



# ATLANTIC CAPE COMMUNICATOR

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## NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

### **Today is Deadline for Employee of the Quarter Nominations**

Today is the last day to nominate ACCC's next employee of the quarter. The award is presented to members of support staff who make ACCC a place where students and visitors feel comfortable and welcomed. Winners work hard and are especially pleasant and helpful. Human Resources is looking for 100% participation for this worthy honor. A nomination form was e-mailed collegewide and is available by calling **Cynthia Correa**, human resources, ext. 4906.

### **Cape May County Campus Site Prepared for Construction**

Following final approval from the state Department of Environmental Protection, ACCC on Oct. 9 gave authorization for construction to begin on the Cape May County campus in Middle Township. Hessert Construction, which was awarded the bid in late July, will have 530 days to complete the project by April 2, 2005. ACCC officials hope to begin phasing in classes during the spring 2005 semester.

"I am pleased and gratified we have overcome all obstacles to beginning construction," said **Dr. John May**. "We are now looking ahead to providing the best courses for the residents of Cape May in their new facility." Following receipt of the notice to proceed, Cape May County began installing a permanent split-rail fence under the terms of the CAFRA permit. Representatives from Hessert Construction anticipate work will begin by Oct. 20.

### **Court Upholds Site Choice**

The Superior Court of New Jersey Appellate Division ruled Oct. 6 that it supports Cape May County's decision to divert parkland in Middle Township to build ACCC's Cape May County campus. Several environmental advocacy groups had appealed the county's decision and asked the court to overturn approvals by the New Jersey State House Commission and the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection. They argued that Cape May County's analysis of other sites for the campus did not meet state requirements and that the agencies should not have agreed there was no alternative to a Green Acres land swap. The court ruled there was no merit to those arguments.

As part of the land swap, Cape May County will spend \$500,000 to purchase and protect additional parkland in the county.

### **Please Attend 'Basic Skills Focus Group' Information Gathering**

The college community is invited to participate in a Focus Group information gathering to talk about the Basic Skills Program, 12:30-1:45 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 30, room H-116A. All who are concerned about developmental students...faculty, counselors, support staff and administrators...are asked to attend to discuss such questions as *Where do we stand?* and *How can we be better?* The forum is

sponsored by the Basic Skills Committee of the Collegiate Assembly.

All are encouraged to give insight on the needs of Developmental Students --no outside consultants, no inside agendas - just the focus on you and your ideas. Results will be used to help shape the existing Basic Skills Program.

### **Bookstore Offers 10% Off, Then 25% Additional Discount on Imprinted Sweats**

ACCC's Bookstore is having a "Change in the Weather" sale for faculty and staff with an additional 25% off imprinted sweats—pants and shirts—Oct. 20-31. Faculty and staff will get their usual 10% off sweats, then an additional 25% off.

### **Mark Calendar for Holiday Party**

Mark your calendar for ACCC's Employee Holiday Party planned for Saturday, Dec. 13, at Historic Smithville Inn. This year's theme is 2003 Holiday Magic. Details to follow.

### **Flu Shot Clinic on Campus Oct. 21; Sign Up Now**

A flu shot clinic will be offered on campus 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 21, in J lobby. Flu shots will be available for \$20, payable by cash or checks made payable to MAXIM Healthcare. The vaccine cost is covered under Medicare "Part B." Bring your Medicare cards. MAXIM requires a minimum of 50 shots per site, so the clinic will only be available on the Mays Landing main campus. If you plan to attend, please e-mail [bmusitan@atlantic.edu](mailto:bmusitan@atlantic.edu) or call **Bart Musitano**, ext. 5611.

### **PECC Campaign Kicked Off This Week**

The annual Atlantic County Public Employees Charitable Campaign (PECC) is underway! Informational packets, including pledge forms and lists of the many participating agencies are being distributed to employees at all ACCC locations.

