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NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

Nominations Due Oct. 17 for Employee of the Quarter

It's time 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.

Honorees receive a complimentary dinner for two at Careme's Restaurant, reserved parking for the quarter, are invited to dine with trustees at a board meeting and have their photos on display on the Mays Landing campus and Charles D. Worthington Atlantic City Center. 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. Nominations are due Oct. 17.

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 form. Forms must be submitted by Oct. 31. All changes will be effective Jan. 1. New provider directories will be available soon. Use the link below to search for doctors and the plans in which they participate:

http://www.geoaccess.com/directoriesonline/stateofnewjersey/1_begin.asp. Any questions, call Bart, ext. 5611 or e-mail bmusitan@atlantic.edu.



Facilities management staff troubleshooting the back-up generator

Power Outage Forces Mays Landing Campus Closing

ACCC's Mays Landing campus experienced a power outage that began early Saturday morning, Sept. 20, and forced the cancellation of classes Monday through Wednesday.

Shortly after the emergency generators kicked on, the generator that feeds most of the campus buildings blew, cutting all power to those buildings and shutting down AUDIX and the Mays Landing telephone system. Security contacted **Terry Sampson**, executive director of business services and administration; **Mark Streckenbein**, director of facilities management and planning; and **Bill Keener**, supervisor of

security and public safety, using cell phones.

Burlington Testing was called to inspect equipment and Calvi Electric initiated repairs. Calvi discovered that the main feed into the campus between the second pole and the manhole was burnt in half.

A generator was located and walk-in refrigerator units were obtained to store food items from the culinary kitchens, perishable storeroom and cafeteria. Calvi ordered materials and anticipated that repairs would be made late Tuesday afternoon.

ITS moved to relocate data operations to J building where emergency power was available. ITS restored the college's Web site on Sunday and College Relations updated the site daily. At the request of College Relations, a special emergency number was set up for students without Web access to call in for updates on the status of classes. News releases were prepared daily and faxed to local and regional media, including News Channel 40 and The Press. Academic Computing updated the status page for online students. An emergency message was posted on the brown signboard on the pike to alert students that the campus was closed.

The power was restored to most buildings late Tuesday. Since the buildings had to be powered up one at a time to check for further damage, the college was closed on Wednesday. While powering up K building, primary core transformers blew. The campus reopened on Thursday with K and H buildings still without power. The mainframe and computer equipment in K were powered from an emergency generator. Classes in those buildings were moved to other locations. A temporary transformer was brought in to serve K and H buildings and will remain in place while the original transformer is rebuilt.

The college is working with Burlington Testing to determine the cause of the outage and has filed an insurance claim.

Special thanks to those who put in many hours during the crisis, including staff from Information Technology Services, Facilities Management, Business Services and College Relations. See more photos on page 10.

Faculty Development Day Oct. 10 at Mays Landing Country Club

Faculty Development Day is Friday, Oct. 10, from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m., at the Mays Landing Country Club. Sharon Hamilton, associate dean of faculties and professor of English at Indiana University, will conduct a workshop on student portfolios, titled *Student Portfolios: Building a Culture of Evidence of Student Learning*. Lunch will be served at noon.

Dr. Hamilton is the director of Indiana's Faculty Colloquium for Excellence in Teaching and director of the Office for Integrated Learning at Purdue. She just completed a three-year term as campus director of the IUPUI institutional portfolio as part of a Pew-funded, AAHE sponsored project.

Dr. Hamilton received her undergraduate degree from the University of Winnipeg, her master's from the University of Manitoba and her Ph.D. in language and literature from London University, England.

Attendance is mandatory for full-time faculty who do not teach Friday classes. Adjunct faculty planning to attend should contact **Laura Campbell**, ext. 4909 or lcampbel@atlantic.edu by Oct. 6. Directions can be found at www.mayslandinggolf.com/index3.html.

Area Blood Supplies Low; Blood Drive on Campus Oct. 14

The American Red Cross will have a Blood Drive, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 14, in Pitney Gym on the Mays Landing campus. Blood supply is at a critical level in the Penn Jersey area. Please donate. Any questions, call **Sara Ryan**, health services coordinator, ext. 5112.

CCI Kicks Off 25th Anniversary Celebration



ACCC's Casino Career Institute is celebrating 25 years of gaming education with nine months of special events that began with a kick-off program on Sept. 29, on the school's casino training floor.

