

# ATLANTIC CAPE COMMUNICATOR

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## NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

### Cape May County Campus Construction Begins

The site survey is complete, the land is in the process of being cleared and construction trailers are on location for construction to begin on ACCC's Cape May County Campus in Middle Township. Environmental fencing, as mandated by the CAFRA permit, was installed last week. We'll keep you posted.

### Mileage Rates Increase Jan. 1

Beginning Jan. 1, 2004, the standard mileage rates for the use of a car (including vans, pickups, or panel trucks) will be 37.5 cents a mile for all business miles driven, up from 36 cents a mile. There are different rates for medical, moving or mileage related to charitable services. For more information, contact **Cathie Skinner**, executive director of finance, ext. 5102.

### Today is Deadline for Open Enrollment for State Health Benefits

Today is the last day to change health insurance carriers or add a dependent. Forms must be submitted to **Bart Musitano**, benefits coordinator, by the end of the day. Changes will be effective Jan. 1. Any questions, call Bart, ext. 5611 or e-mail [bmusitan@atlantic.edu](mailto:bmusitan@atlantic.edu).

### Best Practices 'Call for Proposals' Deadline Extended

If you haven't turned in your call for proposals for the 2004 Best Practices Conference, there's still time. The deadline was extended to Nov. 20. 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.



### Meet ACCC's New Director of Accounting Operations

**Mike Kernan** has joined the College as director of accounting operations. The Egg Harbor Township resident was controller at B.W. Stetson and Co. of Bridgeton for 14 years and senior accountant with Bally's Park Place of Atlantic City and John Wanamaker's of Philadelphia. The Rutgers University alum was also assistant controller, credit manager and audit supervisor with Hyatt Regency of Buffalo. Welcome, Mike!

### IRC Book Discussion Series Returns; Nov. 14 Event Sold Out

If you signed up for the Book Discussion on Friday, Nov. 14, led by **Marilyn Keiner**, associate professor of paralegal studies, don't forget it starts at 11:30 a.m. in J-202. If you didn't sign up, you missed the boat...it's full. The series is sponsored by the Instructional Resource Committee. Marilyn

will lead the discussion on Ellen Langer's "Mindfulness." A light lunch will be served.

## **Travel to Israel Over Spring Break**

**Yechezkel Leavy**, professor of anthropology and sociology, is planning a trip to Israel over spring break 2004. Participants will tour archaeological, religious and historical sites. For more information, contact Prof. Leavy, ext. 4989 or e-mail [lehavy@atlantic.edu](mailto:lehavy@atlantic.edu).



*From left are Jeremy Smith '03 of Millville, Michelle Dobos '02 of Turnersville, Chris Williams '03 of Palmyra, Sandy Roper '02 of Ship Bottom, Dean Klaus Muller, and Eunique Toney '02 of Woodbine.*

## **ACA Alumni Studying in Switzerland**

Five graduates of ACCC's Academy of Culinary Arts left Oct. 26 for a six-month work-study program in the Swiss Alps. ACCC developed the new program with the IHTTI School of Hotel Management in Neuchatel, Switzerland. The post-graduate course is structured so that the cost of study is almost completely offset by the money earned during the work experience.

Before departing, students learned basic German phrases and other tips from Chef **Klaus Muller**, dean of the ACA, a native of Bremerhaven, Germany. While in Switzerland, the participants will receive classroom instruction, visit prominent culinary locations and work in selected hotels and restaurants in the Swiss Alps resorts before returning to New Jersey in April.

## **Free Seniors Financial and Estate Planning Workshop Nov. 15**

A Seniors Financial and Estate Planning Workshop takes place 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Nov. 15 in Walter Edge Theater on the Mays Landing main campus. Admission is free. Presenters include Matthew J. Reynolds, a CPA from Capaldi, Reynolds and Pelosi; and Ronald Wagenheim, a taxation specialist from Cooper, Levenson.

