

ATLANTIC CAPE COMMUNICATOR

Atlantic Cape Community College's Information Source

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NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

Employee Service Awards Tonight at Mays Landing Country Club

The 24th Annual Employee Service Awards will be held tonight at the Mays Landing Golf and Country Club. ACCC will honor employees with 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 40 years of service and retirees. The event will begin with a cocktail reception at 5 p.m., followed by dinner and awards at 6 p.m. If you made your reservation, see you there!

Don't Lose Vacation Days; Submit Forms Now for 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 Monday, June 9. Please mark "PSV" box on 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 or you may call **Brenda Kuhar**, ext. 5604.

College Relations Looking for Interesting Graduation Stories

The College Relations Office is looking for human interest stories for graduation. If you know of an ACCC student who is graduating in May who has overcome obstacles to complete school, is graduating with a family member or other "twist," please e-mail **Kathy McGowan**, mcgowan@atlantic.edu.

ACCC to Host U.S. Intercollegiate Archery Championships May 15-18

More than 170 college archers from across the country will aim for big victories during the U.S Intercollegiate Archery Championships (USIAC) Thursday, May 15- Sunday, May 18, at ACCC's Mays Landing Campus.

This is quite a coup for ACCC, one of only a handful of two-year colleges to host this prestigious event, which has been held at such distinguished institutions as UCLA, Texas A&M and Arizona State universities.

But this is not the first time ACCC has played host. Thanks to the leadership of



Dr. Helen Bolnick, 82, who has served as the college's archery coach for more than 30 years, ACCC was the site of the event on two other occasions.



That's not surprising, considering the ACCC archery team's track record.

Through the years, the team has produced 37 All-America archers and its share of "superstars." Most recently, ACCC general studies student **Steve Gatto**, 20, of Hammonton came in first in the country in the compound category during the 2007 National Target Championship held in August 2007 in Colorado Springs, and won the Gold Cup for overall performance in the men's compound competition at the XXV Torneo Batalla de Carabobo in Venezuela in June.

In the USIAC tournament, male and female archers compete in both the recurve and compound categories. Bolnick is dedicating this event to the memory of C.R. "Bud" Fowkes (1920-2006), a highly respected archery coach from Verona, Pa., with whom Bolnick was great friends.

For more information, contact Dr. Bolnick, ext. 5272.

Paralegal Studies Program Open House May 21

The Paralegal Studies Program will hold an open house, 5:30-7 p.m., Wednesday, May 21, J Building, room 206, on the Mays Landing Campus. ACCC offers the only Paralegal Studies Program in Atlantic and Cape May counties that is approved by the American Bar Association.

For more information, call Associate Professor of Paralegal Studies **Marilyn Keiner**, ext. 4941, or e-mail keiner@atlantic.edu.

Heart Walk Teams Gearing Up for May 17 Walk; Make your Donation Today!

ACCC's Heart Walk Team is gearing up for the American Heart Association Heart Walk, Saturday, May 17, on the Ocean City Boardwalk. If you can't walk, please make a contribution to help ACCC's team. Purchase a \$10 chance for the collectible doll to benefit our team. See your heart captain for tickets. The drawing will be held at the Heart Walk.



See a heart captain today: **Aline Bennett**, Counseling and Support Services; **Tom Borucki**, Students and Recreation; **Kathy Fritz**, Library; **Dr. Joyce Grohman**, Faculty; **Terri Hamby**, Campus Outreach; **Pat Heller**, Information Technology Services; **BettyAnn Hines**, Company Leader; **Michael Kammer**, WACC and Chairperson (first place fundraiser 2007); **Susan Lee**, WACC; **Pat Kubaska**, Chairperson (honorary fundraiser); **Marge Mettelle**, Business Services; **Dom DiPietro**, Maintenance; **Charita McClain**, Human Resources and Chairperson (historian); **Gail Mischlich**, Finance; **Denise O'Connor**, CMCC (second place fundraiser 2007); **Anna Simmons**, Community Outreach; **Electra Stulak**, CMCC; **Jo-Ann Volpe**, Administration; and **Jeff Wenzel**, East Campus.

