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Atlantic Cape Community College's Information Source

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NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

College Closed for Thanksgiving Break; Paychecks Available 3-4:30 Wednesday

Payroll checks and direct deposit stubs will be available early due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. Employees may pick up payroll checks and stubs on Wednesday, Nov. 21, from 3-4:30 p.m. Administrative offices are closed on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 22 and 23. Supervisors should inform hourly employees of the early distribution.



Please note that the pay date is Friday, Nov. 23. Checks **cannot** be cashed until the pay date. If you do not normally have your check/stub mailed, but would like to for the Thanksgiving weekend, please call **Ronnie Devine**, ext. 5265, by 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 21.

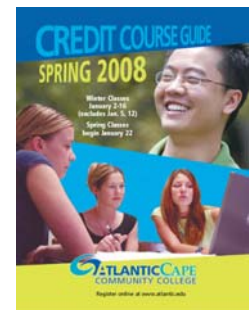
Corrections to Spring 2008 Credit Schedule

Please note these corrections to the spring 2008 credit schedule of classes:

--Paralegal (LEGL), classes were listed, but the subhead was missing, so courses fall under the Italian course heading.

--Five online sections of Concepts of Physical Education are missing from the Winter class offerings.

--Public Speaking/COMM120 D51 was changed from Monday to Thursday.



For more information, call **Dolores Giannini**, Academic Affairs Specialist, ext. 4953.

Mark Your Calendar for Holiday Party Dec. 22 at MLCC



Mark your calendar now for the ACCC Holiday Party, Saturday, Dec. 22, at Mays Landing Country Club. The dinner/dance will be held 7-11 p.m. with lots of door prizes, a scrumptious buffet menu, dancing and fun! There will be a cash bar.

The event is subsidized by the college, keeping the cost down to \$19 a person, and includes hors d'oeuvres, tossed salad, pasta and vegetable salad, carved beef, pencil point penne with roasted red pepper and spinach, shrimp and scallops scampi, sautéed vegetable medley, bread basket display, holiday dessert table, coffee and tea.

For tickets, see **Michelle Bevan, Sandi Guenther, Kathy McGowan, Donna Marie McElroy, Penny Gardner, Jo-Ann Volpe, Renee DeAngelo, Danays Alvarado, Marilyn Keiner, Chris Vallese, Daymis Alicea** or **Julia Ratliff**. Tickets are limited. Hope to see you there!

Prevent the (MRSA) Staph Infection with these Tips:

by Sara Ryan Turner, M.S.N.

Recent media reports across the country are bringing about a heightened awareness of a skin infection called MRSA (Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus).

To limit the spread of MRSA in the school settings the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services and the Atlantic County Division of Public Health are requesting that school officials promote awareness of MRSA.

- Practice good basic hygiene, including frequent hand-washing and showering after playing contact sports or using gym equipment
- Always keep open wounds and skin infections covered with a clean, dry bandage
- Do not share hygiene or other personal items such as towels, cosmetics, razors, bar soap, clothing, uniforms or skin lubricants
- Launder soiled clothing, towels and linens appropriately in hot water and detergent
- Disinfect athletic and exercise equipment

Borgata Chefs Wow ACA Students with Gourmet Dinner

The Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa sent some of its top chefs, including Academy of Culinary Arts alumni, to prepare a gourmet dinner for culinary students on Oct. 24 in Careme's. The chefs brought their own food and took over the restaurant kitchen for the night. More than 60 ACA students donated \$15 each to enjoy the eight-course dinner, which included Roasted Butternut Squash 'Cappuccino,' Cracklin' Tuna 'Lollipop,' Fricassee of Maine Lobster, and Moroccan Influenced Lamb Crepinette. Proceeds went to the Culinary Student Association.

The Borgata chefs and employees who participated included ACA graduates **Michael P. Williams, Larry Alexander, Hector Agosto, Adrien Vongphachanh, Ian Wilson, Anthony Esposito, James Franks, Ruth LaTorre and Kailin Hackney Wise**. Other visiting Borgata chefs were Thaddeus DuBois, Koji Ishikawa, Lisa Fortunato, Todd Gromacki, Evan Schwartz, Emilio Mignucci, Kevin Myers and Maria Borkowski.