CCI opened its doors in 1978 in the Charles D. Worthington Atlantic City Center, 1535 Bacharach Blvd., under the leadership of past ACCC President **Dr. Lawrence R. Winchell Jr.**, who had the foresight to recognize that training local workers for the new casino jobs should be an essential function of the college.

Winchell talked about the excitement surrounding the opening of the institute 25 years ago to more than 60 invited guests and alumni at Monday's event, while state Sen. William Gormley discussed CCI's impact on the region, including the academic integrity it has brought to the vocational training of casino dealers, slot technicians, surveillance officers and cashiers.

Retired ACCC President Dr. Lawrence R. Winchell Jr., was the lead-off speaker at the CCI 25th Anniversary Kick-off event held earlier this week.

Dr. John May, ACCC president, announced the start of an alumni search that will reach out to the 46,000 CCI graduates from the last 25 years to form a CCI Alumni

Society. CCI graduates are not only a large part of the Atlantic City workforce, but they are literally all over the world, in all kinds of positions in the global gaming industry and in other fields.

Atlantic County Executive Dennis Levinson announced the highlights of this year's celebration, which include "hot topic" discussions for industry members interested in keeping Atlantic City's gaming industry safe and growing – such as homeland security and the economic impact of growing and potential gaming in the Mid-Atlantic area, a TechFest for those in the slots industry, "a casino play night" for the business members of the Atlantic City Chamber of Commerce and an alumni homecoming and celebration in May.

President and founder of A.C. Coin & Slot, Mac Seelig, described the critical need for skilled workers in the Atlantic City area. He pointed to his own business's close collaboration with CCI through internships for slot technician students.

Departments Reminded of Procedures for Hiring Part-time Workers

Departments are reminded to please follow the procedure for hiring part-time staff. **Cynthia Correa** of human resources, ext. 4906, or e-mail ccorrea@atlantic.edu, is the point person for part-time and temporary, full-time staff hiring. She is charged with making the employment offer, monitoring paperwork completion, and incidentals such as parking permits and ID cards.

Departments should forward the name of the successful candidate and conditions of employment data

to Cynthia for processing. Departments may not make offers of employment. Exceptions include adjunct faculty hiring by department chairs and college work/study students. Institutionally funded student employees are covered by the procedure.

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.

Retirement Planning Seminars Scheduled This Fall

The Division of Pensions and Benefits will hold four Retirement Planning Seminars this fall at the Atlantic County Public Library in Galloway Township, 306 E. Jimmie Leeds Road. These seminars will help members of PERS and TPAF at all stages of their careers plan for retirement. Pension and financial planning seminars for employees with more than five years until retirement will be held from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 15, and Wednesday, Dec. 3. Seminars for those approaching retirement are 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 25, and Thursday, Nov. 20. Please call (609) 777-2111 to register.

CCI to Train Second Group of Dealer Trainers from Macao, China

A group of 10 from Macao Polytechnic Institute will arrive at CCI for training in Casino Games and Train the Trainer classes on Monday, Oct. 6. The group will be in the United States for approximately four weeks. These students have experience as dealers in various locations around the world. They will receive a review of casino dealing following the Venetian Casino model and be trained in how to train other casino dealer trainers once they return to Macao. They are the second group of dealers from Macao the college will train under the contract.

TIAA-CREF Visits Scheduled

TIAA-CREF has assigned Robert Marronaro as the new individual consultant for ACCC. Robert will be on campus several times this semester, including:

Tuesday, Oct. 21	9 a.m.-4 p.m.	Mays Landing main campus	room J-207
Tuesday, Nov. 11	9 a.m.-4 p.m.	Mays Landing main campus	room J-207
Tuesday, Dec. 2	9 a.m.-noon	Worthington Atlantic City Center	room 215
Tuesday, Dec. 2	1-4 p.m.	Mays Landing main campus	room J-207

Call Joyce Trainer, (800) 842-8412, to make an appointment. Bring your recent quarterly statement.

Counseling & Support Services Offers Free Workshops for Students

Counseling and Support Services is offering a free series of workshops for students this fall. All workshops will be held at 12:30 p.m., on the Mays Landing main campus. Workshops include:

Wed., Oct. 8, *Listening Skills* presented by **Louella Wilson**, J-174

Tues., Oct. 14, *Overcoming Test Anxiety* presented by **Lucy McGlynn**, J-174

Tues., Oct. 21, *Communication Skills in Relationships* presented by **Tammy DeFranco**, outer cafeteria

Wed., Nov. 5, *Developing a Game Plan to Meet Your Goals* presented by **Ed Marshall**, outer cafeteria

Wed., Nov. 12, *Time Management* presented by **Juan Alvarez**, J-174

Wed., Dec. 3, *Stress Busters* presented by **Claire Farnum**, J-174

Tues., Dec. 9, *Applying for Scholarships* presented by **Kris Grech**, J-174

Contact Counseling and Support Services, ext. 5453, for more information.