Your help is appreciated!

Heartwalk Prize Winners Announced

Those who supported the Heart Walk with "heart" donations on April 29 had their names put in a drawing for prizes. Winners include **Aline Bennett**, **Whitney Uhrke**, **Heather Washburn** (Student), **Mike Rennick**, **Patricia Kelleher**, **Connie DeFalco**, **Geoff Pettifer**, **Stacey Clapp**, **Kathy McGowan**, **Eileen Mick**, **BettyAnn Hines** and **Joe D'Agostino**. Winners got to pick from a selection of gift items.



RSVP Now for May 15 Retirement Party for Penny Wells

All are invited to attend a retirement party for **Penny Wells**, Thursday, May 15, at

JoAnn's Pizza and Restaurant II, 913 Rt. 50 in Mays Landing. Finger foods will be served 5-5:30 p.m., with dinner at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$40 for dinner and the gift. If you can't make it and would like to contribute to her gift, please send \$10 check payable to **Dennis Huey**, note Wells Retirement. If you plan to attend, please contact Dennis, ext. 5014.

Next TIAA-CREF VISITS May 28; Make Appointment Now

Michael Pascucci, the new TIAA-CREF Individual Consultant assigned to ACCC, will hold a counseling session at the Mays Landing Campus, Wednesday, May 28. Call (800) 842-8412 for an appointment.

ACCC Team Led by WACC Raises Nearly \$300 for Arthritis Foundation

On May 3, ACCC's Team of 10 walkers raised nearly \$300 for the Arthritis Foundation by participating in the 2008 Arthritis Walk on the Atlantic City Boardwalk. Thanks to all who supported the event.

Performing Arts Club to 'Paint the Town Pink'

ACCC's On the Edge Players continue to "Paint the Town Pink," with their live performance through Saturday, May 10. Show times are 7:30 p.m., with an additional showing at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, in the Walter Edge Theater. "Paint the Town Pink" is a comedy in three acts by Anne Coulter Martens. The main character is a young school principal, Mr. Clark, who tries to promote cooperation between the faculty and the students by having them trade places for a day. The results are hilarious, especially when the well-meaning principal approves a shade of paint for the conference room which he initially thought was "dove gray"...but turns out to be a very different color. All proceeds from both Saturday performances will benefit the Susan G. Komen Foundation for Breast Cancer Research.

Follett Bookstore: Products Sold Manufactured under Ethical Working Conditions

Follett Higher Education Group has partnered with the Fair Labor Association to help ensure that the products sold in their campus bookstores are manufactured under ethical working conditions. The FLA principles echo values Follett's use in their everyday business. In 1995, Follett became the first academic retailer to develop standards for fair labor practices in the manufacturing of collegiate products. For more information on efforts to protect workers' rights and improve working conditions worldwide, visit <http://www.fairlabor.org>.

Class Project: Passover in a Minority and Intergroup Relations Class

Since the text used for Professor **Heather Boone**'s Minority and Intergroup Relations class does not count Jewish-Americans among the myriad of ethnic minority groups in this country, the Assistant Professor of Social Science developed an ethnicity-based unit to explain the cultural significance of the Passover Seder for Jewish Americans.

Coincidentally, the class discussion of Jews as a minority group in America occurred during the eight days of Passover. Boone provided readings for the class, but with the Passover holiday happening at the same time, took the opportunity to help the students connect the cognitive understanding with present-day reality.

To accomplish this, she held a "mini Seder" to give students the opportunity to explore the roots of Jewish Culture through taste and smell. She invited **Janet Brenner**, Director of Community and Cultural Affairs, to explain the cultural significance of the foods and the ritual for contemporary Jewish Americans.

Armed with a copy of the Haggadah (the guide to the Passover rituals) and a selection of Passover foods, they set up a mock Seder table. The students were told about the exodus of the Jews from Egypt and why specific foods were selected for the ritual (matzohs, bitter herbs, etc.), and were also offered samples. They asked many questions which led to discussions about the present cultural impact of the celebration

of the holiday for American Jews. The experience was well received by the class.

