 employees and students, including four infants, enjoyed a beautiful, sunny day on the Ocean City boardwalk. Thanks to all who participated.

## Next CommuniCator June 23

The *Atlantic Cape CommuniCator* is on summer publication schedule. The next issue will be Thursday, June 23. Deadline is noon, Monday, June 20. Please send information to **Kathy McGowan**, [mcgowan@atlantic.edu](mailto:mcgowan@atlantic.edu).

## Join Cross Cultural Student Association for May 31 Trip to Hershey Park

Last minute call for Hershey Park trip! The Cross Cultural Student Association is sponsoring a trip to Hershey Park, Pa., Tuesday, May 31. Cost is \$68 per person, \$65 for seniors and children under 9. The price includes transportation by deluxe coach and Hershey Park admission for unlimited access to over 60 rides, live entertainment, a dolphin and sea lion show, Hershey's 3-D show, and a tour of "Chocolate World."

The three-hour bus trip includes video and unlimited snacks. There is also a bathroom on board. When you get there, do not forget to buy chocolate at their gift store. Fresh chocolate tastes better! The bus leaves 8 o'clock Tuesday morning and returns by 10 p.m. Departure and return is at the Worthington Atlantic City Center. If you are interested in going or need more information, call **Michael Kammer**, 374-2380. Seating is limited, so call now.

## HERE'S THE SCOOP



*Jake DeNick*



*Maddie DeNick*

Congratulations to **Sue DeNick**, and her husband, Jon, on the birth of their second set of twins, a boy and a girl, on May 19. Madelynne Louise arrived at 10:59 p.m. weighing 6 lbs., 12 oz., and Jacob Eliot arrived at 11:04 p.m., weighing 7 lbs., 4 oz. They join twin sisters Kayla and Kami. Proud grandmom is **Diane Damask**, academics, and proud aunt is **Michelle Bevan**, instructional technology. Congratulations

to all!

**Phil and Janet DeCicco**, facilities management, are proud of their granddaughter, Stephanie Lee, who was one of just three students selected from her 8<sup>th</sup> grade class of 300 at Davies Middle School recognized at a luncheon honoring Atlantic County's highest achievers. Congratulations on your academic achievement!



*The Gandy family, pictured, from left, Patricia, John, Erica, Alexander (wearing the shades) and LaShonine.*

**Patricia Gandy**, executive assistant to the president's office, is proud of her daughter, Erica, who graduated from George Washington University on May 21 with a bachelor's degree in psychology. She is the recipient of a Minority Research Supplement Grant from the National Institute of Health in Washington, D.C., to research the "psychological effects of physical illness on people of the African diaspora" at Howard University for a year. After her year at Howard, she plans to pursue her master's in psychology. Congratulations!

Proud dad, **Dr. Art Wexler**, chair, social science, reports that his daughter, Susannah, earned her MFA in Fiction Writing from Sarah Lawrence College. She will be teaching English this summer at SUNY -

Purchase College. Congratulations!

**Carmen and Bobby Royal**, dean of students and executive assistant to the president, respectively, are proud of her daughter, **Stephanie Ojeda**, who graduated with a doctorate and second master's degree in clinical psychology from Widener University. Stephanie is certified as a school psychologist and serves as a consultant for the Chester Upland School District. She plans to move to Maryland where she is entertaining job offers.

**Linda McLeod**, admissions, is proud of her daughter, LaToya, who graduated from Rutgers University, Linda's alma mater, with a degree in psychology.

Mark your calendar for the retirement party for **Judy Allen**, continuing education, planned for 5-7 p.m., Thursday, June 16, at the Mays Landing Country Club. Cost is \$20 per person and includes hors d'oeuvres, gift and cash bar. RSVP by June 13 to **Jo-Ann Volpe**, ext. 5653, or e-mail [volpe@atlantic.edu](mailto:volpe@atlantic.edu).

Deepest sympathies to ACCC retiree **Tony Fortini**, on the death of his father, Joseph Fortini. Condolences can be sent to Tony at 11 Altair Court, Turnersville, N.J. 08012.

Congratulations to ACCC employees **Dorothy Filomena**, perishable storeroom, and **Johana de Jesus**, financial aid on their graduation from ACCC. Congrats to these familiar faces, ACCC students who have worked in college offices while earning their degrees: **Brittine Ehrke**, business services; **Patti Rivell**, research; **Apryl Huggins**, research, on their graduation from ACCC.

