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## NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

### **No Holiday Party This Year; Bah Humbug!**

Several months ago an e-mail requesting volunteers to plan the annual holiday party was sent. Not one response was received. Thus, no holiday party this year. Bah Humbug!

### **Last Chance to Pre-Order Discounted Copy of 'The Falls'**

Place your order for Joyce Carol Oates' new book, *The Falls* now. Copies of *The Falls* can be pre-ordered for the discounted price of \$22. Regular price is \$26.95. The author will speak at ACCC at 8 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 30, in Walter Edge Theater followed by a book signing at 9 p.m. The free event is presented as part of the Martin L. Blatt Distinguished Speakers Series sponsored by the ACCC Foundation. For tickets, call ext. 5616. Requests should include name, address, daytime telephone and number of tickets required. Tickets will be held at the box office on the evening of the lecture.

### **Bookstore Offers Appreciation Event, Additional Discount**

As the holiday season approaches, the bookstore invites ACCC employees to its annual faculty and staff appreciation event, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 30. There will be a special discount on select regular and sale-priced merchandise. Refreshments will be served.

### **ACA Grad Patricia Nash Returns from Culinary Olympics a World Champion**

In a rigorous competition known for sparking global epicurean trends, **Patricia Nash**, a 1997 graduate of the Academy of Culinary Arts, helped the American Culinary Federation Team USA cook its way to the gold medal at the 21st International Culinary Exhibition in October. Team USA won the hot cookery competition, and after four days of intense competition, ranked third in the world at the quadrennial event also called the "Culinary Olympics."

Nash, of Ocean City, is a pastry cook at Trump Plaza in Atlantic City and earned her spot on the national team in 2002.

Nash's hot dessert celebrated the flavors of autumn through a pumpkin and vanilla cream with apple jelly, spice cake and apple sorbet. Additionally, Nash prepared an assortment of petit fours for the team's cold-food display, including lemon layers topped with fondant in a chocolate wrap, a macaroon cup with mango cream and guava twist, and an amaretto cookie with cappuccino filling and chocolate/espresso glaze.

More than 1,100 chefs from 30 countries competed at the Culinary Olympics, held last month in Erfurt, Germany. The last time the U.S. Team achieved as high a distinction in this competition was 1988, according to the American Culinary Federation.

ACF Culinary Team USA 2004 includes four chefs, a team captain and a pastry cook, representing the best in the nation. Nash earned a 4.0 GPA at ACCC and served as the honorary alumni chef at the 2004 Press of Atlantic City Restaurant Gala, which raises funds for ACA scholarships.

## PECC Campaign Update



*Helping to choose the winning tickets were Dottie Dunayer, Allison Blizzard, Terry Sampson, Brandy Brooks, Danays Alvarado, Cathie Skinner and Janet Brenner.*

If you haven't made your pledge for the Public Employees Charitable Campaign (PECC) for 2005, there's still time to help reach this year's goal of \$14,700. The goal is an increase of nearly 9 percent, to meet rising needs. Any donations, large and small, are appreciated. So far, 100 people donated \$12,300.

Several prizes were awarded Nov. 16. All who donated up until noon that day were in the drawing. Prizes included Careme's gift certificates to **Anne Marie Wagner, John Torcasio, Ellen Gregory, Thomas Clark, Judy Matsunobu** and **Mariann Sozio**; ACCC sweatshirt to **John Mohr**; ACCC T-shirt to **Kim Chavous**; cafeteria

lunch to **Nick Ganaway, Helen Bolnick, Rosemarie Conaghy, Kristen Grech, Ann McClaskey, Carol Plum-Ucci, Jim MacNair, Angel Eguaras, and Larry Stroud**; Strudels Bake Shop gift certificate to **Rita Michalenko** and **Michael Kammer**; Restaurant Gala bags to **Moe Nagrod, Peter Nahaczewski, and Charlene Borgersen**; Avon bundle to **Susan Jones**; ACCC stationery bundle to **Paula Manns, Charles Mettelle, Lisa Apel-Gendron, Barbara Warner, Kip Rand, Pat Kubaska, Marion Pool** and **Dottie Dunayer**; and ACCC Buccaneer bag to **Chris Perillo, Kathleen Bonaparte** and **Joseph Strazzeri**. For more information, call **Janet Brenner**, ext. 4992, or see the PECC team member in your area (see the Oct. 15 issue).