***Philadanco!* Performs May 17; Reception Benefits MTPAC; Student Discount**

On Saturday, May 17, *Philadanco!* will perform at the Middle Township Performing Arts Center at 7:30 p.m. A reception/fundraiser honoring Joan Myers Brown, founder of *Philadanco!*, will be held 5-7 p.m. Those attending the reception will enjoy jazz with Lois Smith, R& B with Kim Sledge of Sister Sledge and delicious hors d'oeuvres, all while helping the Middle Township PAC. The reception is sponsored by Access to Art and will provide funding to promote MTPAC events.

For a combined ticket including the reception and VIP seats for the performance, send your checks for \$60 per person to Access to Art, Inc., 417 E. Pacific Ave., Cape May Court House, N.J. 08210.

Tickets for the performance only are \$25 and \$30 and may be obtained by calling the Middle Township PAC at (609) 463-1924 from 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Discounted tickets for students with ID are \$10 through today. After today, student tickets are \$20. Call (609) 465-3963 with questions or 463-1924.

HERE'S THE SCOOP

A photo of Alex Musitano, 7, son of **Bart Musitano**, Human Resources Benefits Coordinator, was in the Current newspaper. Alex created a flower fashioned from Froot Loops cereal for a birthday celebration for Pope Benedict XVI held at Assumption Regional Catholic School, in conjunction with the pontiff's recent visit to the U.S.

Congratulations to **Brittany Williams**, President's Office, on the purchase of her new home in Northfield.

Linda McLeod, admissions, is asking ACCCers to support the spring fundraiser on May 17 for the Oakcrest High School Teen Center. Come see the Philadelphia Soul vs. Columbus Destroyers football play at Oakcrest. Tickets are \$23 for the game or \$48 for a pregame buffet at Chickie's and Pete's in Egg Harbor Township, transportation and admission to the game. For tickets, call (609) 909-2677 or e-mail darrell.edmonds@atlanticare.org.

Get well wishes to **Bud Ireland**, Facilities Management, who is on medical leave.

The annual Stamp Out Hunger food drive will be held Saturday, May 10. Put some non-perishable food items in a bag and place by your mailbox. Your letter carrier will pick it up and deliver it to the Community FoodBank of South Jersey. With the price of gas and groceries going up, there is a growing need in our area. Please help.

Welcome aboard to **Dominic Zanghi**, Security Guard, and to new part-time employees: **Matthew Gettings**, Grounds/Maintenance; **Patrick Minneo**, Maintenance; **Linda Rodriguez**, WACC Cashier/Admissions; **Yvonne Rawson**, Office Support/ Leadership Liaison.

Happy birthday to **Wendy Gray**, May 10; **Laura Campbell**, **George Taylor**, May 12; **Myra Caplan**, May 13; **Joe D'Agostino**, **Richard Perniciaro**, May 14; **Irvin Cruz**, May 15; **Tiffani Harris**, May 16; **George Richert**, May 17; **Yadira Estrada**, **Phaedra Peyton**, May 18; **William Flanagan**, May 19; **Maryann Carol**, May 21; **Elinor Mattern**, **Jennifer Botwin**, May 22. Adjunct birthdays: **Paul Wilson**, **Wayne Zanni**, May 14; **Christine Nolan**, May 15; **Barry Bender**, May 21.

NEWS FROM ACCC'S OTHER LOCATIONS

by Daymis Alicea

The Worthington Atlantic City Campus hosted the 3rd Annual New Jersey Competitive Purchases “Avenues of Opportunity for Small Businesses,” on April 25. About 200 attendees were encouraged to take advantage of the proximity of participating agencies and their ability to network with them.

Janet Brenner welcomes the group to the ACCC Worthington Campus after being introduced by Leann Simmons, Mistress of Ceremonies. Photograph by Mark Anthony, PortraitEFX of Middlesex



New sign at the foot of the Atlantic City Expressway.