Last year, 109 of nearly 800 full- and part-time employees generously contributed more than \$13,500 to their favorite charities. We look forward to their continued generosity and ask that each member of the ACCC family do their share to ensure that we continue our commitment to the communities we serve. This year, we are aiming for \$14,700, an increase of almost 9%, to meet rising needs. Any donations, large and small, will be appreciated.

One-time donations of \$10 or more may be made by check. However, \$26 per group is the minimum amount in order to select a specific group to receive your donation. Payroll donations will be deducted from 12-month employees paycheck over 24 pay periods. Faculty shall have deductions over 20 pay periods. A minimum of \$1.08 per pay period allows you to make a \$26 donation to the agency of your choice. Adjunct faculty may only make one time donations. Our financial system will not accept adjunct payroll deductions.

The fund drive ends Nov. 14. If you did not receive an informational packet, please contact **Janet Brenner** via e-mail at [brenner@atlantic.edu](mailto:brenner@atlantic.edu), or call ext. 4992. Please support the organization(s) of your choice and make a difference!

### **October is Open Enrollment for State Health Benefits**

October is open enrollment for State Health Benefits. Those who wish to change health insurance carriers or add a dependent should contact **Bart Musitano**, benefits coordinator, for change of coverage forms. Forms must be submitted by Oct. 31. All changes will be effective Jan. 1. New provider directories will be available soon. Any questions, call Bart, ext. 5611 or e-mail [bmusitan@atlantic.edu](mailto:bmusitan@atlantic.edu).

### **All Employees Must Submit Outside Employment Form Regardless of Status**

All employees must complete an Outside Employment Form annually, regardless of whether they hold employment outside the college. College policy 803.1: *Code of Ethics Pertaining to Conflicts of Interest for College Employees*, requires employees to complete an Outside Employment form annually. This code applies to employees paid from Federal, state or county funds. Please send the form to Human Resources no later than Friday, Oct. 24. Please note that your executive director or dean must sign the bottom of the form before sending it to human resources. Stop by human resources if you need a form.

### **Best Practices ‘Call for Proposals’ Deadline Nears**

If you haven't turned in your call for proposals for the 2004 Best Practices Conference, be sure to do so soon. This is your opportunity to showcase the best and brightest ideas, solutions and programs on community college campuses in New Jersey at one of the premier events for community college administrators, staff and faculty. Deadline for submissions is Oct. 20.

### **Sending Checks Inter-office? Please Place in Business-size Envelope**

If you send checks through interoffice mail, please put them in a business-sized envelope. Small, personal checks sometimes get overlooked when placed in large envelopes.

### **National Players Present ‘Our Town’ in Edge Theater Nov. 5**

The National Players will present a free performance of *Our Town* in the Walter Edge Theater, 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 5. The play was written by Pulitzer Prize-winning Playwright Thornton Wilder. Faculty are asked to encourage their students to attend.

### **Next TIAA-CREF Visit Oct. 21**

The next TIAA-CREF is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 21, 9 a.m.-4 p.m, on the Mays Landing main campus, room J-207. Call Joyce Trainer, (800) 842-8412, to make an appointment. Bring your recent quarterly statement.

### **First ‘Taste of the Gala’ Planned for Oct. 30**

The Academy of Culinary Arts will host a “Taste of the Gala” cooking demonstration and tasting from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 30, in M building. The event will feature Oktoberfest-themed culinary delights of several ACA chefs and restaurants participating in the 2004 Press of Atlantic City Restaurant Gala.

Future “Taste of the Gala” events are scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 2; Thursday, Feb. 12; and Thursday, March 11. Each event allows the community to preview dishes from restaurants participating in the 21<sup>st</sup> annual Gala, which will be held on Thursday, April 22.

The cost of the “Taste of the Gala” event is \$25 per person, and proceeds benefit ACCC scholarships through the ACCC Foundation. For more information or reservations, call **Stacey Clapp**, ext. 5632, or e-mail [sclapp@atlantic.edu](mailto:sclapp@atlantic.edu).