The Borgata's 13 destination restaurants employ a number of ACA students and alumni. The casino will open The Water Club in 2008, featuring several new restaurants. Borgata will have to fill a variety of food service positions.

Save Dec. 11 for Dean of Students Holiday Breakfast

Mark your calendar now for the Annual Holiday Breakfast, hosted by the Student Services area, 9:30-11 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 11, in Cafeteria B. It's an event not to miss!

Transfer Fairs Planned for WACC Nov. 28, CMCC Dec. 5

A Transfer Fair is scheduled for the Worthington Atlantic City Center lobby, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 28. Colleges in attendance will be Fairleigh Dickinson, Montclair State, Rutgers and Widener.

A Transfer Fair will be held in the Cape May County Campus lobby, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 5. Contact **Dr. Alice Rainey**, Student Services, ext. 4857, for more information.

Vendors Needed for Art Club's Holiday and Craft Fair, Dec. 4-6

The Art Club is looking for vendors for their annual Holiday and Craft Fair, Tuesday-Thursday, Dec. 4-6. Contact **Lydia Lehr**, Assistant Professor of Art, ext. 5609, or e-mail llehr@atlantic.edu.

Art Gallery Features Student Work Selected by Faculty

ACCC's Art Gallery will feature student artwork selected by faculty, Dec.3-20. The exhibit, which is free and open to the public, is titled, "Faculty Selects" and is an annual showcase of student work from college-credit art area courses.

Works are selected by faculty members from studio arts disciplines: drawing, painting, printmaking, computer art, ceramics, sculpture, photography, mixed media, color & 2-D design and crafts. Media will include graphite, mixed media, linoleum prints, watercolor, papier mache and more.

ACCC Art Gallery is on the Mays Landing Campus, room C-125. For more information, call **Buddy Jacobs**, Art Gallery Coordinator, ext. 5346, or e-mail bjacobs@atlantic.edu or visit <http://www.atlantic.edu/~bjacobs/artgal/artgal.html>.

Donations Needed for Latin Experience Club's Holiday Food Drive

ACCC's Latin Experience Holiday Food Drive is under way and runs through Dec. 17. Canned goods collected will be donated to the local Community Food Bank. Look for yellow boxes with the club's name that are around the Mays Landing Campus. All non-perishable foods are welcome.

ACA Wins Big at Prestigious New York Food Show with 8 Medals

The Academy of Culinary Arts pastry centerpiece team earned four gold and four silver medals at New York City's annual "Salon of Culinary Art." Each piece the ACA entered in the competition won a medal.



Held Nov. 11-12 at the 92nd International Hotel, Motel & Restaurant Show at the Jacob Javits Convention Center in New York City, the Salon featured breathtaking creations of master chefs, pastry chefs,

bakers, butchers, culinarians and apprentices from around the world competing in an array of categories. Known as the world's largest freelance culinary arts exhibit and considered the most prestigious competition on the East Coast, the show is organized annually by the Société Culinaire Philanthropique.

The ACA student team created exquisitely detailed edible centerpieces from chocolate, marzipan and fondant replicating the works of famous art masters under the direction of Chef Educator **Annamarie Chelius**, CHE, CCE, CWPC.

The gold medal recipients included: **Jennifer Quig** of Brigantine for her rendition of "The Scream" by Edvard Munch from chocolate and food coloring; **Lynsey Longwith** of Williamstown for her interpretation of Giuseppe Arcimbaldo's "Spring" in marzipan; **Louis Favieri** of Franklinville for his adaptation of Auguste Rodin's "The Thinker" out of rolled fondant; and **Holly Bloodworth** of Medford Lakes for replicating Vincent Van Gogh's "Café at Night" from chocolate and food color.

Silver medals were awarded to: Favieri for his redesign of Frank Lloyd Wright's "Barrel Chair" in pastillage; **Melanie DiGiacomo** of New Gretna for a chocolate replica of Beatrix Potter's "The Mouse Tailor"; and **Megan Chadwick** of Petersburg for her replica Limoges tea set in chocolate and "The Dining Room" in pastillage and rolled fondant.