Microsoft Training Offered for Employees

Human Resources is offering software training 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, 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, and will be taught by Gary Schafer.

Worthington Atlantic City Center classes include:

- Access, Thursday, Oct. 23.
- Intermediate Access, Friday, Oct. 24
- 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. All Access classes will be taught by Ed Russino. All Excel classes will be taught by Rita DiOrio.

Mays Landing main campus classes include:

- Access, Monday, Oct. 13
- Intermediate Access, Monday, Oct. 20
- Advanced Access, Monday, Oct. 27
- Intro to Excel, Tuesday, Nov. 4
- Intermediate Excel, Tuesday, Nov. 18
- Advanced Excel, Tuesday, Nov. 25

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



Jim Cooper, 2003 Gala raffle chair; Bob Mawhinney, 2004 Gala Committee chair; Dr. May; and Glenn Ferguson, president of the ACCC Foundation, pose with a check showing the record-breaking proceeds from the 2003 Gala.

2004 Restaurant Gala Announced; Fund-raiser Nears \$1 Million Mark

Now in its 21st year, the Press of Atlantic City Restaurant Gala is on its way to raising \$1 million in college scholarships for students at ACCC and the Academy of Culinary Arts.

With a goal of \$200,000 for the 2004 Gala, the fund-raising event is poised to reach this milestone at this spring's event. This year's Gala will be held on Thursday, April 22, at the Atlantic City Convention Center, and the theme will be "Enchanted Garden." The Gala Committee announced these details during a kick-off luncheon on Sept. 30, at Careme's.

The honorary chef for the 2004 Gala will be Chef Jean-Marie Lacroix from Lacroix at the Rittenhouse, a French-influenced restaurant recently picked as the nation's best new eatery in Esquire magazine's annual restaurant issue. **Patricia Nash**, ACA '97, pastry cook at Trump Plaza and a member of the American Culinary Federation's Regional Culinary Team USA, will serve as alumni chef.

The ACCC Foundation also announced plans to bring back the 50/50 raffle, with a drawing to be held

at the April 22 Gala. Tickets will cost \$100, and five cash prizes will be awarded.

At Tuesday's event, **Dr. John May**, ACCC president, and Glenn Ferguson, ACCC Foundation chairman, received a check for \$192,000, the record-breaking proceeds from the 2003 Gala. More than 1,000 people attended the charity event last year. Their contributions, and those of the participating restaurants and sponsors, help ensure that the regional hospitality industry will remain strong with well-trained culinary arts professionals.

Register Today for Effective Marketing Techniques Seminar

Continuing Education will present a one-day seminar featuring Ralph Elliott, an expert on *Effective Conference Marketing*, on Thursday, Oct. 9, at the Sheraton Atlantic City Convention Center Hotel in Atlantic City, from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Elliott's presentation will focus on using direct marketing and the Internet to increase seminar and conference registrations as much as 50 percent. Attendees will learn how to get more mileage out of direct mail campaigns, understand the key criteria for creating an irresistible offer, and select winning programs that are cost effective and low risk. The registration fee is \$295. To register, call ext. 4802.

Paralegal Studies Program Plans Nov. 13 Open House

You are invited to attend an informational session to learn about ACCC's Paralegal Studies Program, which is approved by the American Bar Association. The presentation will cover program requirements, course offerings and course scheduling. Financial assistance, library facilities and student support services will also be discussed. All legal specialty courses in the program are taught by attorneys.

The open house will be held from 5:30-7 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 13, in A-147. If you cannot attend but would like more information about the program, call **Marilyn Malerba Keiner**, coordinator, ext. 4941.

HERE'S THE SCOOP

by **Aline Bennett & Joe Rossi**

Congratulations to Kevin and **Stacey Clapp**, college relations, on the purchase of their first home. The couple moved to Galloway Township last weekend. Good luck!

A softball game is planned for Students vs. Faculty/Staff, 4:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 17. The game will be played on the softball field behind the gym on the Mays Landing main campus. Faculty and staff members interested in playing should contact **Heather Peterson**, registrar, ext. 5008. If you can't play, come out and cheer for your team!