### **CSA Selling Homemade Jam, Apple Butter at ACA Homecoming Oct. 24**

The Culinary Student Association will sell homemade apple butter, blueberry jam, chocolate covered apples, Cajun rubs and soup in a jar at the Academy of Culinary Arts Homecoming on Friday, Oct. 24. Proceeds will be used to buy each ACA graduate a plate.

The ACA will host an all-day homecoming celebration for friends and family members of current students, as well as Academy graduates. The activities will kick off with a continental breakfast and

welcome ceremony at 9:30 a.m. and will include seminars, a “culinary knowledge bowl” competition, a student pumpkin recipe contest, tours of the facilities, food, and the opportunity to see students in action in the classrooms. A buffet lunch will be served followed by a parent-student competition, pairing a student with a family member on each team to prepare a meal from start to finish in one hour.

The day will culminate with an evening reception at 5:30 p.m. at Careme’s, giving attendees the chance to meet the ACA’s award-winning team of chef educators and office support staff. For more information, call **Kelly McClay**, ACA assistant director, ext. 4939.

### **Faces of the Future Surveys Begin this Month**

Once again this month and through early November, the college will join about 150 U.S. community colleges participating in the *Faces of the Future* survey, a comprehensive compilation of students’ demographics, and attitudes regarding their college experiences. Dubbed a “Portrait of America’s Community College Students,” the survey is a project of the American Association of Community Colleges and ACT.

Last year’s survey, for example, indicated that ACCC’s credit students were “very satisfied” and “satisfied” with this college (84.3%) to a greater degree than their counterparts nationally (83.1%). These results were based on responses from 475 credit and 52 noncredit students here versus 48,763 and 7,825, respectively, nationwide.

ACCC has participated for the five years the survey has been in existence. It is given to about 45 randomly selected credit and non-credit classes and requires a minimum of 500 ACCC students to take part to provide a statistically significant sample. The survey takes an average of 40 minutes to administer.

The Office of Research has asked for departments’ support in conducting the survey. Faculty of classes selected will be contacted to schedule an appropriate time to administer the questionnaires.

Nearly 45,000 students were surveyed nationally last year allowing ACCC to compare its students’ responses to the personal goals, educational backgrounds, employment history, and college experiences from a sizable national sampling.

Why collect this information? Four reasons stand out:

--Faces of the Future, a significant improvement over earlier methods of gathering students’ attitudinal information, is a major resource for developing and implementing a comprehensive outcomes assessment plan as mandated by the Middle States Commission of Higher Education, ACCC’s accreditation organization.

--Recognizing that students are ACCC’s principal constituents, survey results are highly useful in planning and developing programs that serve their needs.

--The U.S. Department of Education requires outcomes reports for all grant-funded programs and is working on standardizing reporting requirements for higher education. Once the initiative is implemented, Faces of the Future will serve as a source of information for uniform reporting.

--Faces of the Future is a useful tool for departments’ program reviews leading to application for accreditation.

For last year's results or more information, contact **Max Slusher**, ext. 5015, or e-mail [mslusher@atlantic.edu](mailto:mslusher@atlantic.edu).

### **Singer-Songwriter Bob Croce Opens Careme's Café Series Nov. 13**

The 2003-04 Careme's Café Series will kick off on Thursday, Nov. 13, with one of Philadelphia's most prominent and prolific singer-songwriters, Bob Croce. The event begins at 6:30 p.m. with a four-course gourmet dinner, followed by the show at 8 p.m.

Croce's work draws listeners in with its portrayal of personal experiences and inspirations of life and love. Early influences on his interpretive works include James Taylor, Jackson Browne, Neil Young, Eric Clapton and his famous first cousin, the late Jim Croce.

In recent years, Croce has opened for, or shared the stage with, such nationally-known artists as Jerry Jeff Walker, Ralph McTell, Phoebe Snow and Dave Mason. He tours extensively and is a favorite on the college and university circuit.