## RSVP for *Teaching Critical Thinking Skills Across the Curriculum* Teleconference

A faculty development teleconference titled *Teaching Critical Thinking Skills Across the Curriculum* will be held 2:30-4 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 1, room J-202. If you plan to attend, please call **Marge Battistelli**, ext. 4918.

## Popular Winter Term Returns in January

ACCC will once again offer students an opportunity to earn college credits in just two weeks, Jan. 3-15, excluding Jan. 9 and 14. ACCC students and those attending four-year colleges who are home for the holiday break can take advantage of the winter term.

Courses will be held in four- or five-hour blocks for 11 days. Classes offered include: Financial Accounting, Art Appreciation, Introduction to Visual Arts, Small Business Management, Introduction to Computers, Language Skills/Grammar Review, Heritage of the Western World, Food Service Sanitation for Quality Control, Effective Telemarketing, Concepts of Physical Fitness, Introduction to Algebra I – Pre-algebra, Introduction to Algebra II, Intermediate Algebra, College Algebra, General Psychology and Principles of Sociology.

Students can register at any ACCC location. Students with 32 or more credits can register 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday, Nov. 29. Registrations for all students are accepted weekdays, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Nov. 30-Dec. 23. Registration hours will be extended to 7 p.m. Nov. 30 through Dec. 2. Last day to register for the winter term in person is Dec. 23.

## **Several Autographed Books by Various Authors Available for Holiday Gifts**

The ACCC Foundation has several books for sale. They make great holiday gifts! The books are autographed by the author, except where noted. Books include: *About Town*, Ben Yagoda, \$24; *In a Different Voice*, Carol Gilligan, \$13; *The Birth of Pleasure*, Carol Gilligan, \$24; *The Summer Wind*, George Anastasia, \$24; *Summer of Deliverance*, Christopher Dickey, \$24; *Wild Nights*, Anne Matthews, \$22; *Niccolo's Smile*, Maurizio Piroli, \$20; *Mohawk*, Richard Russo, \$13; *Nobody's Fool*, Richard Russo, \$13; *The Future of the Past*, Alexander Stille, \$25 (not autographed); *Boardwalk Empire*, Nelson Johnson, \$18; *Teens Can Make It Happen*, Stedman Graham, \$14; *The Glory Cloak*, Patricia O'Brien, \$14; *Sacred Time*, Ursula Hegi, \$25. Call **Anna Simmons**, ext. 4907.

## **Encourage Students to Apply Now for 2005 Scholarships**

Applications for 2005 scholarships are available in a number of locations on the Mays Landing main campus, including the financial aid office, William Spangler Library, Division Office in A-128, Student Life Center, cafeteria and Academy of Culinary Arts. Applications are also available at the Charles D. Worthington Atlantic City Center, the Cape May County Extension Center, and the Mays Landing East location. Faculty are asked to encourage their students to apply.

ACCC awarded nearly \$100,000 in scholarships to qualified students in 2004. The deadline for applications is Feb. 18. Late entries will not be considered. Students need to complete an application form, write a short essay describing what part a scholarship will play in achieving their personal and professional goals, and submit at least two letters of recommendation. Students who wish to be considered for a need-based scholarship must also complete a financial aid form. A minimum GPA of 2.5 is required.

To help with the scholarship application process, ACCC offers several workshops at Mays Landing main campus. Workshops will be held at the resource room in J-building 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 7; 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 26; and 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 9.

Students are encouraged to apply early. Recipients are expected to attend the annual scholarship award ceremony, which will be held May 16.

For more information or to download the scholarship application, visit [www.atlantic.edu/scholarship](http://www.atlantic.edu/scholarship).