Congratulations to Francisco Correa, husband of **Cynthia Correa**, human resources, who graduated from ACCC.

Get well wishes to **Betty Ramsey**, retired payroll supervisor and part-time operator, who is recovering from knee replacement surgery.



Congratulations to new grandma, **Pat Owens**, continuing education, on the birth of her first grandchild, Camryn Alexa Owens, who arrived on May 10, weighing 5 lbs., 13 oz. Proud parents are Pat's son, Christopher, and his wife, Jennifer, of Alexandria, Va.

**Gretchen Harris** has a leading role in the play, *Mom, Wake Up!*, a play about a young teenager, Lamar, who struggles to save his family. His mother, played by Gretchen, has remarried and, with the influence of her new husband, becomes addicted to drugs. *Mom, Wake Up!* will be presented, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., Sat., June 11, 2005, at the Landis Middle School on Landis Ave., Vineland. Admission is \$10 per person. Group discounts are available. **Anna Simmons**, college relations, saw a previous performance and highly recommends it to ACCCers. "Gretchen puts on a great performance," she said.

Birthdays: **Brittany Williams**, **Linda McLeod**, May 29; **Connie Walton**, June 1; **Tom Hughes**, **Stacey Clapp**, June 2; **Domenick DiPietro**, **Gloria Quintero-Garcias**, June 5; **Cathie Skinner**, **Norman Gray**, June 6; **Catherine Gonzalez**, **Wendy Waisala**, June 7; **Philip DeCicco**, **William Smith**, June 9; **Svetlana Marzelli**, June 12; **Donna Vassallo**, June 15; **Michael McHale**, June 16; **Moe Nagrod**, June 17; **Sandy Morris**, June 22. Adjunct birthdays: **Robert Lagg**, May 27; **Robert Kahl**, May 29; **Janice Nee**, June 2; **Eliot Friedland**, **Jennifer MacBriar**, June 3; **Brandi Scollins-Mantha**, June 6; **Wayne Newell**, June 10; **Lydia Fecteau**, June 14; **James Ney**, June 15; **Robin Kearns**, June 18; **James Twing**, June 21.

## NEWS FROM ACCC'S EXTENSION CENTERS

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

By **Brittany Williams**

Farewell and best wishes to **Brandy Brooks** who recently left the accounts receivable department to take an outreach job with the Lighthouse Organization in Atlantic City.

Kids College registration is ongoing. Just a reminder, KC classes are held in Mays Landing, Atlantic City and in Ocean City this summer. Sign your children up for some challenging and fun classes like *Bug Hunt, Eat Smart and Exercise, How Music Works, Meet Famous Artists* and *Spanish for Beginners!* Adults, put your dancing shoes on and take a dancing workshop this summer. Contact **Jeff Wenzel**, ext. 4829, to register.

**Dr. Alice Rainey** is happy to announce that her two grandsons, Matthieu and Riley, are graduating eighth grade. The boys live in Wichita, Kansas. Rainey is also smiling as she tools around in her new 2005 Pearl White Hyundai Santa Fe which, by the way, took her to Buena Regional High school recently for Jumpstart registrations.

Administrative services staff members were treated to a visit to the new Cape May County campus. Clad in hard hats, the crew toured the site impressed by its size, amenities and overall attractiveness.

Congrats to **Jean McAlister** who was recently re-elected as secretary of the Greater Atlantic City Region Tourism Council at a luncheon. Jean was also honored for her many years of service to the organization.



City Center was transformed for a day into a movie set. The filming of "Freddie the Squirrel" on the CCI floor brought with it lights, cameras and plenty of action. Extras and stars alike hung out in the green room (cafeteria) and on set (CCI floor). Those in the movie included David Proval of *Sopranos* fame, Justin Guarini, *American Idol*; and Abe Vigoda (*Godfather, Barney Miller*). Justin was on the CCI training floor.

*Maria Ramirez, left, security on the set, and Jean McAlister, City Center admin services, pose with Anthony Sparano, movie producer.*

A new Police Officers Gaming Seminar just finished. Sixteen graduates from the NYPD completed the training and were awarded certificates.