## **Students Can Earn College Credits in Just 11 Days with Winter Term Jan. 2-15**

Students can earn college credits in just 11 days Jan. 2-15 with ACCC's Winter Term. It's a good time to brush up on your math skills, ease your spring semester course load, or get a jump on graduation. All classes meet Friday, Jan. 2; Saturday, Jan. 3; Monday, Jan. 5 through Friday, Jan. 9; and Monday, Jan. 12 through Thursday, Jan. 15, unless otherwise noted.

Students can register at any ACCC location Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Dec. 3 through Dec. 19 with extended registration hours until 7 p.m., Dec. 3 & 4 and 8 a.m. until the class start time on Friday, Jan. 2. ACCC will be closed for the holiday break beginning Dec. 20, but registrations will be accepted by fax: 609-343-4921. Returning students can register online at [www.atlantic.edu](http://www.atlantic.edu). Look for a Winter Term schedule in the spring tabloid coming soon.

## **Last Day for Bookstore Extra 25% Discount on Imprinted Sweats**

The Bookstore's "Change in the Weather" sale ends today. This is the last chance to save an additional 25% off imprinted sweatpants and sweat shirts. Faculty and staff will get their usual 10% off sweats, then an additional 25% off.

## **Employee Holiday Party Dec. 13; Get Your Tickets Today**

The ACCC Employee Holiday Party is Saturday, Dec. 13, at the Historic Smithville Inn. All employees are invited. Tickets are \$25 per person, which includes hors d'oeuvres, dinner and dancing

to the music of DJ Eric. Dinner includes tossed salad, choice of Prime Rib or Chicken Cordon Bleu, and chocolate mousse for dessert. Contact **Loretta Dicker**, ext. 5021; **Svetlana Marzelli**, ext. 5017; **Dorie Keener**, ext. 4920; **Janet DeCicco**, ext. 5212; **Ann McClaskey**, ext. 4874; and **Julia Ratliff**, ext. 5601, for tickets.

### **Veterans Day Ceremony Planned for Nov. 11**

A Veterans Day ceremony is planned for 12:15 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 11, in the outer cafeteria on the Mays Landing campus. Participants include **Dr. John May**, delivering welcoming remarks; a salute by the honor guard from the 177<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing Air National Guard; David Hulteen, retired veteran; and ACCC student Rebecca Lee, a staff sergeant in the Air National Guard. Invocation will be delivered by the Rev. Jeff Burton. Music selections will be performed by **Dr. Jodi Handler**, assistant professor, physical therapist assistant program. The event was planned by ACCC's veterans' affairs and financial aid office. Light refreshments will be served. All are invited to attend.

### **International Festivals Planned for Nov. 25 in Mays Landing and Atlantic City**

The Cross Cultural Student Association will present its Annual International Festival with celebrations on the Mays Landing campus and at the Worthington Atlantic City Center, Tuesday, Nov. 25.

Students, staff and faculty are invited to wear traditional cultural clothing on all campuses that day in celebration. Three \$20 gift certificates to the bookstore will be awarded for the best dressed.

A Cultural Display contest will be held in the Mays Landing main campus cafeteria, as well an International Lunch. The club and many of the ESL classes are expected to enter the contest. Two prizes will be awarded for the best displays. Faculty are encouraged to ask students to participate in the activities. Prizes will be awarded at 1 p.m.

Bus transportation from the City Center will be provided to campus for the contest and luncheon. Reservations for a seat on the bus must be made with **Elinor Mattern**, ESL instructor, ext. 4880, or **Michael Kammer**, ESL assistant professor, ext. 4879.

The Atlantic City Center cafeteria will be decorated with flags from different countries during November. A world map listing the native countries and names of many of the City Center students will be on display.

The movie, *Monsoon Wedding*, will be shown at the City Center, 12:30-2 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 20, room 204, and 12:30 p.m., Nov. 25, in the Mays Landing main campus cafeteria. For more information, call Mattern or Kammer.