## **Nursing Program Information Session Dec. 8**

An information session on ACCC's competitive nursing degree program will be held 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8. Individuals interested in learning more about the program's entrance requirements should attend the session in the Faculty/Staff Dining Room, C-building, on the college's Mays Landing main campus.

**Glenda Stogel**, health careers recruiter, will provide program entry requirements, a career overview, and information on what students can expect from the RN program. ACCC's allied health degree programs prepare students for credentialing and professional performance as registered nurses and other health care professionals. For more information, call Glenda, ext. 5048, or e-mail [stogel@atlantic.edu](mailto:stogel@atlantic.edu).

## **Give a Chance to Win \$22,500 Grand Prize**

You can give someone the chance to win \$22,500 with a ticket to the Press of Atlantic City Restaurant Gala 50/50 Raffle. Five lucky winners will share up to \$37,500 in this year's raffle, sponsored by the ACCC Foundation. Proceeds benefit student scholarships at ACCC.

Only 750 tickets will be sold at \$100 each. Five cash prizes will be awarded, including: \$22,500, first prize; \$7,500, second prize; and \$2,500 third, fourth and fifth prizes. Dollar amounts are based on all 750

tickets being sold. The winning tickets will be drawn at 10 p.m. at the Gala on April 20, at the Atlantic City Convention Center. Now in its 22nd year, the Restaurant Gala has raised more than \$1 million in student scholarships. Winners do not need to be present to win.

For raffle tickets, call **Ellen Gregory**, ext. 4901.

## **HERE'S THE SCOOP**

Congratulations to **Sandi Welser**, ITS, on becoming a Microsoft Certified Systems Administrator.

Former counselor, **Tobi Oves**, who left ACCC prior to the birth of her son, recently took a position with Ocean City High School. Her son, Brett, is 16 months old.

Congratulations to proud mom **Pat Kubaska**, continuing education, on the engagement of her daughter, Danielle, to Matthew Yeats. Danielle is employed by Mainland Regional High School. The couple is planning a July 2005 wedding.

The research team thanks everyone who contributed to the holiday goodies for **Max Slusher** and his fellow soldiers in Iraq. Everything on their list was donated by ACCCers plus more than \$100 in cash to cover shipping and the purchase of an artificial Christmas tree.

Best wishes to former Trustee chairwoman **Barbara Chojnacki** on the engagement of her son, Bryan, to Jennifer Wuko. Bryan teaches history at Lower Cape May Regional High School and is pursuing a master's degree in school business administration from Rowan University. An August 2005 wedding is planned.

Actor James Avery, best known as Uncle Phil on TV's *The Fresh Prince*, stopped by to see childhood friend **Gretchen Harris**, student development, recently. While here, he performed a piece from Shakespeare's 'Othello' and met with Lawrence Ponzek, theater adjunct. Avery has appeared on *L.A. Law* and *Girlfriends*, was in a Verizon commercial and does voiceovers and commercials. "Larry," as Gretchen knows Avery, grew up in Atlantic City.

**Danays Alvarado**, finance, sends "a special thank you on behalf of the fourth and sixth grade CCD classes of St. Joseph's parish in Hammonton to ACCCers who contributed to their recent food drive. Thanks to you, the church has acquired enough non-perishable goods to make special Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets for the needy. Many blessings to you all!"

Looking for a good stocking stuffer? How about WaWa hoagie tickets for just \$3? **Rhonda Petruzzi**, City Center admin services, is selling candles and hoagie tickets for her daughter in support of the Oakcrest High School band. Candles are \$8 each and are available in hot apple pie, black cherry, rose, fresh linen and more. Both items make wonderful last minutes gifts for the unexpected guest or great stocking stuffers. Hoagie tickets are good at any Wawa. Please place your order by Dec. 1 for pre-holiday delivery.

