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## NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

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### Sept. 17 Payroll to Include \$3 Deduction

The New Jersey State Legislature has established a Medical Malpractice Liability Insurance Premium Assistance Fund to be administered by the Department of Labor and Workforce Development. The fund's purpose is "to assure that the residents of New Jersey continue to have access to highly trained physicians in all specialties."

All employers are subject to this annual (calendar year) assessment and have the option of deducting the \$3 amount from each employee. The payroll of Sept. 17 shall include a \$3 deduction from all full- and part-time employees.

Those coming onto the payroll after Sept. 17 and before Dec. 31, 2004, shall be charged as well. The 2005 deduction will be taken in January. This is not a tax and will not be recorded on W-2 forms. For more information, call ext. 5108.

### ITS Recommendation: Do Not Install Windows XP 'Critical Update' Service Pack 2

**John Feldbauer**, ITS, recommends that you DO NOT install the new Service Pack 2 for Windows XP on your computers here or at home until further notice. He has read several reviews that the updates are causing major problems with PCs. The service pack was released as a critical update recently. After performing several tests, John will get back to you on future recommendations.

### Annual Open House and College Fair Oct. 3

ACCC and the ACA will hold an Open House on Sunday, Oct. 3, on the Mays Landing main campus from 1-3 p.m. in conjunction with the 41st Annual College Fair. Information on various college services and career and academic programs will be available. Information about the culinary program, its alumni, career opportunities and placement will be available.

Nearly 100 colleges, including The College of New Jersey, Drexel University, New Jersey Institute of Technology, Rowan University, Rutgers University, Tuskegee University and University of Delaware, are expected to attend.

The College Fair is sponsored by the Atlantic County Branch of the American Association of University Women and the Kiwanis Club of Atlantic City. For more information call **Linda McLeod**, ext. 5009, or or e-mail [mcleod@atlantic.edu](mailto:mcleod@atlantic.edu).

## Volunteers Needed for Voter Registration

Student clubs will recruit members and students to register to vote, Tuesday-Thursday, Sept. 7-9. Volunteers are needed to work the voter registration table in the quad from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. each day and 5-7 p.m. in A building on Tuesday, Sept. 7. The Student Government Association wants to take an active role in the voting process by making sure all students who are eligible to vote have the opportunity to register. If you can help, call **Aline Bennett**, ext. 5089.

## \$5 Donation Gives You 10-20% Off Boscov's Purchases on Oct. 5

ACCC's Foundation is offering a chance for you to help the college while saving 20 percent on your shopping. Donate just \$5 to ACCC and receive 20% off your purchases\* all day Tuesday, Oct. 5, at Boscov's. Get a head start on your holiday shopping. Boscov's offers free holiday gift wrap, door prizes, refreshments and chances to win a \$1,000 shopping spree that day.

\*The following are exceptions to this offer: 10% discount on domestics, luggage, gifts, china, glassware and housewares, home health care products, small appliances, furniture department, juvenile products, men's & ladies athletic footwear, grills, sporting goods, major appliances, stereos, electronics & toys. The following items are exempt from discount: cosmetics & fragrances, firearms and ammunition, Travelcenter, Ticket Master, Ritz Camera, Hair Center, installation, Optical & Hearing, Dept. 56 Collectibles, gift certificates, layaway payments, and payments on your account.

To purchase your \$5 shopping pass, see **Ellen Gregory** in the President's Office, ext. 4901, or e-mail [egregory@atlantic.edu](mailto:egregory@atlantic.edu). Please make checks payable to ACCC and send to Ellen.

## HERE'S THE SCOOP



*Dottie Tarabula*

We are sad to report the passing of two well-loved ACCC retirees. **Dottie Tarabula**, 78, died on Aug. 19. Dottie retired in November after serving ACCC for 13 years as a financial aid part-timer. She will be missed. Unfortunately, Dottie was injured in a fall and was unable to join us at the Employee Service Awards in May as planned.

Dottie arrived at ACCC with a heavy heart shortly after her beloved husband Lou's death in 1990. She was trying to cope and keep busy. "It was the best thing I ever did," said Dottie of her ACCC career. "Many of you helped me through the grieving process. You're like a second family to me." At her raucous retirement party, she told her ACCC friends, "I'll miss the people atmosphere here. I love the students. The young people are so much fun to be around." We'll miss you, Dottie!