*ACA graduate Julius Rosato showed off his ice carving skills in front of Walter Edge Hall at the ACA Homecoming.*

### **ACA Homecoming A Day of Food, Fun**

The Fourth Annual Homecoming and Open House at the ACA on Oct. 24 drew about 250 alumni, family members and friends of current ACA students.

The day started with a continental breakfast and welcome from Chef **Kelly McClay**, assistant director of the ACA. Demonstrations by alumni followed, including Smoked Mozzarella and Portabella Mushroom Napoleon by **Jeremiah Hoy '01**, and Wild Mushroom Risotto by **Linda Maslanko '94**. Chilly morning temperatures were ideal for an ice carving demonstration by **Julius Rosato '95**.

Current students impressed their parents in a Culinary Knowledge Bowl, a Pumpkin Recipe Contest and with tours of the kitchens. Following a buffet lunch in Careme's, chef educators **Annemarie Chelius** and **Jeffrey Phillips**, and Dean **Klaus Muller**, demonstrated their favorite dishes.

Parents joined the fun in two parent-student competitions that paired a student and family member in a challenge to prepare a full meal in less than an hour. The Culinary Student Association raised funds by selling homemade apple butter, blueberry jam, chocolate-covered apples and Cajun rubs.

Chef educators **Daniel Matt** and **Jeffrey Phillips** put together a display of nearly 50 culinary-related antiques. When combined the items have a total age of more than 5,400 years. Some items include a tool to de-horn steers that were going to slaughter in the 19th century and a Chinese fishing net buoy. The items will remain on display in a glass case in C Wing until Thanksgiving.

The day ended with an hors d'oeuvres reception in Careme's allowing family and alumni to meet informally with chef educators and office staff. "Homecoming was a total success—very active, very informative," Chef Matt said. "Everyone loved the demos and said we should do this once a semester, not once a year."

### **PECC Campaign Needs Your Help**

The annual Atlantic County Public Employees Charitable Campaign (PECC) ends Nov. 14 and we've reached just 44 percent of our goal. Please support the organization(s) of your choice and help us reach our goal of \$14,700. Contact **Janet Brenner** via e-mail at [brenner@atlantic.edu](mailto:brenner@atlantic.edu), or call ext. 4992, if you did not receive a packet. Look for exciting drawings next week for those who donate.

### **ACCCers Raise \$1,272 For Walk to D'Feet ALS**

Eighteen walkers from ACCC raised \$1,272 to fight Lou Gehrig's Disease in memory JoAnn Goudie, beloved wife of **Bob Goudie**, former dean of administration and business services, at the Second Annual Ocean City Boardwalk Walk to D'Feet ALS. The event drew nearly 1,000 walkers, making up 45 teams and raising more than \$180,000. **Terry Sampson** has a few T-shirts left for those who donated but were unable to walk. Call Terry, ext. 5116, and mark your calendar for Oct. 2 for next year's event.

### **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, noon, Wednesday, Nov. 5. The play was written by Pulitzer Prize-winning Playwright Thornton Wilder. Faculty are asked to encourage their students to attend. Tickets are required and are available by calling **Lisa Givens**, ext. 5010.

### **Next TIAA-CREF Visit Nov. 11**

The next TIAA-CREF visit is Tuesday, Nov. 11, 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.

### **'Taste of the Gala' Cooking Demonstrations Planned**

Area residents can sample the culinary delights of several local restaurants and ACA chefs at three "Taste of the Gala" events leading up to the 21st Annual Press of Atlantic City Restaurant Gala. The demonstration and tasting events are Tuesday, Dec. 2; Thursday, Feb. 12; and Thursday, March 11. Each demonstration will be held from 6-8 p.m. in room M-129.