The four-course dinner begins with soupe au pistou, a vegetable, bean and pasta soup, followed by mixed lettuces with toasted pumpkin seeds, nuts, dried fruits and cranberry vinaigrette. For their entrée, diners have a choice of baked salmon filets with fresh dill beurre blanc, mashed potatoes and vegetable medley; chicken crepes with ricotta stuffing and wild mushroom demi-glace; and pumpkin gnocchi with walnut-sage cream sauce. Dessert features baked apples with brown sugar and raisins and cinnamon ice cream.

Tickets are \$30 and can be ordered by calling ext. 4907 or e-mailing [simmons@atlantic.edu](mailto:simmons@atlantic.edu).

### **Still Time to Sign Up for Free Microsoft Training**

Don't forget to sign up for free Microsoft software training offered by Human Resources for full- and part-time employees. Training opportunities are among our top selling points when recruiting part-time or hourly staff. Supervisors are asked to be generous in allowing part-timers to attend training. Training materials will not be provided, but you may download copies from the HR Web site. From [www.atlantic.edu](http://www.atlantic.edu), click on "Jobs." At the bottom of the page click on "Training Schedule."

Classes offered at the Worthington Atlantic City Center will be held 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., room 221, include Access, Thursday, Oct. 23; Intermediate Access, Friday, Oct. 24; and Advanced Access, Thursday, Oct. 30.

Classes offered on the Mays Landing main campus will be held 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., room B-124, include: Intermediate Access, Monday, Oct. 20; Advanced Access, Monday, Oct. 27; Intro to Excel, Tuesday, Nov. 4; Intermediate Excel, Tuesday, Nov. 18; and Advanced Excel, Tuesday, Nov. 25.

Call ext. 4906 or email [ccorrea@atlantic.edu](mailto:ccorrea@atlantic.edu) to reserve your seat. Keep in mind that late cancellations may result in back-charges to cover the cost of instructors.

### **Paralegal Studies Program Open House Nov. 13**

A Paralegal Studies open house will be held from 5:30-7 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 13, in A-147. For more information about the program, call **Marilyn Malerba Keiner**, coordinator, ext. 4941.

## **HERE'S THE SCOOP**

by **Aline Bennett & Joe Rossi**

Deepest sympathy to **Dr. Agnes Armao**, vice president of academic and student affairs, on the death of her beloved father, Arnold R. Orsatti Sr., who died Oct. 14 in his Atlantic City home. He was 89. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 18 at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, California and Atlantic avenues, Atlantic City. Friends may visit at the Church from 9 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to the Hospitaler Sisters of Mercy, 917 Main Street, Pleasantville, NJ 08232. Condolences can be sent to Agnes at 263 Crescent Road, Ocean City, N.J. 08226.

Admissions held a surprise baby shower on Oct. 3 for **Sashai Sathiyanesan**. The new arrival is expected in early November.

**Nancy Hand**, business office, thanks everyone for their cards and kind words in the passing of her father-in-law.

Deepest sympathy to **Ed Perkins**, facilities management, on the passing of his grandfather, Jesse Bollinger III.

A special thanks to everyone who participated in the Boscov's "Friends Helping Friends" Shopping Pass fund raising event, which raised \$550 for Educational Initiatives at ACCC.

Congratulations to **Donna Leeds**, college relations, on her new horse, Button. Button is six years old and joins the farm with Brassy and Little Smokey.

Deepest sympathy to **Marion Caccavale**, accounts payable, and her husband, Angelo, on the death of his mother.

Happy birthday to: **Terry Sampson**, Oct. 17; **Bart Musitano**, Oct. 21; **Johana DeJesus**, **Tom DiPietro**, Oct. 24; **Kim Oliveto**, Oct. 25; **Kathy Corbalis**, **Julie Gonzalez**, **Pat Owens**, **Penny Wells**, Oct. 28; **Gene LoPresti**, **Effie Russell**, Oct. 29; **William O'Shea**, **John Torcasio**, Oct. 30; **Nicasio Rabino**, Oct. 31. Adjunct birthdays: **Fr. Jeff Burton**, Oct. 18; **Mary-Ann Boyce**, Oct. 20; **Lugene Polzella**, Oct. 23; **Kenneth Drake**, Oct. 26; **John Percy**, Oct. 28; **Thomas Innocente**, **Buddy Jacobs**, Oct. 31. Have a great day!