*Paul Schwenger*

**Paul Schwenger**, retired receiving and inventory clerk, beloved mailman and avid Yankees fan, passed on Aug. 24. He retired from ACCC on June 30, 2000. Paul celebrated his 82nd birthday on June 19. Shortly before the death of his beloved wife, Rita, on June 3, he promised he would join her soon. They never spent a wedding anniversary apart, and their daughter, Peggy, said, "they were joined in heaven in time for their 54<sup>th</sup> anniversary, which is this week." **Terry Sampson** ordered a Yankees logo flower spray for the funeral service from Paul's many friends at ACCC. Paul's family said they were "thrilled with the display and thank all ACCCers who contributed." **Marge Mettelle** and Terry are still collecting for a group contribution to St. Nicholas School in Egg Harbor City. A list of contributors to the flower fund and scholarship fund will be sent to the family next week. If you'd still like to contribute,

make checks payable to Terry or give cash conations to Terry or Marge by noon, Friday, Sept. 10.

Welcome new faculty members: **Jay Peterson**, developmental English; **James Icklan**, business and paralegal; and **Suanne Bernacki**, nursing; **John Atsu-Swanzy**, developmental math; **Heather Boone**, social science; **Guillermo Laya**, ESL/Spanish; **Keith Forrest**, speech; **Sandra Linek**, chemistry; and **JoAnna Johns**, nursing.

Get well wishes to **Taffy Peterson**, division office, who was hospitalized recently.

Welcome aboard to **Tina Maganelli**, part-timer in the library, and **Elizabeth Yesko**, part-time instructor, Adult Basic Education/GED.

We heard from several retirees recently. **Tom and Nita Brown**, retired science professor and academics, respectively, are still having fun running trains and doing shows. Their railroad and flower gardens are taking most of their time in the summer months. Nita said she went to her 50th high school reunion in Charleston, WV, in July and had a great time renewing friendships. "We all aged about the same and it didn't seem like 50 years," she said. They also just got back from a model train convention in Mystic Seaport, CT, where they rode picnic trains for lunch and dinner and took boat rides and enjoyed clam bakes. Fourteen of their family members were there and their banquet was at Foxwood. Tom and Nita are active in their church where they are elders and serve on several committees. She is also financial secretary. Nita drives the elderly to doctors, etc. Tom continues to speak at garden clubs, seniors events etc. on many subjects but mostly plants. They plan to go to Bellingham, Wash., in late October by train. Glad you're enjoying retirement!

**Fred Sterling**, respiratory therapy, has enjoyed retirement since 1987 and says he is still going strong. "Must have been from all the salt water taffy I ate," he said. His mailing address is 405 Morristown Cay, Vero Beach, FL 32966 and his new e-mail address is: [fmsterling@bellsouth.net](mailto:fmsterling@bellsouth.net). "It makes me feel good to read about the progress of ACCC and my fellow active and retired colleagues," he said.

**John Carbone**, retired chef educator, is recovering from a fractured hip, but says he is doing well now. He has traveled all over the world since his retirement.

**Kathy McGowan**, college relations, is excited that her brother and his family will be featured on a new ABC television show, *Wife Swap*. Commercials are airing daily. Brother Brad, his wife, Lynn, and their girls, Laura, 13, and Hannah, 12, filmed the premiere episode in February. Lynn, a school bus driver and woodcutter, swapped houses with a woman from Upper East Side Manhattan. She had to live the life of "Jodi" for the first five days and run the household by her rules the next five. The family has appeared in *Time*, *Newsweek*, *Entertainment Weekly* and numerous other publications, as well as on many television shows promoting the series. They will also appear on *Good Morning America*, *The View* and others. The show will air Wednesday, Sept. 29, 10 p.m. on ABC network.

**Penny Wells**, science lab manager/chemical compliance, was pictured with a recent Asbury Park Press article about area residents attending house parties to watch the Democratic Convention and discuss national politics.

**Dave Capelli**, theater manager, had a great time in Athens as a volunteer for the Olympics. You can view some of Dave's pictures and read about his adventures at his Web site: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/davesgreekadventure/>. Dave writes, "Athens is now like Times Square 15 minutes after the ball drops, empty and boring. The Olympics are over, everybody has gone home. Did the island thing, did the old building thing, did the ancient artifact thing. I'm ready...will be back to ACCC soon. Catching up on my journal entries, so much has happened in these last few days of the

Olympics, I have gotten a little behind.