WACC is sporting a new look and new signs directing you to this ever-changing and expanding campus. The City Campus is blossoming this spring with a new look, additional parking (available once they finish black-topping and painting) and a new sense of purpose. We are sooo proud to show ourselves off and will proudly be doing that on May 19 at our first ever Open House. Presentations and tours will highlight our new areas and how we can best service our community — through education. Hey, we have the room...come on in and learn somethin'!

Talking about parking, please excuse our on again, off again parking situation while the campus gets a fix-up. These things happen and we try to minimize the impact on the staff and the students as much as possible. If you had to use our overflow parking...thank you for your cooperation and we promise it won't be for much longer.

WACC Dean **Bobby Royal** came to wish us a great time at the Constitution Center in Philadelphia. The Cross-cultural and Latin Experience clubs joined forces and made the trip an awesome adventure. The students enjoyed a show, the center's activities, signed the Constitution, visited the Liberty Bell and Ben Franklin's house remnants (oh, and we watched a movie on the bus). We so often forget the rich history of our nation that is literally less than 40 minutes away. We highly recommend this trip which will leave you empowered with the knowledge that you are, “We the people” and asks you to think of the provocative question, “What do you want to do with YOUR freedom?”



The Cross-cultural and Latin Experience clubs enjoyed a bus trip to Philadelphia. At right, students sign the Constitution book.

Congratulations to my sister, **Danays Alvarado**, ACA, on completing her sentence...I mean, her 10 wonderful years here at our college. **Alice Rainey**, ACCESS Resource Center, also celebrates her 30, yes count 'em people, 30 whole years here at ACCC. She gets a double D grade — dedicated and devoted. They will enjoy a scrumptious dinner and a gift along with **Nelson Bugas**, **Wayne Cooper**, **Richard Collins** and **Thomas Giardina** from Atlantic City Campus at the Mays Landing Country Club tonight.

Waking up hungry and in a hurry...don't worry, we've got you covered with a back-to-back helping of delicious breakfast foods. On Tuesday, May 13, the Student Government Association will host a Continental-style breakfast for students to alleviate some of the stress of exam week. Come enjoy in the student lounge on the second floor.

Wednesday, May 14, we will host our first ever...WACCy WAFFLE WEDNESDAY. Come get your fill of fresh-made-to-order waffles with your choice of topping, strawberry, blueberry, maple syrup and, of course, whipped cream! (I might even bring powdered sugar.) Breakfast service will be 9 a.m. to noon and donations of \$1 for your waffle order are greatly appreciated.

We bid a fond farewell to **Toknwa Melton**, Financial Aid Advisor, in the City Campus who has left us for a full-time job. We will miss you as you were an integral part of our smooth running team. We hope to see you so come around often.

That said, welcome **Karen Wilson-Wylie** to City Campus. We look forward to getting to know you better and spending time around the “water cooler.”

Fellow coworkers surprised **Mike Kammer**, Assistant Professor of ESL, with a party celebrating his upcoming nuptials. Congratulations to him and his future bride. Enjoy the patio set! Great job to the party committee for pulling it off!



Happy Birthday to **Carmen Cabrera**, WACC admissions, whose office team of students and a new part-timer gave her a surprise birthday feast. All homemade, I must say, I gained a few pounds that day. Thanks to you all it was scrumptidilicious and Carmen was very moved by your efforts.

That’s all folks...come again next time.

Greetings from the Cape May County Campus

by Lisa Apel-Gendron

Conference and teamwork are the words of the week at CMCC.

It takes teamwork to pull off a conference for 75 guests, and that was evident May 2 at CMCC. We hosted the full-day Atlantic Cape Safe Youth Conference, co-sponsored by Richard Stockton College and ACCC. The event encompassed continental breakfast, morning lectures, lunch and afternoon break-out sessions. It was all possible thanks to the coordinated efforts of **Linda Dolan**, Resource Development; **Kay Pandit**, Conferencing and Meeting Services; our Café team of **Bob** and **Martha**; **Tim Cliggett**, **Trish Wickham**, **Matt Liggins**, **Curtis Fitzpatrick** and **Greg Burrell**, Facilities; **Thom Partin**, Receiving; **Chris Vallese**, ITS; **Scott Tietje**, Security; and **Denise O’Connor**, CMCC Customer Service. Fine job, everyone, on a significant event!