Cost per person is \$25, and reservations are required. Proceeds benefit scholarships at ACCC through

the ACCC Foundation. The demonstrations serve as teasers to the Restaurant Gala to be held Thursday, April 22, 2004. The Gala previews offer participating restaurants the opportunity to showcase their talents to a new audience in a venue synonymous with gourmet food. For more information or Taste of the Gala reservations, call **Stacey Clapp**, ext. 5632.



*New PCs in K133 purchased through Perkins Grant*

### **K133 Receives Updated Computers**

As part of the Perkins Grant for FY04, new computers were purchased for K133. The systems were purchased to support the vocational programs at the college. The computers are Pentium 4s, with 2.6 Ghz processors, 1 GB RAM, 21” monitors and Windows XP Professional.

### **Free Microsoft Excel Training**

Don't forget to sign up for free Microsoft software training offered by Human Resources for full- and part-time employees. Microsoft Excel training offered next month on the Mays Landing main campus will be held 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., room B-124, including: *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 **Pat Kubaska**, workforce training, on the passing of her partner, Anthony Randon. Condolences can be sent to Pat at 86-J Fairway Court, Lakewood, N.J., 08701.

**Marion Caccavale**, accounts payable, sent the following note: “Angelo & I would like to thank everyone for the cards and prayers with the passing of his mother. We deeply appreciate your kindness.”—Marion



*Nicolò Michael Armao*

Congratulations to **Dr. Agnes Armao**, vice president of academic and student affairs, on the birth of her first grandchild, Nicolò (Nico) Michael Armao. He arrived at about 12:30 p.m. Arizona time on Oct. 16 weighing 6 lbs., 1 oz., and measuring 19.5 inches long. Proud parents are Drew and Stephanie Armao. Congratulations to all!

**Mitch Mischlich**, security, made a presentation at the Cape May County Historical Museum on Oct. 27, on the Revolutionary War. Keep up the good work, Mitch.

Welcome aboard to:

--**Lelia Martin**, new scoreboard keeper for ACCC basketball games.

--**Nicholas Taylor**, part-time PC tech operator in ITS. Nick is an ACCC student.  
--**Wendy McDaniel**, part-time parking guard for the Worthington Atlantic City Center.

Welcome aboard to:

--**Michael Gehres**, part-time athletic trainer for men's basketball. Mike will be at all home games to provide first aid and treatment to the athletes.  
--**Christine Cotterell**, a C++ tutor for the Learning Assistance Center.  
--**Chris Eichinger**, part-time admissions assistant.

Thanks to those who supported the American Red Cross blood drive held Oct. 14. ACCC fell short of the goal of 40 pints, with 32 presented and 23 pints collected.

We recently heard from **Muriel Jacoby**, former chairperson of the nursing department. She and her husband, Ray, will be heading for Beijing in mid-November for six months. They will be teaching English as a Second Language to Beijing Y staff as they prepare for the 2008 Olympics, and sharing their knowledge and experience in community service, health programs and volunteer development. They are in Sofia, Bulgaria, visiting their daughter, Laura, and her family. Muriel and Ray are helping Laura with training of Peace Corp volunteers and staff.

**Janice Leach**, retired professor of nursing; **Barbara Chamberlain**, former associate professor of nursing; and **Joy Roehnert**, former assistant professor of nursing, authored a program that was presented at the National League for Nursing Education Summit in San Antonio, Texas, last month. Janice and Barbara presented the breakout session. Joy was unable to attend. The same group did a poster presentation at the Summit last year in Anaheim, Calif. It is the fourth consecutive year that Janice and Barbara have presented at this prestigious meeting. Congratulations!

Deepest sympathy to Sheila and **John May** on the death of her brother, Roderick New, age 54, of Atascadero, Calif., who died Oct. 29 after a long illness.



*Nathan and Michele Farrell*

**Caesar Niglio**, financial aid, proudly shares this photo of his sister, **Michele Niglio**, and congratulates her on her marriage to Nathan Farrell on Oct. 8, on the beaches of Hawaii. Michele works as a part-time office assistant in faculty support.