Happy birthday to: **Darick Garrison**, Nov. 22; **Heather Boone**, **JoAnna Johns**, Nov. 23; **Wayne Cooper**, Nov. 24; **JoAnne Barbieri**, Nov. 26; **Alice Rainey**, Nov. 28; **David Banholzer**, Nov. 29. **Leslie Atherholt**, **Josette Katz**, Dec. 3; **Nick Ganaway**, **Tyrone McKiver**, Dec. 5; **Richard Benner**, **Michael Ferrino**, **Fred Mason**, Dec. 6; **Mark Corbalis**, Dec. 8; **Bud Ireland**, **Karen Zaniewski**, **Ralph Marone**, Dec. 9. Adjunct birthdays: **Lawrence Montgomery**, Nov. 23; **Anne Merryman**, Nov. 24; **Colleen Quinn**, Nov. 28; **Silvia Schottinger**, Dec. 2; **Christine Wilson**, Dec. 3; **Cheryl Crews**, **Carolyn Johnson**, Dec. 9.

## NEWS FROM ACCC'S EXTENSION CENTERS

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

by **Brittany Williams**

There are more moves at City Center while the building is under renovation. The roof project is about three-quarters complete. Demolition is occurring in administrative services, student services, casino floor and casino operations office. **Daymis Alicea, Lynette Ingram, Johana DeJesus, John Mohr, Dr. Alice Rainey** and **Louella Wilson** are all in the lobby. Their extensions remain the same. **Tommy Giardina** is near **Helen Hughes** on the second floor. In addition, **Pat Owens, Linda Dolan, Sharon Kretmar** and **Carol Drea** have moved to J-207 on the Mays Landing main campus during this construction period. We're still on target for phase-I ending about Dec.17. New fence installation should be completed by the end of November. Hang in there, phase I is almost over.

Thank you to **Mike McHale** and **Mike Ferrino**, Mays Landing facilities management, for working so hard to get the boiler up and running.

The lobby is buzzing with activity lately, Mocha Mondays and WACCy Wednesdays continue throughout the semester with a variety of tasty and informative offerings.

City Center has added additional testing dates: Accuplacers will be held on Dec 1, 6, 8, 9, 10, 13, 16 and 23. ESL testing will take place on Dec. 2, 7, 9, 13, 16 and 20.

**Rhonda Petruzzi** proudly reports that the Oakcrest H.S. band finished its season with seven first place wins, one third place and one fourth. In their championship tournament, they finished third out of nine bands from the tri-state area and they took first for New Jersey. Congratulations!

Student Services is busy with pre-registration...students who complete forms prior to Nov. 29 can enjoy the luxury of expedited registration once registration commences.

Multicultural events abound as well at City Center. We are thrilled to support the students and staff involved in the International Festival at Mays Landing main campus on Nov. 23. City Center's **Elinor Mattern** presented the film *Monsieur Ibrahim* on Nov. 17 to students and staff.



This issue's holiday tip comes from Lauren Coyle: If you're planning on wearing new shoes for the holidays and they are primarily made of vinyl or plastic, why not break them in by using a blow dryer on them for a few minutes? Then, slide them on and your feet will mold to the shoe for a better, more comfortable fit and you can deck the halls with a holiday jig or two.

Since the holidays are nearing, that means that the annual **WACCy holiday party** is too... Please join the City Center staff:

Come celebrate the Holidays with Lucy and Ricky Ricardo and the City Center crew!

All are invited...

Save the Date:

Tuesday, Dec. 14, Noon-2 p.m.

If you would like to serve on the planning committee, please contact Daymis Alicea, Josie Chivalette, Jo-Ann Volpe or Brittany Williams.

More info to come...

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

by **Lisa Apel-Gendron**

Well, the Marines exceeded my expectations big time. I left a message late Friday about doing a toy drive, and Saturday morning the box arrived! We will be collecting new, unwrapped toys through Dec. 18. All

donations, large and small, are sincerely appreciated. The drop box is in the CMCEC lobby, near the front desk.

Have a good turkey day! See you next issue.