The students spent hundreds of hours creating their intricate pieces. The ACA students competed against teams from other culinary schools including Johnson & Wales, the Culinary Institute of America and industry professionals.

“There was an unbelievable amount of interest in the pieces and wonderfully positive comments by the attendees of the food show about our entries—from the unique display to the level of skill our students displayed,” said Chef **Kelly McClay**, Dean of the Academy.

The ACA has a history of success at the Salon of Culinary Art, including four silver medals in 1998, four gold medals in 2000, a gold medal in 2002 and two gold medals in 2006.

Innovative Technology Projects Sought; Stipend Award for Accepted Proposals

Attention faculty! The Technology Committee is soliciting proposals for innovative technology projects. If there is an emerging technology that you are interested in experimenting with in the classroom, please consider submitting a proposal. A stipend will be awarded for accepted proposals. If you did not receive an e-mail from **Laura Campbell** with the application form and details, contact her, ext. 4909. If you need more information, contact **Dr. Josette Katz**, e-mail katz@atlantic.edu or **Patricia Kubaska**, e-mail kubaska@atlantic.edu. Proposals must be submitted by Dec. 1.

PECC Creeping to \$13,000 Goal; Please Donate Today

The Public Employees Charitable Campaign is well under way and your help is needed to meet our goal of nearly \$13,000. So far, \$9,415 is raised and the end of the campaign is nearing. If you have any questions, please e-mail **Janet Brenner**, brenner@atlantic.edu or call ext. 4858. Get your paperwork in today.

Open Registration Begins Nov. 27 for Winter and Spring Credit Classes

Students with 32+ credits can register on Monday, Nov. 26, with open registration beginning Nov. 27 for winter and spring credit classes. Students can register at ACCC’s three campuses or online using Web for Students at <http://www.atlantic.edu/web4students>.

In person registration hours are weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with extended hours to 7 p.m. from Nov. 27-29 and again from Monday-Thursday, Jan. 14-17. The college will be closed Dec. 24 through Jan. 1.

Winter term runs Jan. 2-16, excluding Jan. 5 and 12. The last day to register in person for this session is Dec. 21; the deadline for online, postmarked or fax registration is Jan. 1.

Spring semester begins on Tuesday, Jan. 22. Students can register for spring classes in person through Jan. 18; the deadline for online, postmarked or fax registration is Jan. 21.

Plagiarism 101: Keys to Preventing Academic Misconduct Audio Conference Nov. 28

A live, 60-minute Audio Conference titled, *Plagiarism 101: Keys to Preventing Academic Misconduct*, will be held 1-2 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 28, room J-202 on the Mays Landing Campus.

Academic misconduct and dishonesty pose a threat to the mission of higher education. Today’s technologies result in increased student plagiarism, making it a problem on every college campus. With students plagiarizing on and off line, what do college faculty and staff need to know to recognize and prevent different forms of plagiarism?

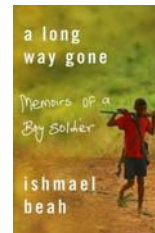
You’ll learn:

- Strategies to Protect Your College from On- and Off-line Plagiarism
- How to Increase Student Awareness of Plagiarism & Misconduct
- Most Common Types of Cybercheating & How to Prevent Them
- Keys to Recognize Sources of On-Line and Internet Plagiarism
- Strategies for Drafting an Effective Academic Dishonesty Policy

No signup is needed. Just show up!

Mark Calendar for Dec. 4 Fall Book Discussion

The IRC and IEMAC committees invite you to a Fall Book Discussion, 12:30-1:45 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 4, room J-202. Lunch will be provided. Participants will discuss *A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier*, by Ishmael Beah. Free books will be available soon. If you plan to attend, contact **Prof. Barbara Heard**, Assistant Professor of Biology, ext. 4927, or e-mail bheard@atlantic.edu.