Shore Toyota is offering no-hassle prices starting at 1% over factory invoice for all ACCC employees. You must refer to their "Internet Offer" when you call, e-mail, or visit their new location, 4326 Black Horse Pike, a few miles east of ACCC's Mays Landing main campus. E-mail Caren Fitzpatrick to schedule a test drive at [caren@shoretoyota.com](mailto:caren@shoretoyota.com).

Happy birthday to: **Nicasio Rabino**, Oct. 31; **Claire Farnum**, **Thomas Borucki**, Nov. 1; **Butch Drozdov**, **Gretchen Harris**, Nov. 4; **Sue Weisgerber**, Nov. 9; **Jean McAlister**, **James Usilton**, Nov. 10; **John Kyere**, Nov. 11; **Mary Ann Ferrigno**, Nov. 12; **Phyllis Bagnell**, Nov. 13; Adjunct birthdays: **Thomas Innocente**, **Buddy Jacobs**, Oct. 31; **Sally Anderson**, **Robert Ferris**, Nov. 1; **Carmen Alessi**, Nov. 4; **Crystal Forkan**, Nov. 6; **Amy Annee**, Nov. 7; **Gwen McIntyre**, Nov. 13.

## NEWS FROM ACCC'S EXTENSION CENTERS

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

by **Jean McAlister**

Welcome **Maureen Brandt**, part-time office assistant, who replaces **Kay Pandit** from 4-7 p.m., in room 134. We wish a fond farewell to Kay. She will be missed by all of us.

A fond farewell to **Donna Jones-Wills**, workshops, who leaves Nov. 5. She will be missed. **Steve Miron** will now be taking registrations for continuing ed classes, ext. 4829.

New and exciting continuing education courses are planned for spring. Courses include *Front Office Skills for the Medical Assistant*, *The Art of Rodin* bus trip, and *Proper Tea-making and Serving* to name a few.

Welcome to the mid-semester ESL classes that started on Oct. 27. Now our space is really full.

We're excited about the International Festival activities planned at the City Center and on the Mays Landing main campus! See related article on page 3.

Great job to Student Services Department on their Pumpkin Decorating Party and Alcohol Awareness event on Oct.29.

The Second Annual Secret Santa program starts Nov. 1. We'll start with placing the gifts in the gift basket. Start thinking about what cool gift you'd like to give and we celebrate the gift of giving without knowing who it came from...This was a great event last year.

Look for "City Center's Untraditional Thanksgiving Celebration." Mark your calendar for Nov. 25. Details to come.

The Department of Labor's Workforce Initiative Board is here with the first of a series of seminars starting 9 a.m., Nov. 5 in room 204.

The Professional Securities Bureau returns to City Center at 9 a.m. on Nov. 5 in room 215.

Happy Halloween!

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

by **Lisa Apel-Gendron**

Well, many of us wondered if it would ever happen. It looks like the long wait is over and work on our new campus has really begun. What an exciting time for our students, faculty and staff in Cape May County. We are pumped!

A big thanks to **Ed Perkins**, facilities management, for installing new lighting ballasts in one of our computer labs. We appreciate your help, Ed. We can see clearly now. Sounds like a good line for a song!

Ed brought with him **Pete "Pistol" Ranere**, our construction manager for the new campus. Great meeting you, Pistol. Now that you've seen CMCEC, you know why we need this campus! ☺

Please hold good thoughts for the parents of psychology adjunct instructor **Cynthia Sosnowski**. They

were involved in a serious car crash several weeks ago in Burlington County. Although badly bruised and suffering from multiple fractures, they are recuperating nicely and are expected to make a full recovery.

Did we mention how good it is having **Dr. Art Wexler** back at CMCEC? Art is back in his former locale teaching psychology on Wednesday afternoons. Many of the team members with whom he worked are still here, so it's fun catching up on news. We have had our share of spirited discussions about the Yankees and Marlins, but it's all in good fun.