The Cape May County Bar Association observed Law Day again May 1, as they’ve done the last several years with us. A free, open to the public workshop on family law was presented by several local attorneys, including Judge Richard Russell, husband of **Effie Russell**, English.

The American Association of University Women, Cape May County Chapter, also joined us May 1 for a gathering of community book clubs who discussed the current collegewide book, “The Last Days of Dogtown.” Thirty avid readers from the community participated.

Autism was the topic of the month in our library, as we observed National Autism Awareness Month during April. An informative display was again created by English Adjunct Instructor and Tutor **Francine Palumbo Stankiewicz** and **Kathy Fritz**, Library Technician.

What has **Donna Vassallo**, Hospitality Management, been up to lately? Leading workshops at CMCC for ACCC’s office of customized training. Donna’s energetic style has captured the intellect of local financial service and insurance professionals during March and April, as full-day workshops on customer service, team building and salesmanship were offered through Customized Training. **Carol Drea** and **Esther Gandica** coordinated the considerable effort with ample support from **Melissa Greener**.

High school seniors from Middle Township High School will once again be our guests for Advanced

Placement testing the weeks of May 5 and 12. We'll provide quiet rooms for nine different subject exams.

Don't forget your local CMCC heart captains: **Kathy Fritz**, **Terri Hamby** and **Denise O'Connor**. These ladies will be glad to enroll you to walk in the May 17 Heart Walk, or they can take your donation in support of their walk. Congrats to Kathy on her winning T-shirt design!

Thanks to the efforts of **Marilyn Keiner**, Paralegal Studies, the CMCC library received a valuable donation of more than 500 law and paralegal books from the law offices of Cooper Levenson. **Kathy Fritz** will be busy all summer cataloging and shelving the many books. We owe a big thank you to the men of ACCC for boxing, transporting and delivering the hardbacks to CMCC. Some of them are pictured here. The men of ACCC...sounds like an idea for a new calendar!



Those helping to move the more than 500 law books donated by Cooper Levenson to ACCC's Cape May County Campus library were left to right, Aitit Shan, student worker; Martin Lazarus, student worker; Geoffrey Cragg (Chef Cragg's son), Tak-Shun Chung, library staff; Kristian Montefusco (Luis Montefusco's son); Mike Sargente, LAC staff; Dmitry Kaptsov, student; and Grant Wilinski, Associate Dean.

Have a worry-free weekend.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

To celebrate National Poetry Month, about 24 faculty and staff were treated to Latin American poetry and song on April 22. The poems were read by **Otto Hernandez** who also contributed background information on the poets. Dr. Mora joined the group in the singing of Guantanamera as Otto serenaded/accompanied the group on the guitar. A few faculty and some students joined by satellite from the Cape May County Campus.



Otto Hernandez, holding his guitar, serenaded those who attended the Poetry Month event

Ellen Parker, Reference Librarian, spoke on Standardized Assessment for Information Literacy at the New Jersey Library Association Annual Conference on "Valuing Libraries, Valuing Librarians." The event was held May 1 at the Ocean Place Hilton in Long Branch. The workshop was sponsored by the Association of College and Research Libraries, New Jersey Chapter, and was attended by academic librarians from institutions such as Princeton, Rutgers and the University of Western Ontario. She also served as a lead judge in the N.J. National History Day competition held at Rider University on April 12. NHD is a highly regarded academic organization for elementary and secondary school students. Each year, more than half a million students, encouraged by thousands of teachers nationwide participate in the NHD contest. Students choose historical topics related to a theme and conduct extensive primary and secondary research through libraries, archives, museums, oral history interviews and historic sites.