Mark April 24, 25 on Your Calendar for 2008 Best Practices Conference

The New Jersey Council of County Colleges will present its eighth annual Best Practices Conference on Thursday and Friday, April 24 and 25, at Ocean County College in Toms River. The conference will include more than 30 innovative educational sessions presented by administrators and faculty members to their peers. Proposals will be accepted through Nov. 30. Visit www.njccc.org for more information.

Great Holiday Gift: Chance to Win Up To \$15,000

Three lucky winners will share up to \$25,000 in this year's Press of Atlantic City Restaurant Gala 50/50 Raffle. The raffle is sponsored by the ACCC Foundation, and proceeds benefit student scholarships at ACCC.

Only 500 tickets will be sold at \$100 each. Three cash prizes will be awarded, including: \$15,000, first prize; \$7,500, second prize; and \$2,500, third prize. Dollar amounts are based on all 500 tickets being sold. The winning tickets will be drawn at the April 3 Gala at the Atlantic City Convention Center. Now in its 25th year, the Restaurant Gala has raised nearly \$1.7 million in student scholarships. Ticket buyers do not need to be present to win.

For raffle tickets, order online at www.atlantic.edu/gala or call **Sean Fischer**, ext. 5674.

TIAA-CREF Fall Counseling Sessions Nov. 28, Dec. 10; Make Appointment Now



Ivan Pabon, Individual Consultant, will visit the Mays Landing Campus, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 28, room J-207, and Monday, Dec. 10, room J-202. Please call TIAA-CREF at (800) 842-8412 to schedule your appointment. Pabon is the new consultant assigned to ACCC. Dates for Atlantic City and Cape May County will be scheduled.

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Figure Drawing Workshop Set for Dec. 1

Well-known local artist and art gallery coordinator **Buddy Jacobs** will hold a figure drawing workshop on Dec. 1, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Mays Landing Campus, Room K136. There will be a live nude model. The workshop will include drawing the basic proportions of the body in charcoal plus wet media such as watercolor or acrylic. The price is \$47. To sign up or for more information, call **Susan Lee** ext. 4829, or e-mail slee@atlantic.edu.

ACCC Provides Free Workforce Training for Local Businesses

As a participating partner of the Basic-Skills Workforce Training Program, ACCC offers free basic skills training to employees of Atlantic and Cape May County businesses, thanks to a \$1.88 million grant from the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

Recently, the Labor Department partnered with the New Jersey Business & Industry Association (NJBIA) and the New Jersey Community College Consortium for Workforce & Economic Development to provide basic skills training for employees of any private-sector employer in New Jersey.

Employees can receive basic skills training in English as a second language, written and verbal communications, computer applications (Windows, Microsoft Office), and mathematics and measurement

from ACCC at no charge. However, employees who participate must be paid at their usual hourly rate during the training sessions.

This new training project has reduced the paperwork and enrollment restrictions. ACCC will organize classes for employees at its campus or at a business location, whichever is most convenient to meet the employees' training needs.

ACCC will offer several basic skills training sessions this fall, including:

- Microsoft Word 2003, Nov. 26; Microsoft Excel 2003, Nov. 27; and Microsoft Word and Excel 2003, Nov. 28. All sessions are 9 a.m.-5 p.m., at the Institute for Service Excellence at the Hamilton Mall.
- Microsoft Word 2003, Dec. 4; Microsoft Excel 2003, Dec. 5; and Microsoft Word and Excel 2003, Dec. 6. All sessions are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at ACCC's Cape May County Campus, 341 Court House-South Dennis Road, Cape May Court House.

For more information, call **Sherwood Taylor**, Director of ACCC's Institute for Service Excellence at Hamilton Mall, ext. 5689.

ACA Chefs Bake Giant Cake for Marine Corps Birthday

It took weeks of planning and seven days to bake, ice and decorate, but the end result was an estimated 250-pound cake that fed more than 300 U.S. Marines. With concept and planning by Academy of Culinary Arts Chef Educator **Daniel Matt** and assistance from colleagues **Tree McCann** and **James Usilton** and 16 students, the three-tiered cake was 32-inches by 50-inches.



The freshly iced cake was picked up in time for the 6th Motor Transport Battalion, HLS Company's celebration of the Marine Corps' 232nd birthday Nov. 10 in Atlantic City.