“I’ve seen and done things I’ve never imagined. I can’t wait to share them with everyone. This has indeed been an experience that I will remember forever. No journal entry or photograph could record the feelings and events I’ve felt and seen. I think I’ve been more emotional in the past two weeks than I have my whole life. I had gotten a little teary eyed watching the closing ceremony, just at the time they transferred flags, from Athens to Beijing. My friend Bek, next to me said that she understood the tears, and thought I was sad because it was all over. But she was wrong, I was crying because I was happy. Happy to have been a part of this incredible, once in a lifetime event that I will never forget. Happy tears, good tears. Now that it’s all over, I’m not sure I can think of anything that could top it.

“I can’t wait to get to back New Jersey. Dorothy was right...There's no place like home. But if I've learned anything being here at The 2004 Olympics in Athens, being part of this global event, it's that home isn't a physical building, a house, my car, a favorite chair or even a 468 seat theater... Home is that special place in your heart where you keep thoughts of the ones you truly love. Home has been with me all this time, I just needed an extinguished flame to show me.” - Dave

Deepest sympathy to **Fr. John Bryant**, math, on the death of his mother. Fr. Bryant sent this note: “Thank you for your kind expression of sympathy in the loss of our mother. It is comforting to know that so many care.” Fr. John Bryant and Family

Deepest sympathy to Chef Educators **Dan** and **Annamarie Matt** on the death of Dan’s mother, Lillian, on Aug. 23. Condolences can be sent to the Matt’s at 5916 Orange Street, Mays Landing, NJ 08330.

We are sorry to hear that **Henry Spier**, English adjunct and part-timer in research, will be out the fall semester after complications from surgery following a bad fall.

**Happy Birthday: Richard Gibbons, Donna McArthur, Virgilio Yray, Sept. 3; Michael Kammer, Sept. 4; Raymond Brewer, Nancy Porfido, Sept. 7; Ellen Clark, Lynn Lessie, Sept. 8; Caesar Niglio, Sept. 9; Jeffrey Phillips, Frank Eastlack, Agnes Gallo, Sept. 10; Donald Tietje, Sept. 11; Paula Manns, Sept. 12; Paula Davis, Louis Guilford, Sept. 13; William Bailey, Lois Adcock, Sept. 14. Adjunct birthdays: Frank Basso, James King, Sept. 5; Chris Perillo, John Gibbons, Sept. 6; John Keenan, Sept. 8; Dominick DePhilippis, Sept. 10; Dennis Piermattei, Ephraim Shochet, Sept. 11; Alexandra Cokenakes, Sept. 13; Karen Fisher-Tyska, Sept. 16.**

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

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

**by Brittany A. Williams**

City Center is flurry of activity amid CCI classes, construction and extended registration for the Fall semester.

A fond farewell to **Emily Brown**, admissions, who joins the Pleasantville school system as a full-time teacher’s aide. Emily worked part-time at the college for nearly two years. Good luck Emily, we’ll miss you!

**Thom Partin**, from Mays Landing admissions, will be filling in at City Center during extended registration. Thanks Thom and welcome! Thom will be at ext.4878.

Welcome back to **Maureen Brandt**, evening cashier!

Have you seen the new Health Professions Institute brochure for fall 2004? Be sure to check it out. Continuing education and college relations outdid themselves on the 16-page brochure that details Medical Billing and Coding, Patient Care Associate, Spanish for Health Care Workers, Pharmacy Technician, Professional Development for School Nurses and others.

Much of City Center staff is also returning to school this fall. Employees **Kailin Hackney** (Rutgers), **Brittany Williams** (UPenn), **Lynette Ingram** (Capella), **Darick Garrison** (ACCC), and **Angela Wang** (Rutgers) will return to their respective campuses.

**Carol Nicastro** is pleased to announce that the ESL class slated to begin on Sept. 7 as part of the Retail Skills Training program is full. The ESL class will be offered again and inquiries should be sent to Carol at [cnicastr@atlantic.edu](mailto:cnicastr@atlantic.edu). If you haven't heard, the retail skills training program will offer participants adult basic education, ESL, basic PC skills and mathematics, and customer service. The training is free and takes four weeks to complete. It will be held at the Atlantic County One Stop Center. Plans for an eventual training site at the Hamilton Mall are pending a match commitment from the Department of Labor.

Associate Dean **Pat Owens** is happy to announce that the Casino Career Institute will welcome six new students from the Macao Tourism and Casino Career Centre in October. The students will enroll in Train the Trainers programs: four in surveillance classes and two in Cage Cashier.

In addition, Pat is pleased that a grant through Public/Private Ventures will bring two consultants to ACCC, Sept. 8-9. The two-day conference will be presented to ACCC staff and employer contacts. It is designed to help move ACCC to the next level in employer relations and "make us even more wildly successful than we already are," Pat said.