## ACCC IN THE NEWS

An article in The Press of Atlantic City titled *ACCC finds deal at the mall for skills center* announced that the college's Institute for Service Excellence will take up residence at Hamilton Hall in April. The college has a five-year, \$1 contract to offer retail training to provide dependable, consumer-friendly, hard-working employees for the mall and area retail outlets. The center is funded by a grant.

Articles on the proposed appointment of a Cape May County car dealer being opposed by Atlantic County officials who say it violates the two-county agreement appeared in The Press and Cape May County weekly newspapers. While the candidate would be an asset, it was stated, ACCC has two board members appointed by the governor and, according to the jointure agreement, one will be from each county. Board member **Andrew Melchiorre** is from Cape May County, so this appointee should be from Atlantic County, officials there argue.

## ALUMNI

We were saddened to hear of the death of **Iris Petrosh Fricano**, 42, after a courageous battle with lupus. She was an '84 graduate of ACCC's respiratory therapy program. After graduation, she worked as a respiratory therapist at Shore Memorial Hospital. She later joined the family business, Storybook Land, in Egg Harbor Township. She is survived by her husband, John Fricano Jr.; her two children, Jessica and John III; her parents, Oscar and Artie Petrosh, and five siblings.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**Kathy Corbalis**, college relations, is again serving as a mentor to a Rowan University graduate student. The graduate public relations mentor program benefits students from the insight and expertise of successful program graduates. She was interviewed by an undergraduate Rowan student on her experiences in public relations.

**Dr. Richard Perniciaro**, associate dean, Center for Regional and Business Research, served on a panel for the Southern New Jersey Breakfast held at The Mansion in Voorhees recently. He spoke on the history of South Jersey's economy and what industries dominate it today.

**Dr. Peter Mora**, vice president for Cape May and continuing education, was a guest speaker at the 10<sup>th</sup> pastoral anniversary banquet for Rev. Collins Days, from the Second Baptist Church in Atlantic City. The Nov. 5 celebration honored the church community at large, expressing many positive experiences to those in the audience. Dr. Mora's remarks focused on his involvement with Pastor Days on a number of community-based projects. **Dr. Mora** was reappointed to the Atlantic City Regional Chamber of Commerce.

**Elinor Mattern**, ESL, earned her master of fine arts degree in creative writing from Fairleigh Dickinson University. Elinor also earned "The Director's Award," presented annually to an entering student who, by consensus of the program faculty, shows exceptional promise. Congratulations, Elinor!

Approximately 60 hospitality and culinary students attended the International Hotel/Motel & Restaurant Show (IH/M&RS) on Nov. 13 at the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center in New York City. The IH/M&RS is considered to be an "essential" event for vendors, suppliers, distributors and students in the lodging and foodservice industries. Faculty member **Donna Vassallo**, recruiter **Sue Jones** and chef educator **Linda**

**Eidell** accompanied the students.

**JoAnne Barbieri**, OSTM, and her sister, Janice DeCicco Fipp, principal of Northfield Community School, presented at the N.J. Association of Education Office Professionals conference recently. It is the second year that they have co-presented at this conference. This year Janice based her morning presentation on a book by Julie Morgenstern, and her topic was “Life...Work...Meaning” and JoAnne’s presentation continued this theme with “Life Experience Counts.” She talked about portfolios, credit by exams, certifications, transfer, knowing your expertise and more.

## **MIDDLE STATES MATTERS**

Middle States Accreditation requires an examination of the needs and concerns of all constituents, most importantly, students. On Nov.16, the Middle States Committee held its second student focus group forum. Dean **Carmen Royal** and her staff selected these students to participate: **Penny Barnes, Carl Kent, Jayna Laxman, Angela McGovern, DaShauna Melton, Catherine Mwangi** and **Fred Washington**. They met with representatives of faculty, administration and staff over lunch to share first-hand their experiences at ACCC.

When asked what facilitated their learning, they named classroom discussions, a detailed syllabus, and sometimes group work, among other things. Students commented that group work can be beneficial depending on the situation and the teacher, but it isn’t beneficial when it’s done gratuitously and if one or two students “carry” the rest of the group. They suggested that each student be given a specific assignment for his/her contribution to the group.