It took more than 200 cups of flour, 306 eggs, 142 sticks of butter and more than 300 cups of granulated and powdered sugars to make the cake, which included dozens of replicas of Marine Corp patches on sugar paper and miniature Marines made from marzipan.

Students who worked on the cake included: **Holly Bloodworth** of Medford Lakes, **Jessica Brophy** of Ocean City, **Steph Condron** of Rio Grande, **Denise Conover** of Ventnor, **Rita Janssen** of Island Heights, **Alex Kaps** of Brigantine, **Amanda Kline** of Atco, **Patricia Maxwell** of Wildwood, **Lauren Pavlis** of Egg Harbor Township, **Jennifer Quig** of Brigantine, **Bob Quirk** of Petersburg, **Edward Soehngen** of Egg Harbor Township, **Lindley Thacker** of Mays Landing, **Samantha Thompson** of Egg Harbor City, **Lauren Waida** of Haddon Heights and **Nancy West** of Frenchtown.

HERE'S THE SCOOP

George Taylor, Facilities, organized a kayaking trip from Penny Pot Park to the Weymouth Furnace, a nine mile trip, in conjunction with the Jersey Shore Sea Kayak Association on Sept. 23. ACCC'er **Gwyneth Yarbrough**, Continuing Education, joined the group and snapped this photo of George. The Association posts info about paddling trips in the tri-state area: <http://www.jsska.org/>.



The next Science Club Hoagie Sale is Wednesday, Dec. 5. Order from **Dennis Huey**, Associate Professor of Biology, by Nov. 29. Italian, cheese or turkey subs are available. Cost is \$5. Delivery by 12:30 p.m. to Mays Landing Campus and WACC. Call Huey, ext. 5014.

We were sad to hear of the passing of **Vince DeFinis** at age 91. He was a long-time friend and supporter of the Restaurant Gala and the Academy of Culinary Arts. A scholarship in his name, awarded to ACA students each year, will continue in his memory. For those who didn't know Vince, this is a lovely tribute from his professional organization: <http://www.nace.net/vince.html>.



Congratulations to **Joanne Gleason**, admissions, on the birth of her grandson, Cooper Wesley Gleason, who arrived at 5:55 p.m., Nov. 15, weighing 8 lbs. 3 ozs., and measuring 19 inches long. Mom, Dana, and baby are fine. Dad, Danny, is over the moon!

SGA marked Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Month several events. The first was a very moving, somber memorial in memory of ACCC Student **Kevin Ade** who was killed by a drunk driver last semester while on his way to school. The memorial was attended by Ade's family and friends and included a speaker from the HERO campaign for designated drivers. **Adam Hill**, SGA President, presented the Ade family with an Official Declaration in memory of Kevin.



Professionals Encouraging Educational Reform Statewide invaded the campus with the game show, *Reality Check*, a fast paced "Jeopardy-like" question and answer game complete with 10-inch video screens and audience electronic remotes for voting. Students were tested on their alcohol and drug IQ. After three rounds, the highest scorers moved to the elimination round and then the best two moved on to the finals. SGA Vice President **Ben Dailey** tried to hang on but, as the questions intensified, Ben had to settle for second place. Good try, anyway. The game show was a great hit with the students who said they would like to see it come back again next year.



Happy birthday to **Jackie O'Neal**, Nov. 21; **Darick Garrison**, Nov. 22; **JoAnne Barbieri**, Nov. 26; **Anthony Fierro**, Nov. 27; **Alice Rainey**, Nov. 28; **David Banholzer**, **Luis Montefusco**, **Augustine Nigro**, Nov. 29; **Clark Kemp**, Dec. 2; **Josette Katz**, Dec. 3; **Robert Cobler**, Dec. 4; **Nick Ganaway**, **Tyrone McKiver**, Dec. 5; **Richard Benner**, **Michael Ferrino**, Dec. 6. Adjunct birthdays: **Lawrence Montgomery**, Nov. 23; **Brian Bisciegia**, Nov. 24; **Silvia Schottinger**, Dec. 2; **Christine Wilson**, Dec. 3.