Chef Educator **Annamarie Chelius** presented a Mother's Day-themed workshop for children at the Ocean City Library on May 6. Chef Chelius, along with several ACA students, helped the children make a special white chocolate and marzipan treat for their mothers.



ACCC welcomed 147 inductees into the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society on April 17. Established by two-year college presidents in 1918, Phi Theta Kappa serves to recognize the academic achievements of two-year college students, and encourages academic growth. In 1929, the American Association of Community Colleges recognized Phi Theta Kappa as the official honor society for two-year colleges. It is the largest honor society in American higher education today, with 1.3 million members in 50 United States, U.S. territories, Canada and Germany. The ceremony included a welcome speech by ACCC President **Dr. Peter L. Mora** and other keynote speakers.



Above, PTK Advisors Mark Camma and Carolyn Coulter.



ACCC Archery Team member **Joseph Jao** of Egg Harbor Township was named to the

2008 U.S. Archery All-Academic Team. Jao, 18, a second-year student who is majoring in accounting, joined the ACCC team last year. He competes in the men's recurve category. "He started out as a beginner and is doing great," said ACCC Archery Team Coach **Dr. Helen Bolnick**. To qualify for this honor, applicants must be enrolled full-time in a higher learning institution, must have finished in the top 25 percent of their

division in the Indoor National Championships and must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better, among other criteria. In addition to Jao's honor, star student archers **Steve Gatto** of Hammonton and **Mark Schiavo** of Mays Landing recently were named to the U.S. All-Eastern team.

ACA Creates Kitchen Herb Garden

The students, staff and chefs at the Academy of Culinary Arts worked together to plant an herb garden behind M Building. There are more than one dozen varieties of herbs, including basil, oregano, cilantro, mint, marjoram and rosemary. The herbs are thriving and will be used in culinary classes this fall. Chef **Kelly McClay**, ACA Dean, gives special credit to the Culinary Student Association and students **Manuel Taylor** and **Robert Mustardo** for their work in planning and tending the herb garden.



Dean McClay said the skills the students learn in maintaining a "kitchen garden" make them more marketable. "Many restaurants are implementing kitchen gardens in an effort to control costs of organic ingredients and move toward sustainability," she said.

Counseling and Support Services Honors Students

Counseling and Support Services held their annual awards banquet recently at Mays Landing Country Club. Students were honored for their achievements:

Outstanding Academic Achievement: **Louis Marinari**, DSS; **Theresa Louise Chengadu**, International; **Brandon Farina**, NJ STARS; **Michelle Shields**, EOF; and **Nicole Pietrowicz**, SSS.

Juan Alvarez Award: **Neka Martin**, SSS.

Counselor's Award: **Joseph Ryan**, DSS; **Aldrich Bernardo**, International; **Stephan Cooksey**, NJ STARS; **Ryan Thomas**, EOF.

Director's Award: **Lola Lewis**, DSS; **Kristian Montefusco**, International; **Stephanie Perkins**, NJ STARS; **Charisma Foster**, EOF; and **Gloria Toulson**, SSS.

Students who made the dean's and president's lists and EOF students who are graduating this month were also honored for their achievements.

Shannon Hartey Named ACCC Communication Major of the Year at First Communication Awards Ceremony

For the first time in its history, ACCC presented Communication Awards at a ceremony on May 2.



Student **Shannon Hartey** of Mays Landing was the recipient of the Communication Major of the Year award. A childhood cancer survivor, Hartey presented a video promoting an organization she helped found called Shannon's Dream to help redesign the pediatric unit at Shore Memorial Hospital. The video was produced by student **Bryant Little** of Mays Landing, who was also nominated for the award.

*Photo by
Albert Gunzenhauser*

Assistant Professor of Communication **Keith Forrest** was surprised with an Outstanding Service award—which wasn't on the program—for his dedication to his students. WAYV Radio hosts Mike Richman and Diane Mitchell of the "Mike and Diane Morning Show" were given an award for their service to the community.