Enthusiasm and energy of the instructor play a crucial role in how involved they will become in a class. Even a subject that interests them can be boring if the instructor is apathetic about it or doesn’t seem to want to be in class.

Some things that hinder their learning include an unenthusiastic instructor or one who repeats the same information from class to class, other students who slow the class down, a straight lecture with no questioning or that includes too much information that is not directly related to the text material or testing. Good instructors are those who take an interest in the students’ learning and are accessible outside of class, whether that is for meeting face to face, or by phone or e-mail.

The Middle States Committee thanks these students for their contributions and for taking the time out of their busy schedules to participate.

Assessment of Student Learning (standard 14) is also the concern of subcommittee five, led by **Dr. Art Wexler**, associate professor, psychology and education. Members include **Richard Kalman**, assistant professor, computer information systems; **Cheryl Knowles-Harrigan**, assistant professor, art; **Marilyn Keiner**, associate professor, legal assistant program; **Dr. Louise Kaplan**, professor, anthropology; **Kelly McClay**, assistant director, Academy of Culinary Arts; **Vickie Melograno**, program coordinator, outcomes assessment; **Max Slusher**, assistant dean, research; and **Regina Van Epps**, assistant professor, English.

Standard 14 states, “Assessment of student learning demonstrates that the institution’s students have knowledge, skills, and competencies consistent with institutional goals and that students at graduation have achieved appropriate higher education goals.” Subcommittee five will examine such issues as how student learning is measured, the way the institution uses those measurements, the means for evaluating the education effectiveness of distance learning programs, and how student learning assessment information is shared with pertinent college constituencies.

Subcommittee five will also address Standard 7: Institutional Assessment to determine if “the institution has developed and implemented an assessment plan and process that evaluates its overall effectiveness in: achieving its mission and goals; implementing planning, resource allocation, and institutional renewal processes; using institutional resources efficiently; providing leadership and governance; providing administrative structures and services; demonstrating institutional integrity; and assuring that institutional processes and resources support appropriate learning and other outcomes for its students and graduates.”

Subcommittee five, led by **Dr. Dorothea Dunayer**, director, grants compliance, includes **Linda DeSantis**, associate director, financial aid; **Ellen Parker**, librarian, and **Dr. Richard Perniciaro**, associate dean, Center for Regional and Business Research, and **Dr. Barbara Warner**, associate professor, nursing, will examine the way in which outcomes of planning and evaluation efforts are used, the evaluation of the institutional research activities, and the assessment of various divisions of the institution.

The entire Middle States Committee continues with its work of addressing the standards assigned to them. If you have any questions or input, please contact **Dan Thoren**, the Middle States Committee chairperson or any of the subcommittee chairs.

## **Latest “Faces” Survey completed; Results due in spring**

“I love ACCC because it suits my living and working styles perfectly.” That was one of many positive assessments of their ACCC experiences offered by 550 credit and non-credit students in this year’s *Faces of the Future* survey, which was conducted last month.

There were complaints too, of course, principally about parking difficulties on the Mays Landing main campus and the rising cost of textbooks. But overall, the consensus of those polled, a preliminary look revealed, could be summarized by this comment: “I am very satisfied with my classes and the college.” Responses to open- and close-ended questions on the four-page questionnaire will be compared to answers from about 50,000 community college students. It was ACCC’s sixth consecutive participation in the *Faces of the Future* survey.

The survey is conducted annually at some 160 community colleges in the U.S. by the American Association of Community Colleges and ACT. Summary and graphic results are available only to participating schools. Results will be reported next spring.

*Faces of the Future* is our best source of information about students’ educational and career intentions, their opinions of ACCC’s programs, services and environmental characteristics.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

Editor’s note: The *Atlantic Cape CommuniCator* is available online at [www.atlantic.edu/~mcgowan/communicator/news.pdf](http://www.atlantic.edu/~mcgowan/communicator/news.pdf)

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