NEWS FROM ACCC'S OTHER LOCATIONS

Greetings from the Worthington Atlantic City Campus by Daymis Alicea

Need some new and interesting recipes? Well, the Elementary II ESL class this fall enjoyed a lovely party on Oct. 26 to celebrate the end of their course. The students cooked up foods from different countries and they put together a cookbook that included the recipes. The ESL Instructor **Sylvia Schottinger** is very proud of the students who participate in our ESL program. The cookbooks have become hot items at WACC and Sylvia made copies available to staff and faculty. If you would like a copy of the book, please call ext. 4832 and we will interoffice one to you. Great job!!

The ACCESS Resource Center held a *Be a Hero* Career Fair on Nov. 13 to highlight the service-industry during the Week of Veterans Day. The Coast Guard, the Marines, the Atlantic City Police Department

and our new Health Professions Institute among others where on hand to recruit interested students.

On Nov. 15, the first part of our College Transfer Fair was held in the Student Game Room lounge. Bloomfield, Rowan, Rutgers, and Gwynedd-Mercy where on hand and materials were displayed for Centenary, Stockton and Thomas Edison. There was lots of student participation in this event. The second part will be held on Nov. 28. For more information, contact **Dr. Alice Rainey**, ext. 4857.

The beautiful HPI building is enjoying its first run of students. The classrooms are full and the students and instructors alike really love the new environment. The Phlebotomy class was the first to wrap up the lecture part of the course and is now off-campus doing the very critical hands-on clinical portion. Medical Coding and Billing runs through June '08 and Surgical Tech will be welcoming new students in January. On the far side, in Surgical Room 108, there is an interesting life-like skeleton, and two realistic dummy-patients that scare you to pieces when you forget they are in there. Come by and meet them sometime.

The ACCESS Resource Center hosted Multi-Cultural Week events including Taste of Teas of Asia, Taste of Latin America and Taste of an American Thanksgiving. Photos to come next issue.

The Staff Ping-Pong Paddle-Battle Tourney is ON ... the staff is matched-up and playing against each other. It's ongoing so I will report as the eliminations continue. A trophy and braggin' rights are the prize. If you missed this Paddle Battle, never fear, there will be another. Contact **Di Alicea** for more information, ext. 4832.

The Student Ping-Pong Tournament is well under way. We have more than 18 contestants and they are matched and playing. The students absolutely enjoy the new game room and the facilities available to them to pass the time between classes.

Diana Lojewski, Administrative Services, entered her office into the Workplace of the Week, LiteRock96.9 contest. The staff was overjoyed to win and get a tray full of donuts and other deliciously decadent bad-for-our-bodies pastries; which we promptly ate.

At right, WACC Administrative Services Staff was LiteRock96.9 Workplace of the Week.



Have a great Thanksgiving and eat to your hearts' content. TTFN.

Greetings from the Cape May County Campus by Lisa Apel-Gendron

The holiday spirit is apparent at CMCC already. Our annual Toys for Tots drive collection boxes are up on all three floors, and they have dozens of toys in them already! If you'd like to join us, we're collecting new, unwrapped toys for boys and girls of all ages through Dec.14. Likewise, our annual 6abc/Boy Scouts holiday food drive is underway through Dec. 14. Donations of non-perishable foods and infant formula are needed to help stock local food banks. For more information, contact **Denise O'Connor**, ext. 3602, or e-mail doconnor@atlantic.edu

Attention all faculty! Smart Board training is set for 6 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 28, room 104. Please RSVP to **Avon Chapman**, Director, Adjunct Development & Faculty Administrative Services, ext. 5608, or achapman@atlantic.edu. The instructor is **Jim Taggart**, Assistant Professor, Computer Information Systems.

If next Monday, Nov. 26, is clear, please plan to join **Tammy DeFranco**, Student Services, and adjunct Earth Science instructor **Ned Gaine** for stargazing at CMCC beginning at 6:45 p.m. The group will meet in the first floor lobby and enjoy hot chocolate before heading outside to view the night sky. All are

invited, but please bundle up!