A special Mother's Day was celebrated by the Alicea family this year. **Daymis Alicea** and her two sons, Jacob and Julian, traveled to Texas to surprise Di's husband, Gilberto Alicea, at his Air Force graduation ceremony.

Congrats to the former ACCC students who recently graduated from Rutgers University bachelor's degree in hospitality management program (six with honors). Those earning their degree with classes taken at ACCC's Worthington Atlantic City Center, are **Kyle Chain, Edward Devlin, Keith Gesler, Vicki Heebner, Kamil Jazwinski, Susan Kesterson, Linda Kusmaul, Blayne McLarney, Jill Morley, Harsha Shah, Filomena Suglia, Christopher Wilkins, and Carrie Wilson**. Information on the program can be obtained by contacting Rummy Pandit, ext. 4824.

**Todd Ford**, facilities, is proud that his nephew, Darrin Ford, just got called up to “the show.” That’s right baseball fans, he’ll start his pro-career as an outfielder with the Milwaukee Brewers. Congratulations!



*The Continuing Education department got together for an intense day of brainstorming, creativity and evaluation. Their retreat was held recently at the Cape May County Extension Center in Rio Grande. The day included meetings, breakfast, a tour of the new campus and addresses by both Dr. Pete Mora and Geoff Pettifer. Pictured, from left, front row, Karen Morelli, Kathy Simione, Pat Owens, Gloria Quintero-Garcias, Carol Nicastro. Center row: Pat Kubaska, Noel Naylor, Tommy Giardina, Angela Wang, Jean Rowley, Julia Ratliff. Back Row: Sean Gallagher, Mike Rennick, Sharon Kretmar, Chuck Schaefer, Kathy Nicholich, Rachel Wettstein and Sherwood Taylor.*

## **Hello from Rio Grande!**

**by Lisa Apel-Gendron**

It’s cap and gown season, and our first congratulatory note goes to our own **Melissa Moy**, who finishes her ACCC degree this summer. We’re all so proud of you, Melissa. Like so many community college students, you manage to balance full-time work, school and family responsibilities. You go, girl! Celebrate big time next week.

Other grad news...**Joshua Baals**, ACCC class of 2003, just completed his Stockton degree and is awaiting news on grad school applications. He plans to start his MBA this fall. Several years ago, news reports listed him as the youngest person to hold a NJ real estate license. He passed the test at age 18 after completing **Matt Moeller’s** Real Estate Salesperson course.

You may recall Joshua’s identical twin sisters, **Lauren** and **Meredith Baals**, ACCC class of 2002. They finished their Stockton degrees in December and will both start an MSW at Rutgers-Camden this summer. All three students were home schooled by their parents before coming to CMCEC. Amidst all this grad school anticipation, Meredith was married May 14 – with just enough time to celebrate before grad school starts.

Congratulations to **Denise O’Connor**, **Melissa Moy**, **Linda Hair** and **Faith Gager**, all of whom successfully completed their spring semester courses.

Staying with the academic theme, financial aid specialist **Faith Gager** is proud of her son, Joshua, who made the fifth grade honor roll at Cape Christian Academy recently. Josh takes after his mom, who always has a book open.

Calling all high school graduates...we’re holding an awareness week for graduating high school seniors from June 20-23. CMCEC will offer admissions, testing, financial aid, advising and registration services until 6 p.m. that week to accommodate graduating seniors and their parents. **Geoff Pettifer**, **Gina Skinner** and **Kathy Corbalis** have targeted publicity, advertising and direct mail plans in the works to reach our local high school graduates. Pass the word!

**JoAnne Barbieri** and **Marilyn Keiner** plan to hold an OSTM and Paralegal Studies Open House at CMCEC in Rio Grande, Thursday, Aug. 4, 5:30-7 p.m. in Room 2. If you know of prospective students, please encourage them to come and visit with this capable team of educators.

Thanks, as always to Follett for visiting CMCEC May 17 and 18 to sell and buy back books. They’ll return June 21 to sell books for second and third summer session classes meeting at CMCEC.

Continuing Education employees, numbering about 25, visited CMCEC May 19 for a planning retreat with **Pat Owens** and **Sherwood Taylor** facilitating. This energetic group took over the back part of the building for most of the day. We look forward to hearing their good ideas! Incoming president **Dr. Peter Mora** welcomed the group as they began their brainstorming sessions.

Enjoy your weekend!