## **NEWS FROM ACCC'S EXTENSION CENTERS**

### **Greetings from the Charles D. Worthington Atlantic City Center (WACC)**

by **Jean McAlister**

Welcome to the group from Macau, training on the gaming floor in Baccarat and Blackjack. They will be with us until Oct. 31.

Welcome to our group from Beijing. They will be room 137 for their training for the next several months beginning Oct. 20.

We have a busy conference week. As part of CCI's 25th anniversary, we are hosting TECH FEST, a slot industry technical conference, Oct. 21-23. About 40+ attendees are expected to attend. Hotel room block is at the Sands Hotel/Casino. The NJ Casino Control Commission will be in room 215, Oct. 20-23. Police Officer Gaming Officer Training is here Oct. 20-24.

We completed the remainder of our room changes this week:

- The Technical Solutions Class with **Lisa Appello** is now in room 214.
- GED is in room 251.
- The Continuing Education adjunct office is room 252.
- Linda Dolan** is in the CCI office area
- Ray Perri** and CCI adjuncts are in room 141.

A few additional ESL classes will begin on Oct. 27. With these additions, and all new continuing education courses starting, look for parking to be at a premium.

Look for more information in the next *CommuniCator* for International Day, in November. **Mike Kammer** and the Cross Cultural Club are working on a great program.

Wonderful job on the lighthouse display by **Daymis Alicea**...Knowledge is Power...

Happy autumn.

## **Hello from Rio Grande, the Cape May County Technical School and the U.S. Coast Guard Training Center – Cape May!**

by **Lisa Apel-Gendron**

Don't forget about the two important information sessions coming up at CMCEC. On Monday, Oct. 20, Nancy Fiedler of Richard Stockton College's teacher education department will speak about teacher certification in NJ. She has some news just released from the State about major selection for those planning a teaching career. All students, faculty and community members are invited. The workshop begins at 12:15 p.m., in room 6. Reservations are required by dialing ext. 4100.

On Wednesday, Oct. 29, Steve Phillips, assistant director of admissions at Stockton College, will offer a drop-in information session for all students, faculty and members of the community. He will be available from noon-3 p.m., room 1. Appointments are not necessary.

**Kathy Simione**, program coordinator for the *School Counts!* program, hosted a get-together for Cape May County secondary school counselors and administrators at CMCEC Oct. 17. Kathy's been busy getting the program running in Cape May County. Great job, Kathy!

Thank you to **Carlo Canale**, ITS, for working into the evening a couple of Fridays ago to get our brand new projection units operating at CMCEC. Thanks to the support of **Dr. Josette Katz, Nick Ganaway** and Carlo, we now have PC projection capabilities in rooms 3 and 6. Wow, we are happy campers now. Thank you!

News from our CMCEC adjunct family...social science and criminal justice adjunct instructor **Jesse Deane** and his wife, Barbara, are expecting triplets on April 1. (That's the real date, no kidding!) Jesse and Barbara have a son and daughter who can't wait for the babies to arrive.

A photo of Rev. John Sosnowski, rector, St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Stone Harbor, holding a service to bless the animals, appeared in the Cape May County Herald. He is the husband of **Cynthia Sosnowski**, CMCEC adjunct.

If you need to reach **Fred Mason**, his office is at CMCEC, ext. 4104. Or you can send interoffice mail to him at CMCEC. His e-mail remains the same: [fmason@atlantic.edu](mailto:fmason@atlantic.edu).

A reminder to those who teach at the Tech School: classes move back to Middle Township High

School for one night only on **Tuesday, Oct. 21**. We'll use the same rooms as the first three weeks of September.

Cape Savings Bank and the Greater Wildwood Chamber of Commerce are enjoying customized training classes at CMCEC throughout the fall. **Carol Drea's** team will also provide customized training onsite at the US Coast Guard Training Center in Cape May later this month.