Awards were presented to outstanding students and alumni of the program. Awards for Faculty Communication Pioneers were given to **Gerri Black**, Assistant Professor of English; **Jessica Carleton**, Adjunct Instructor; **Denise-Marie Coulter**, Associate Professor of English; **Cheryl Knowles-Harrigan**, Assistant Professor of Art; **Joy Jones**, Adjunct Instructor; and **Elinor Mattern**, Assistant Professor of English.

A tribute to the late Cape May County Herald Editor Joe Zelnik was presented by current Editor Al Campbell. In addition, remarks were presented by Joe Cardona, Director of Media and Public Relations at Rowan University, who was recognized as an Outstanding Public Relations Professional.



Students received awards for their accomplishments at the Counseling and Support Services banquet.

ENGR'S CORNER

Forced Air Cooling...Air Flow and Filters Aren't the Only Things to Inspect!

Now that the weather is warming up, your first inkling is to turn on your air conditioning system. Before you do, make sure you:

- Shut off the main circuit breaker before you start!
- Uncover the outdoor unit and make sure no varmints took refuge inside the unit over the winter.
- Check for nests, cocoons or anything not put in there by the manufacturer.
- Vacuum out the outdoor coil, then hose it down to remove all the old grass clippings.

Now that the outdoor unit looks okay, the inside unit might need a little attention from last year's use.

- Shut off the main circuit breaker before you start.
- Open up the unit and inspect the drain tubing from the cooling coil and make sure it's clear.
- Replace the air filter.
- If there is a belt on the fan, make sure there are no cracks in it. Go ahead, give it a spin.
- Close it up and hit the breakers.

ACCC IN THE NEWS

ACCC was featured in The Press of Atlantic City in a huge front page story and inside two-page spread about the increase in disabled students attending college. The article included a photo of ACA student **Shakur Burton** who has Asperger's syndrome, as well as quotes from ACA Dean **Kelly McClay** and **Lucy McGlynn**, Counseling and Support Services.

Casino Connection featured an article about the history of the ACA and how it has produced a long list of award-winning chefs. Pictured were student **Jennifer Quig** and former student **Corey Taylor**. Quoted were Dean **Kelly McClay** and Quig. Also mentioned in the article were Chef Educator **Bruce Johns** and grads **Marvin Woods** ('85), **Terence Feury** ('88) and **Deb Pellegrino** ('91), as well as students **Anthony Bell** and **Shawn Henry**.

ACCC Assistant Professor of Communication **Keith Forrest** was showcased in an article about his distinguished background as a writer/educator and teaching methods and photo in the Camden Courier-Post.



When the Alpha Delta Mu chapter of Phi Theta Kappa inducted new members at ACCC, the Current newspaper was there to cover the event with a large article and photos. Pictured and/or quoted were **Dr. Peter Mora**; **Carolyn Coulter**, Associate Professor of Sociology; **Mark Camma**, Assistant Professor of Accounting and Business; **Shireen Rawson**, Chapter President; ACCC graduate **Miguel Cortes** ('02) and former Chapter President; **Marie Zumwalt**, Chapter Secretary; **David Scalamonti**, Chapter Treasurer; and **Michelle Baldwin**, Chapter Vice President.

English Honor Society Inducts Members

Twenty-six ACCC students were inducted into Sigma Kappa Delta, an English honor society for two-year colleges, April 29. Sigma Kappa Delta inductees were: **Michael Adiletto** of Cape May Court House, **Kurt Andresen** of Cape May, **Sheyla Ayala** of Marmora, **MaryFrancis Cahill** of Egg Harbor Township, **Suzanne Calderaro** of Galloway, **Brenda Damico** of Hammonton, **Linda Dilworth-Diego** of Egg Harbor Township, **Cara Hagaman** of Egg Harbor City, **Tina Hart** of Galloway, **Liza Kyle** of Linwood, **Noel Kurtz** of Villas, **Michael Kuzma** of Hammonton, **Charles Magill** of Corbin City, **Mary McCloskey** of Atlantic City, **Cheryl Gale** of Eldora, **Kevin Ryan** of North Cape May, **Liudmila Shuvaeva** of Philadelphia, **Carlos Soto** of Atlantic City, **Matthew Walker** of Absecon; **Christine Hack** of Cape May Court House; **Tom Flanagan** of Atlantic City; **Lance Oden** of Lacey, Wash.; **John**

DiMarco of Hammonton; **Drew Albany** of Sea Isle City; **Donna Dykes** of Brigantine; and **Mateel Zumot** of Egg Harbor Township.