**Linda Dolan's** son, Joe, of Kingston, N.Y., was recently married! Linda received an e-mail from her son announcing that he would be getting married at 2 p.m. that same day. Linda and her husband said they were both shocked and thrilled. The family later joined Joe and his new wife, Megan, in Mallorca, Spain, for their honeymoon and a renewal of their vows.

Enrollments are up from last fall for eArmyU. In fall 2003, its first year, approximately 25 students applied to ACCC via the eArmyU program. That number has more than tripled for the fall 2004 semester. If you are not familiar with the college's partnership with Army personnel, the US Army has created an innovative program of higher education - Army University Access Online (known as eArmyU). eArmyU provides access to quality education for enlisted soldiers across the globe, helping them further their professional and personal goals and providing the Army with top preparation for its forces. ACCC is one of 29 institutions across the nation selected to participate. Learn more at [earmyu.com](http://earmyu.com).

Congratulations to **Rummy Pandit**, who was recently promoted by Rutgers State University to assistant dean and executive director of the Bachelor's of Hospitality Management program. His office is at City Center, room 254.

From the construction corner: **Jean McAlister** reports that the bookstore will be in the lobby of City Center during the first week of classes. The construction team is right on schedule and is replacing the duct work in the cafeteria, which is scheduled to be completed at the end of October. The team will begin tearing down the duct work in the lobby around Sept. 14 or 15.

**Ann McClaskey** is happy to share that she expects to be a great grandmother in three months. Photos and news will be shared when available.

Student Services welcomes back **Louella Wilson**. Louella, even in her retirement, remains a steady presence at ACCC. She can be reached at ext. 4893.

Volunteers are needed at the City Center to help students with voter registration Sept. 7-9, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Call **John Mohr**, ext. 4897.

Wacky Wednesdays and Mocha Mondays are about to start! Get involved and sponsor an event by contacting **Daymis Alicea**, ext.4832.

## **Hello from Rio Grande, the Cape May County Technical School and the US Coast Guard Training Center – Cape May!** by **Lisa Apel-Gendron**



**Lori Gendron**, stepdaughter of **Lisa Apel-Gendron**, CMCEC director, was married in Cape May on Aug. 21. Pictured, at left, Lisa and her husband, Howie. (See the bride's photo under Alumni, page 6.

It's our last fall semester in Rio Grande and we are glad to get started!

Credit classes are offered in Rio Grande, the Coast Guard Base in Cape May and the Cape May County Technical High School in Cape May Court House. Continuing Ed classes are offered in Rio Grande and the Tech School. As of Sept. 2, our mini-division office at the Technical School is open Monday through Thursday from 4-9:30 p.m., room 319. We're pleased to welcome back the unflappable **Buzz Hauf**, who staffs that office, ext. 4010 or 886-7189, ext. 4010 off-campus, and his e-mail is [bhauf@atlantic.edu](mailto:bhauf@atlantic.edu)

Faculty support services for those who teach in Rio Grande or at the Coast Guard base are available in Rio Grande.

The college bookstore completed a successful visit to CMCEC Aug. 24 and 25. Dozens of students bought and sold books. Thanks to the entire bookstore team for making the trip to CMCEC possible. Our Continuing Ed division will sponsor a workshop on the *New Pathways to Teaching* program at CMCEC on Saturday, Sept. 18, 10 a.m.-noon. For more information, contact **Rachel Wettstein**, ext. 5658.

**Linda Hair**'s daughter, Lisa Sager, is back in veterinary school, while her husband, Edward, a major in the Marine Corps, heads to California and then to Iraq. We wish them both well as they face plenty of challenges this fall.

The entire CMCEC team is proud of **Denise O'Connor**'s daughter, **Jennifer Lapsley**, an ACCC and Rowan grad, who has secured a teaching position with the Richard Teitelman School (grades seven and eight) in Lower Township. You go Jennifer!

**Melissa Moy** and fiancé Walter Todd have aching muscles, but they're proud of the renovation job they're just finishing on their new home in Lower Township. The house needed work, but Melissa and Walter were up to the challenge. The happy homeowners will finish moving over Labor Day weekend. Then it's time for a celebration! Great job, Melissa and Walt.

**Faith Gager**, financial aid, took a quick trip to Florida recently and **Matt Bailey**, student services,

enjoyed fishing on the Chesapeake.

Our tutoring team of **Bob Williams**, **Yusuf Gunawan**, **Al Alessi** and **Javad Razizad** returns the week of Sept. 7. Lab techs **Dereck Pruszinski** and **Mike Hadrava** were back on the job, Sept. 2.