Borders Books and Music is offering a 25 percent discount on personal and classroom purchases on Oct. 10-12. Be sure to show your pay stub or NJEA membership card. Some exclusions apply. Free coffee and tea will be available from Café Borders and there will be 40 percent off on any food or beverage (excluding gourmet packaged gifts). You'll also receive a coupon for a free dessert with purchase of a \$3 beverage Oct. 16-19.

ACCC's Art Gallery will present an exhibit of paintings by Judy Antonelli, through Oct. 31. A reception to meet the artist will be held 1-4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 5. The exhibit features florals and landscapes executed in watercolors, pastels and oils. A watercolor teacher for 28 years, Antonelli is painting in oil, pastel and watercolor. She has had 34 solo shows and has exhibited in numerous national juried shows.

Congratulations to **Shirley Shields**, Learning Assistance Center, and **Karina Mercado**, housekeeping, both of whom have successfully completed their probationary employment status. Nice going!

We regret to report the passing of the beloved father of former Follett Bookstore Manager, Joe Judge. Joe is manager of Follett's Rider University Store. Condolences can be sent to him at 1004 Hill Ave, Langhorne Manor, Pa. 19047 or jjudge@rider.edu.

Renee DeAngelo, student development, will be appearing on *Emeril Live! Thanksgiving with Our Troops at McGuire Air Force Base* at 9 p.m., Nov.16. You go, girl !!

Marion Caccavale, business office, is proud of her son, Anthony, who just started an internship at WJSE, 102.7 radio station.

Get well wishes from all to **Juan Alvarez**, counselor in Student Support Services.

Welcome back to **Electra Stulak**, student development, who returned from medical leave after recovering from surgery.

It was great to see a smiling **Joan Augustine**, retired Board secretary, who stopped in while visiting from Florida. She was on her way to pick up family in Pennsylvania and was heading to Nashville and Savannah for vacation. She also dined with the Board of Trustees. Great to see you, Joan!

Happy birthday to: **Daymis Alicea, Barbara Mottola, Don Nigsch, Thomas Clark**, Oct. 3; **Neelu Kochhar, Jo-Ann Volpe**, Oct. 4; **Rosemarie Conaghy**, Oct. 6; **Sherwood Taylor**, Oct. 7; **Thomas Roesch**, Oct. 8; **Tree McCann**, Oct. 9; **Kathleen Fritz, Vita Stovall**, Oct. 11; **Richard Kalman**, Oct. 13; **Thomas Giardina, Ann McClaskey**, Oct. 15; **Art Wexler**, Oct. 16. Adjunct birthdays: **Idris Ash, Karl Giulian**, Oct. 6; **Kathy Kendall**, Oct. 8; **Lynne Coates**, Oct. 9; **Linda DeSantis, James McCarty**, Oct. 12.

NEWS FROM ACCC'S EXTENSION CENTERS

Greetings from the Charles D. Worthington Atlantic City Center (WACC) by Jean McAlister

We had a great turn out at the Worthington Center celebrating another milestone. Casino Career Institute's 25th Anniversary Kick-off Celebration, which was held Sept. 29. There was a great turn out by students, staff and dignitaries and excellent media coverage. Many thanks to housekeeping staff for your assistance, as well as **Kailin Hackney, Steve Miron**, and **Kara Breder** for setting up the event. Kudos to organizer **Sherwood Taylor**.

There is still room in the Ralph Elliott Seminar, *Effective Seminar/Conference Marketing* on Oct.9. The price for ACCC folks is \$265. Please let your friends in the business know about this wonderful conference. We'll take registrations up until Oct. 7. For more information, contact **Kailin Hackney**, ext. 4802.

Police Officers Gaming Seminar is coming Oct. 20-24. They will be in room 297 for most of their training.

Tech Fest is coming Oct. 21-23, room 204. This event was booked by **Tommy Giardina**. We are working with Randy Fromm, of Slot Tech Magazine, to bring the latest and greatest slot technology locally. This event is just one of the events in celebration of CCI's 25 years serving our community.

Beautiful posters and T-shirts are available for sale supporting our *Beacons by the Sea* project. Great job to **Leon Weisfeld** and **Dharmash Dave** for setting our display on campus. Come to room 134 and purchase yours today.

Office move update: **Carol Drea** is in room 144. **Rich Perniciaro** is in room 299. **Phyllis Bagnell** is near Rich on the second floor. **Pat Owens** is now in room 142.