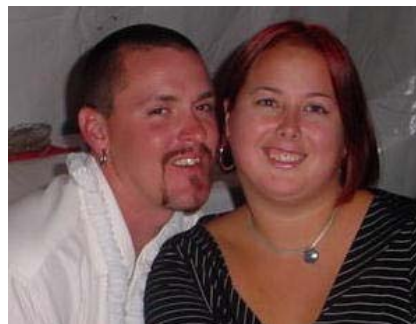
Office assistant **Denise O'Connor** and husband, Brian, beamed as their daughter Jennifer, an ACCC grad, married fiancé Jamie Lapsley on Oct. 4. It was a lovely outdoor ceremony on the Cape May beachfront followed by a Hawaiian luau at the O'Connor home. In keeping with the theme, the bride went barefoot for the ceremony, and the attendants wore festive Hawaiian attire. Many guests wore Hawaiian-inspired outfits as well.



*Breathing a sigh of relief after the Oct. 4 beachfront ceremony are (left to right): father of the bride Brian O'Connor; mother of the bride and CMCEC office assistant Denise O'Connor; groom Jamie Lapsley, a Rowan graduate student; and bride Jennifer Lapsley, a Rowan education major and 2000 ACCC graduate.*



*Enjoying the Hawaiian luau at the O'Connor home are (left to right): office assistant Melissa Moy, security guard Jim Devine and counselor Electra Stulak. An outstanding time was had by all!*



*The next CMCEC wedding will be that of office assistant Melissa Moy (right) and Walter Todd in 2005.*

Enjoy the weekend!

## ACCC IN THE NEWS

ACCC's Cape May County campus made the headlines in the Cape section of The Press Oct. 8, when the Appellate Court ruled that Cape May County officials were justified in picking the Middle Township site over other sites for the new \$15 million campus. An article also appeared in the Cape May County Herald.

A story, titled *CCI celebrate 25 years of casino job training*, appeared in The Press on Sept. 30. CCI hosted a kickoff event in celebration of training about 46,000 students.

An article, titled *Students not prepared for college work*, appeared in The Press on Sept. 29. Press Education Writer Diane D'Amico sat in on **Amy Shelton's** developmental math class and interviewed students on break. The article focused on why freshmen still must take developmental and remedial courses when high school standards are rising. More than 70 percent of ACCC freshmen were placed in remedial or developmental math classes this year. "I think a lot of the problem is that students take algebra early in high school, then forget it," Shelton said. Many students agreed.

An article on ACCC's new P-12 grant to help ESL students prepare for college. **ChristinaCavage**,

assistant professor of ESL, will target immigrants who struggle with reading and writing English in Atlantic and Cape May county high schools and don't have the skills to succeed in college-level work.

Stories on Atlantic City's interest in creating a Homeland Security Education Center appeared in The Press and New York Times. The story notes that the brainchild for the project is **David Dichter**, program advisor to ACCC President **Dr. John May**.

## **ALUMNI**

Esquire magazine's list of the 20 Best New Restaurants in America in 2003 mentions two Academy of Culinary Arts alumni. The November edition salutes **Michael Schlow**, '87, chef-owner of Great Bay, the third restaurant Schlow has opened in Boston. Also making the list is Suilan, the new Asian fusion restaurant in the Borgata Hotel Casino and Spa featuring executive chef **Patrick Feury**, '90. The magazine called Feury a sensational young chef.

ACA grad **Matthew Allen**, '03, is a pastry chef in the Henry Waugh Desert Room at Bern's Steak House in Tampa, Fla. Matt regularly meets celebrities and politicians at the restaurant, including actor Tom Cruise and Florida Gov. Jeb Bush.

**Phil Mant**, '90, ACA opened PJ's Pub & Grille in Mays Landing last spring with his wife, Sharon. The restaurant features mostly bar and snack food, but Mantz expects to expand the menu when his full-service kitchen is completed this fall. An article on the new restaurant appeared in *The Current*.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

--**Kathy McGowan**, editor