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Congratulations to **Rachel Wettstein**, continuing education, on her award for dedicated service and outstanding contributions to the New Jersey Community College Continuing Education Administrators. Rachel served as secretary for the organization and worked diligently on the professional day program and other activities. She was honored with a plaque at the organization's XYZ Professional Day recently.

**Melanie Kate Handler** graduated magna cum laude from Rowan University with a B.A. in special education and reading. Melanie took many classes at ACCC in pursuit of her degree and enjoyed her educational experiences here. Melanie is a member of Kappa Delta Pi Educational Honor Society and Student Council for Exceptional Children. Proud parents are Joseph and **Jodi Handler**, retired ACCC professor, physical therapist assistant.

**Kathy Fritz**, library, had one poem and four haiku's published in *Rewrites*, ACCC's literary magazine.

## Archery Team Wins Third Place in U.S.; Three All-Americans Named

ACCC's Archery Team won third place in the U.S., competing with more than 200 archers in Georgia. The men's recurve team took second overall, losing to Texas A & M in the finals by just four points.

**Brett Lazaroff**, **Tomas Wartownik** and **Desiree Sparano** earned All-American honors. In individual scoring, Lazaroff finished fourth, Wartownik was fifth, and **Noah Patterson** was 16th.

In men's compound competition, **Kris McDevitt** (20th), **Mark Schiavo** (28th), **Pat Carney** (32nd) and **Josh Coleman** (35th). Sparano finished eighth, **Morgan Koeser** (37<sup>th</sup>) and **Rachel Dieterly** (41<sup>st</sup>) as the women's recurve team finished eighth overall.

Former ACCC student **Sagar Mistry** took first overall as an independent, earning a place at the University World Games in Turkey.

## ACCC IN THE NEWS

**Janet Brenner**, planning, is proud of her son, Rick Brenner, who was recognized in this year's Governor's Teaching Recognition Program. He teaches at Arthur Rann School in Galloway Township.

The Nurse Workforce Solution Project was featured in the Current Newspapers. ACCC's nursing faculty were named in the ad encouraging nurses with master's degrees to become nurse educators.

ACCC student **Philip Pallitto** was featured in the Ocean City Sentinel-Ledger for directing *Schoolhouse Rock* at ACCC, the performing arts club production.

A news release on the Leaves for Learning campaign seeking donors for enhancements to the new Cape May County campus appeared in the Cape May Star and Wave.

**Dr. Peter Mora** was interviewed to appear on Comcast Newsmakers on his upcoming presidency and the opening of the Cape May County campus. The interview will air a random two or three times a day at :54

minutes past the hour on CNN Headline News, June 1-7.

## **CLASSIFIED AD**

**Free 29 Gallon Fish Tank** to a good home. Excellent condition. Must pick up at my home in Mays Landing. Contact **Dr. Ron McArthur**, ext. 5007.

## **National Biotechnology Education Conference in Philadelphia June 16-19**

Teachers and students from around the world will meet in Philadelphia June 16-19 for the 2005 Biotechnology Institute Education Conference. The Biotechnology Institute, the national biotechnology education organization, conducts this annual meeting to provide educators with the materials and skills they need to incorporate biotechnology into classrooms while informing young people about this quickly evolving field. The conference precedes the Biotechnology Industry Organization's (BIO) Annual International Convention, which takes place June 19-22, also in Philadelphia.

Biotechnology is a subject increasingly in-demand in middle and high school classrooms, community colleges and four-year universities, due to the popularity of TV shows such as the "CSI" series. The need for an educated public and skilled biotechnology workforce will continue to increase: The U.S. Department of Labor estimates that the industry will employ nearly 815,000 workers by 2007.

The meeting will address timely subjects important to biotechnology education, including bioethics, workforce development and diversity, combined with student and teacher competitions and awards, professional development, mentoring and career sessions.

The Biotechnology Institute was founded in by the Biotechnology Industry Organization (BIO) in 1998 as an independent, national, nonprofit organization, dedicated to education about the present and future impact of biotechnology. Its mission is to engage, excite and educate the public about biotechnology and its immense potential for solving human health, food and environmental problems.

For more information, contact Kathy Frame, vice president for Educational Programs at (703) 248-8681 or visit [www.biotechinstitute.org](http://www.biotechinstitute.org).

## **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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