Are you recycling? That was the question pondered during a Nov. 16 conference at CMCC sponsored by the Cape May County Chamber of Commerce. More than 60 attended the half-day event. Thanks to **Carlo Canale**, ITS, for helping with the audio-visual presentations.

Student Services hosted its inaugural Hero Career Day Nov. 14 at CMCC, highlighting careers we all think of as heroic. **Di Alicea** did all the legwork of inviting recruiters from the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, local law enforcement and our own Health Professions Institute. Patriotic decorations and craftily designed signs (created by Di, of course) created an appealing environment for this mini career fair.

Enjoy the weekend...because we all know what starts Monday. Registration!

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

English faculty members **Jay Peterson, Regina Van Epps, Stephanie Natale, Leila Crawford, Vickie Melograno, Maryann McCall** and **Effie Russell** attended the regional conference for Teaching English in the Two Year College in Philadelphia in October.

Several ACCCers attend the Women's Leadership Initiative Tea supported by United Way of Atlantic County.

This photo of Dr. Barbara Warner, Associate Professor, Psychology, and Carol Nicastrò Kuehnert, Senior Instructor, Continuing Education, was snapped at the November Women's Leadership Initiative Tea where they donated children's books and supported the United Way of Atlantic County's WLI Success by Six programs. Also joining these two tea-lovers were Pat Gentile, Dean of Continuing Education and Resource Development; Cathie Skinner, Dean of Finance; Jean McAlister, Associate Dean of Continuing Education; Josie Chivalette, WACC Administrative Services; and Kay Pandit, Conference and Meeting Services. The Women's Leadership Initiative raises funds to help underwrite early childhood literacy programs in Atlantic and Cape May counties.



Elinor Mattern, Assistant Professor of English, attended a writer's "getaway" held in Sea Isle City for teachers of the Cape May Writers' Retreat.

Two ACCC alumnae were among those who spoke at a commemoration, honoring the work of Libby Demp Forrest, late mother of **Keith Forrest**, Assistant Professor of Communication. **Alicia Hartgrove** and **Erin O'Kane** were "Libby Scholars" as students at ACCC, each receiving the Libby Demp Forrest Moore Memorial Writing Scholarship, awarded annually to a student with exceptional promise as a writer.



Communication Grad Erin O'Kane, Libby Demp Forrest Moore Memorial Writing Scholarship recipient, spoke at the commemoration.

"Her columns were like snapshots of her life, crystallized in a way so touching, no photograph could ever hope to compare," said Erin O'Kane, the second recipient of the scholarship at the commemoration and a member of ACCC's first communication graduating class in May. A standing-room only crowd of more than 60 people attended the commemoration of Libby's writing, held at the Cape May Library. The first complete public collection of Forrest's "Joyride" writings was unveiled there, which includes more than 1,100 columns from the Cape May County Herald and Gazette-Leader.

Cheryl Knowles-Harrigan, Assistant Professor of Art and Department Chair, Arts and Humanities, presented information about the Digital Design and Studio Arts degrees to young adults at Covenant House in Atlantic City on Oct. 15.

Maria Ivette Torres, a member of ACCC's Board of Trustees, was voted chairperson of the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA) board. The Mays Landing resident and retired Oakcrest High School guidance counselor has been a member of HESAA since 1999. HESAA is a nonprofit New Jersey authority that provides students and families with financial and informational resources for students to pursue education beyond high school. Each year, HESAA delivers more than \$1.5 billion in financial aid through grants, scholarships and loans. Torres joined the ACCC Board of Trustees in 2003. She was recently appointed to a second term and serves on the Academic and Student Affairs and Personnel committees. She is also an active member of the Hispanic Alliance of Atlantic County.



Maria Torres

Carolyn Coulter, Assistant Professor of Sociology, reviewed the textbook *The Human Mosaic: A Thematic Introduction to Cultural Geography*. W.H. Freeman is the publisher and the book is expected to be out in 2008.

Carolyn Coulter and **Mark Camma**, Assistant Professor of Accounting and Business, attended the *New Jersey Leadership Conference* on Oct. 27 at Gloucester County College. The conference was hosted by the Alpha Psi Pi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa and the topic of the conference was on the Global Dynamics of Power.