We have a new non-credit computer workshop running, thanks to **Pat Kubaska**, senior instructor/program coordinator for workforce training. *Adobe Photo Elements*, taught by **Kieko Schrottke**, started last Saturday and concludes tomorrow. We enjoyed a nice turnout for the initial offering.

Nancy Fiedler of Stockton College's teacher education department spoke to an audience of about 35 people on Oct. 20 at CMCEC. Among them was CMCEC's student services representative **Matt Bailey**. Nancy helped students and graduates alike understand the latest state requirements for elementary and secondary certification.

Thanks to our Tuesday evening Tech School instructors who graciously moved their classes to Middle Township High School for Oct. 21 classes. That's our last scheduled move for the semester. Faculty support representative **Buzz Hauf** appreciates the patience and good humor of all of our Tech School instructors. They are certainly a flexible group! Thank you!

Congratulations to CMCEC English adjunct **Vickie Melograno** on her selection as outcomes and assessment program coordinator. We're very happy for you, Vickie!

Enjoy the weekend!

## **ACCC IN THE NEWS**

NJ Biz ran a story on Sept. 1 titled, "Is There a Nurse in the House?" The story quoted Dr. May saying that ACCC would double the size of its nursing class next year as long as area hospitals would foot the bill and open their doors for more clinical training.

An article in The Press states that Local 54 and ACCC are working on a plan to redevelop the former Pennsylvania Avenue fire station in Atlantic City into an education center. In addition to helping place individuals into entry-level jobs, the center would provide skill enhancement training to existing casino workers, the article said. "This will also focus on people already in the industry by giving them the skills the need to move up the career ladder and progress," said **Dr. Peter Mora**, interim vice president of continuing education and Cape May.

The promotions of **Dr. Josette Katz**, **Gina Skinner** and **Carmen Royal** appeared in The Press on Oct. 26.

Chef **Michael Huber** wrote an article which appeared in The Press on Oct. 25 titled, "Just Add Beer." Recipes and photos of dishes prepared by Chef Huber using beer accompanied the story. Michael said "I began cooking with beer in the early '70s while attending college. Red, White and Blue beer cost 85 cents for three quarts. Boone's Farm wine cost several dollars per quart. Pure economics made my decision." The dishes sound delicious, Michael. We're going to try them!

The ACA Homecoming event was featured on News Channel 40, Action News TV Channel 6 and in

the Times Graphics newspapers.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**Neelu Kochhar**, Job Readiness, became a U.S. Citizen on Oct. 8.

**Dr. Richard Perniciaro**, dean of ACCC's Center for Regional and Business Resources, was appointed to the Economic Development Advisory Commission. His term runs through July 1, 2006.

**Kathy Corbalis**, college relations, is serving her third term as chairperson of the Delaware Valley Community College Marketing Group, a consortium of 18 colleges from New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware.

**Geoffrey Pettifer**, college relations, is serving as vice president of programs for the Greater Atlantic City Public Relations Council.

Dolores Coulter, Democratic challenger for the 9<sup>th</sup> District Assembly race, was recently endorsed by The Press, who said she would be "a charismatic, tenacious assemblywoman who could make her presence felt immediately... She is the strongest Democratic challenger to emerge in Ocean County in years." Coulter is the mother of ACCC's Assistant Professor of English, **Denise Coulter**.



*Four members of ACCC's award-winning Archery Team were named to the 2003 All America team for superior archery performance. Three of those students were also named to the 2003 USA Archery All-Academic Team for superior performance in the field of archery and academic excellence. The awards were presented by the National Archery Association of the United States. Pictured, from left to right, are Dr. John T. May, Dr. Helen Bolnick, ACCC head archery coach; Sagar Mistry (both), Christie Bisco, Noah Patterson (both), Tomas Wartownik (both), George Sorg, assistant archery coach; and Nancy Porfido, director of student programs and athletics.*

## 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