Great job to the tech team and housekeeping team for making these moves so smooth. Next set of moves happen on Oct. 3 and Oct. 10. We'll keep you posted.

Happy fall...

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

by Lisa Apel-Gendron

We are getting situated after moving our off-site classes from our temporary site at Middle Township High School back to the Technical School Sept. 22. Please note that we have one more evening in October when we have to move back to Middle: Tuesday, Oct. 21. This is the only evening for the rest of the year that we'll be displaced. **Buzz Hauf** is always poised to help faculty and students from his office in Room 319 of the Tech School. Right now his computer is down, but you can reach him by phone at 886-7189, ext. 4010 or ext. 4010 from campus.

Barbara Clark, transcript evaluator, visits CMCEC the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 1-4 p.m. Her visits are a great help to our local students. Many have voiced appreciation for this service enhancement. Thank you, Barbara, for going the extra step for our Cape May County residents.

Please note the following information sessions scheduled at CMCEC. All are free and open to students and the community-at-large:

--Julie Punchello, admissions officer at Thomas Edison State College, will present a drop-in information session, Wednesday, Oct. 15, 4-6:30 p.m., room 1.

--Nancy Fiedler of Richard Stockton College's Teacher Education department will present "Routes to Teacher Certification in NJ," Monday, Oct. 20, 12:15 p.m., room 6. Reservations required by dialing ext. 4100 or 886-7189, ext. 4100.

--Steve Phillips, admissions officer at Richard Stockton College, will present a drop-in information session, Wednesday, Oct. 29, noon-3 p.m., room 1.

The ID machine will visit CMCEC from Oct. 1-10. All new CMCEC students, faculty and staff need to have their IDs taken during this period.

One day and counting...office assistant **Denise O'Connor's** daughter Jennifer is getting married tomorrow, Oct. 4, on the beach in Cape May. The ceremony will be followed by a Hawaiian luau at the O'Connor home. We hope to have pictures for the next edition of the *CommuniCator*.

Enjoy your weekend and hope for good wedding weather!

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Ed Blake will be honored at the March of Dimes eighth annual FDR Community Services Awards later this month. He is on the steering committee for the Press of Atlantic City Restaurant Gala, which benefits scholarships for ACA students.

Rita Michalenko, assistant professor of Art, had an oil painting titled Blue Jacket on exhibit in the 2003 Juried Art Exhibit at Jenkins Arboretum in Devon, Penn., recently.



ACCC President **Dr. John May** received the Southern New Jersey Development Council Education Distinguished Achievement Award at an awards dinner in June. The Council presents awards to outstanding public and private sector organizations/individuals in the eight southern counties of New Jersey each year.

The Family Service Association will present Patrick and **Diane McKoy** and their family with the Family of the Year Award on Thursday, Nov. 13, at the Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa in conjunction with an event celebrating National Family Week. Diane is a former internal auditor for ACCC and treasurer of the Gala Committee.

Dr. John May receives award

ACCC IN THE NEWS

CCI's 25th Anniversary Kickoff was featured in The Press and News Channel 40 this week.

A letter to the editor, written by **Dr. Peter Mora**, interim VP for Cape May, appeared in the Herald Newspapers recently. The letter praised Middle Township School District official for helping ACCC relocated classes that were displaced from the CMCTHS because of construction delays.

A program offered at ACCC by Rutgers for those in family businesses was featured in The Press recently. **Carol Drea**, customized training, was pictured listening intently to a local business owner. Also pictured was **Donna Vassallo**, human resources consultant and ACCC adjunct, who lead the discussion.

A *Philadelphia Inquirer* article about the opening of three new shopping centers in Atlantic City included quotes from **Dr. Richard Perniciaro**, associate dean for the Center for Regional and Business Research, on the city's retail makeover.

A news release on the Hispanic Outreach initiatives appeared in The Press and local weekly newspapers.

Amy Shelton, assistant professor, mathematics, and **Dr. Josette Katz**, dean of academic resources, were quoted in a Press of Atlantic City article about developmental courses and preparation of high school students.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The calendar is updated regularly at www.atlantic.edu/about/monthlycal.shtml.

Scenes from the Mays Landing Campus Power Outage



This emergency transformer outside K building will remain there while the regular K building transformer is being rebuilt.



ITS staff relocated the Data Center and spent many hours getting the college systems back online. Pictured from left, standing, John Feldbauer, Nick Ganaway and Pat Sweeney. Seated is Doug Hedges.



Splicing the cable in the rain.

--Kathy McGowan, editor