George Dailey, retired Assistant Professor of History, received a letter thanking ACCC faculty for the 15 academic and teacher books they donated to the Methodist University College Ghana through former ACCC'er **Tom Scattergood**. Scattergood served as an IFESH volunteer for 2006-07, according to the letter. "We are very grateful for ACCC's generosity and look forward to further collaboration," the letter stated.

ACCC's Rotaract Club held a bake sale fundraiser for Gilda's Club of South Jersey recently. Members of Rotaract brought in home-baked cookies, brownies and cupcakes. They also had a giant "Thank you for making the world a happier place" card which was available for students and staff to sign. A total of \$345 was raised, all of which will be presented to a Gilda's Club representative at a Rotaract meeting. If you would like to attend on the day of the presentation, please contact Rotaract Advisor **Mike Bolicki**, Assistant Professor of Educational Psychology, ext. 5032, for details. Many thanks to all who supported the event.



Wayne Piersanti, who teaches real estate classes at ACCC, was featured in the Cape May County Herald in regard to his recent hiring as an agent with Wilsey Realty, LLC in Cape May. The former Philadelphia police officer had owned the legendary Shire jazz nightclub in Cape May for many years.

ACCC IN THE NEWS

Myrna Keklak, Assistant Professor of Nursing, was quoted in an article in The Press of Atlantic City about the nursing shortage.

A news release on the ACA making a 250-lb. cake for the U.S. Marine Corps 232nd birthday celebration appeared in the Cape May County Herald newspapers.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

Dr. Mora is pleased to announce that Chairperson **Robert Boyer** was re-appointed to the Board of Trustees by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of Cape May County for a four-year term expiring in 2011.

The Board of Chosen Freeholders of Atlantic County has also reappointed Trustees **Eric Reynolds** and **Maria Torres**, both to four-year terms.

Welcome aboard to **Judy Cole**! Cole joins the Board of Trustees as the most recent graduate representative of the Board. Cole, an Egg Harbor Township resident, graduated in May 2007 with her AAS in Nursing. To learn more about the trustees, check out their bios at www.atlantic.edu/about/board/TrusteeBiographies.htm.

Veterans Day

ACCC held a collegewide ceremony in observance of Veterans Day on Nov. 12. First Lieutenant Alyson L. Beausoleil-Holt of the New Jersey Army National Guard was a guest speaker. Dr. Mora also recognized **Ben Dailey**, the vice president of the Student Government Association and veteran of the war in Iraq.



Dr. Mora said: “From a personal perspective, I would remind all of us that the benefits of access to higher education like we have here at Atlantic Cape Community College and the opportunity to engage in a higher education environment that values the open exchange of ideas, through academic freedom, just would not be possible if the basic liberties and traditions of our American democracy were not protected and sustained by those who defend us. All here today owe a great debt to those who have served to protect us and defend our liberty and our way of life.” Kudos to the Financial Aid and Veterans Services Office staff who planned the event.

To view more of Dr. Mora’s Veteran’s Day speech or other speeches, check the President’s Links on ACCC’s Web site.

Dr. Mora saw some familiar ACCC faces on Nov. 9 at the annual NJEA Convention in Atlantic City. In his dual role as President of ACCC and Chairman of the NJ Workforce Consortium, Mora participated in a panel on labor and industry needs with other state education leaders.



Barbara Prilka, Saddle Brook; Dr. Pete Mora, ACCC; Anne Christiansen, Hamilton Twp.; Jaclyn Wallace, Camden County College; Kim Rogers-McLean, NJ Dept. of Human Services; Robert Bowman, NJ Workforce Consortium; Carol McCormick, Camden County College

Next CommuniCator Dec. 7

The next *Atlantic Cape CommuniCator* will be Friday, Dec. 7. Deadline is noon, Monday, Dec. 3. E-mail your submissions to mcgowan@atlantic.edu.

Assessment Tip of the Month From the Assessment Committee

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

One Minute Papers: A one minute paper is typically administered at the end of class. Two key questions are posed to students: “What was the most important thing you learned during this class?” and “What important question remains unanswered?”

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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