Students from all majors are eligible. To qualify, students must earn a minimum of 15 credit hours, a 3.5 average in at least two English courses and a 3.5 overall grade point average.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

Have plans to travel for work any time soon? As part of the ongoing review of the policies and procedures at ACCC, Procedure No. 602.4 Reimbursement of Travel Expenses was revised in accordance with best practices in the sector and IRS regulations. Revised procedures can be found online at <http://www.atlantic.edu/about/policy/602.html>.

If you have questions about these procedures, please contact the Finance department before you travel. **Leslie Jamison**, Controller, will be conducting tutorial sessions on the new procedures for employees responsible for the preparation and submission of travel reimbursements. Contact Leslie if you're interested in a tutorial on the procedures.

Did you know that revisions to ITS Policies No. 400-411 are presently under review by the Board of Trustees? Revisions to those policies will be up for adoption at the June Board meeting. Stay tuned!



Dr. Peter Mora and **Brittany Williams**, Executive Assistant to the President and Director of Board Services, attended the Association of Community College Trustees National Legislative Seminar in February. Their photo with Senator Frank Lautenberg was featured in the spring 2008 edition of *Trustee News*. The pair met with NJ's

Senators and congressional delegation to discuss national community college issues impacting New Jersey.

ACCC belongs to a number of professional organizations that work locally, regionally and nationally in support of the community college sector. The college recently renewed its institutional membership to the New Jersey Business and Industry Association. Along with receiving great resources and networking opportunities, the NJBIA offers savings! Members are eligible for property/casualty insurance coverage with New Jersey Manufacturers Insurance Company. Employees of member organizations can apply for personal auto and homeowner's coverage through NJMIC.

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!

Next CommuniCator May 23

The next *Atlantic Cape CommuniCator* will be Friday, May 23. Deadline is noon, Monday, May 19. E-mail your submissions to mcgowan@atlantic.edu.

Assessment Tip of the Month

The Assessment Committee will offer tips once a month in the Atlantic Cape CommuniCator. This month's tip:

Online Assessment: WebCT is equipped with an anonymous survey tool. (This tool is similar to the WebCT quiz tool.) Using the survey tool is a great way to get feedback on your course, muddy points and other questions you may have.

ACCC Art Gallery Presents Works by Cedar Water Painters

ACCC's Art Gallery will exhibit paintings by The Cedar Water Painters through June 12. All exhibits are free and open to the public. A reception to meet the artists will be held 4:30-7 p.m., Monday, May 12. Stop by to see the works of your fellow ACCCers.

The Cedar Water Painters, a group of Atlantic County women artists, meet once a week to ensure they take some time from their busy schedules to paint and exchange ideas. All members are actively exhibiting and have had training either through workshops or art schools. The goal of the group is to create new work and grow in their artistic endeavors.

This closely knit group of artists consists of **Paula Demarest**, Diane Griffith, Mary Ann Kline, **Cheryl Knowles-Harrigan**, Bonnie Rand, **Judi Crescenzo**, **Cathie Skinner**, Dorothy Lodovico and **Rita Michalenko**.



The group's mission is to create a nurturing environment for artistic production, exchange of ideas and techniques and constructive criticism. They pursue opportunities to exhibit so others may see the results of their very enriching relationship. Visit their Web site:

<http://venus.atlantic.edu/cheryl/cwpainters/index.htm>.

ACCC's Art Gallery is located on the Mays Landing Campus C-building, room 125. Call **Buddy Jacobs**, Art Gallery Coordinator, ext. 5346, or e-mail bjacobs@atlantic.edu. Visit the gallery online:

<http://www.atlantic.edu/artgal/artgal.html>.

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