Interoffice mail is delivered at CMCEC and the Tech School each Monday and Wednesday morning. Those are the only two mail exchanges each week, so please plan ahead when sending mail or packages to Cape May County. If you have questions, please contact receiving, ext. 5118.

Enjoy the long weekend!

## ACCC IN THE NEWS

The Current newspapers published an article on distance education, which included information on ACCC's online courses.

The Current newspapers ran a front page article on a new study, which forecast rising Egg Harbor City enrollment, presented to the district at the Board of Education meeting by **Dr. Rich Perniciaro**, associate dean, Center for Regional and Business Research at ACCC.

**Lynn Kramer**, who serves as trustee chairperson for ACCC, was mentioned in Atlantic County Record for receiving an award for outstanding community service from Martin Klein, director and CEO of Seashore Gardens Living Center.

**Carmen Royal**, dean of students, was quoted in an article in Press of Atlantic City about college life.

## ALUMNI



Congratulations to **Lori Gendron**, '01, on her marriage to Jesse Lybarger in Cape May on Aug. 21. Lori is the stepdaughter of **Lisa Apel-Gendron**, director of ACCC's Cape May County Extension Center.

**Jennifer Lapsley**, '02, begins teaching seventh and eighth grade students at the Richard Teitelman School in Lower Township.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

At the faculty in-service on Tuesday, **Dr. Agnes Armao** made several announcements on recent accomplishments by faculty. Those announcements will appear in the Sept. 17 issue of the *Atlantic Cape CommuniCator*.

Congratulations to **Tammy DeFranco**, Career and Academic Planning Center, who earned her bachelor's degree in business administration from Franklin University.

**Dr. Mitch Mischlich**, security, was guest speaker an Egg Harbor City Rotary Club luncheon this summer. His topic was Thomas England General Hospital from 1943-46, a U.S. Army Air Force Hospital that specialized in amputees, the largest hospital of its type in the world during that time. Today it is known as Resorts Casino Hotel.

**Henry Spier** wrote a commentary titled, *AC's lost bet led to success*, which appeared in the Philadelphia Inquirer on Aug. 31, about how the Democratic Convention in Atlantic City in 1964 led to gaming in Atlantic City.

## Middle States Update

The Middle States Commission on Higher Education requires any institution pursuing reaccreditation to undertake an intensive self-study. Fourteen standards were established by the Commission to guide self-evaluations. ACCC formed nine subcommittees to undertake that task.

Subcommittee one will examine standard one: mission, goals and objectives, and standard two: planning, resource allocation and institutional renewal. Standard one states “The institution’s mission clearly defines its purpose within the context of higher education and explains whom the institution serves and what it intends to accomplish. The institution’s stated goals and objectives, consistent with the aspirations and expectations of higher education, clearly specify how the institution will fulfill its mission. The mission, goals, and objectives are developed and recognized by the institution with its members and governing body and are utilized to develop and shape its programs and practices and to evaluate its effectiveness.” Standard one includes the correlation between our goals and objectives and our mission statement, the system in place to examine achievement of goals and objectives, and the connection between the curriculum and the goals and objectives.

Standard two requires close examination of ACCC’s planning, resource allocation and institutional renewal: “An institution conducts ongoing planning and resource allocation based on its mission and utilizes the results of its assessment activities for institutional renewal. Implementation and subsequent evaluation of the success of the strategic plan and resource allocation support the development and change necessary to improve and to maintain institutional quality.” Among the issues concerning standard two are the support and retention systems in place to ensure success of under-prepared students, the resource allocation strategies that assure a nurturing environment to students, and how resource allocation categories relate to the economic, social, academic and work force needs of a diverse community.

Subcommittee one is chaired by **Bobby Royal**, executive assistant to the president. Members include **Janet Brenner**, director, institutional and academic planning; **Tom Celandine**, assistant professor, college skills and sociology; **Denise Coulter**, assistant professor, English; **Michelle McGowan**, assistant professor, mathematics; **Dr. Rich Perniciaro**, associate dean, Center for Regional and Business Research; **Jim Taggart**, assistant professor, computer information systems; **Jim Sacchinelli**, assistant professor, science; **Mary Yoa**, assistant professor, computer information systems; and **Eric Reynolds**, trustee. If you have questions regarding the work of subcommittee 1 or would like to give input into this subcommittee’s self-study efforts, contact **Bobby Royal** or **Janet Brenner**.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

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