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NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

Memorial Service Planned for Father Bryant Oct. 16



A memorial Service for **The Rev. John Bryant**, who passed away on April 8, will be held 12:30-1:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 16, in Walter Edge Theater on the Mays Landing Campus. Speakers include **Dr. Peter L. Mora**, President; **Dr. Arthur Wexler**, Senior Dean of Academic Affairs, and **Dr. Ronald McArthur**, Dean of Instruction.

Father Bryant joined ACCC as an adjunct instructor in September 1987 before accepting a half-time faculty role three years later. He served committees for diversity and equity, policies and procedures, faculty development, and the Atlantic County Alternative High School. Father Bryant routinely fulfilled the duties of ACCC chaplain. He was to celebrate his 63rd birthday on April 13.

Governor Signs Community College Transfer Legislation

Dr. Peter L. Mora, ACCC President, attended the Sept. 13 signing of A3968/S2535 into law, legislation that promotes the seamless transfer of New Jersey community college associate degree graduates into baccalaureate degree programs at public four-year colleges and universities throughout the state.



Dr. Mora with Gov. Jon S. Corzine at the signing of new transfer legislation.

Under the new law, signed by Gov. Jon S. Corzine, ACCC and all other public higher education institutions will enter into a collective statewide transfer agreement in consultation with the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education and the New Jersey Presidents' Council.

“This landmark legislation will significantly improve access to higher education for New Jersey residents for several reasons,” Mora said. “First, state colleges will accept all courses completed by community college graduates. This will eliminate the need for community college transfer students to re-take courses they had passed at the community college. Second, by accepting all courses from the community college, those students will be able to complete their baccalaureate degrees sooner. This will save them money on college tuition and enable them to enter the workforce earlier, thus increasing their income capacity. Finally, since minority students attend community colleges at higher rates than at senior state colleges, the enhanced transfer capability this legislation provides will foster increased minority student enrollment in baccalaureate programs in New Jersey.”

Prior to this legislation, New Jersey community college students have transferred to four-year colleges and universities on a college-to-college, course-by-course basis. New Jersey joins nearly 40 other states throughout the country that have enacted some form of higher education transfer legislation.

“With increased enrollment in baccalaureate degree programs from community college graduates, more

New Jersey students will complete the baccalaureate degree at state colleges and stay in this state,” Mora said. “Experience shows that New Jersey students who complete undergraduate degrees in other states tend not to return to New Jersey upon graduation. This legislation will help reduce the ‘brain drain’ and improve the economic health of the state.”

For more information, visit <http://www.state.nj.us/governor/news/news/approved/20070913a.html>.

ACCC Agrees to Student Loan Code of Conduct

ACCC has agreed to follow the voluntary N.J. Student Loan Code of Conduct for Institutes of Higher Education as provided by Attorney General Anne Milgram. The College has signed a statement stating it is in full agreement with the new code, which comes in response to the student-loan investigation that came to light this spring. It prompted inquiries by Congress, the U.S. Department of Education and, most aggressively, New York Attorney General Andrew Cuomo. “As has always been our mission, we will continue to ensure its Financial Aid Office provides students with the best information on all forms of aid, including student loans,” said **Dr. Peter L. Mora**, president.

Bidding Opens in Online Auction; Proceeds Benefit Student Nurses

Bidding on nearly 50 items begins today in the ACCC Foundation’s Second Annual Arts, Leisure and Entertainment Online Auction. Bids will be accepted through Friday, Oct. 19. Proceeds support scholarships and grants for student nurses at ACCC. The public can bid on about 50 items, including original works of art, collectibles and autographed books. Additional items include an overnight stay at the Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa, vouchers for Spirit Airlines tickets, a sunset cruise aboard the *Red Dog* of Sea Isle City, and a guitar autographed by Bruce Springsteen and the E-Street Band. For more information or to place a bid, visit www.atlantic.edu/auction.

Blood Drive Scheduled for Oct. 2; Flu Shot Clinic Oct. 13

ACCC will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 2, in the gym at the Mays Landing Campus.

The Atlantic County Public Health Nurses will hold a flu shot clinic, 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Oct. 13, also in the gym. Cost is \$15. For more information, contact **Sara Ryan-Turner**, R.N., M.S.N., ext. 5112.

New Configuration Approved for Patio and Cafeteria Retaining Wall

The retaining wall project in front of the outer cafeteria was on hold as Facilities Management engineered and evaluated a project reconfiguration. The re-design will replace damaged patio decking, about 100 feet of damaged wall and install metal railings (similar to B-Courtyard) in place of the existing brick parapet wall. The railing design will open up the patio area and offer a more pleasant view of the quad.

The original project included removal and replacement of the front portion of the wall and all of the damaged patio area, but following demolition, it became apparent that there was too much structural damage to make that a viable solution.

Facilities authorized contractors to include the new configuration with a 50-day time extension.

Annual Public Employees Charitable Campaign Set to Begin

It’s time to begin the Atlantic County Public Employees Charitable Campaign (PECC). PECC is the one charitable workplace campaign sanctioned by New Jersey state law. The annual campaign encourages employees to make contributions by payroll deductions, check or cash. Informational packets, including a brochure listing hundreds of local, state and national charities and pledge forms, will be sent shortly. Help others by participating in PECC.

Student Government Association Moves Online



The Student Government Association launched a new Web site for up-to-the-minute information regarding campus activities, meetings and clubs, as well as direct links to key student services.

For the first time, students can vote for SGA officers online. Working throughout the summer, **Lisa Givens** and **Aline Bennett**, Student Life Center, **Joe D'Agostino**, College Relations, and **Caesar Niglio**, Dean of Students Office, created the Web-based voting ballot that all registered students can access.

The pilot will be tested Oct. 8-9, when the polls open for freshmen senator elections. This will give all students the opportunity to play a role in the voting process at their convenience. Computers will be made available on all campuses for access on election days. Survey questions will also be featured.

The Web site will include SGA officer alumni articles, SGA accomplishments, and access to club policy and procedure manuals and constitutions. Visit the SGA online at www.atlantic.edu/SGA.

Safe Youth Partnership Announces Free Nonprofit Workshops

The staff of Atlantic Cape Safe Youth Partnership, a collaboration between Richard Stockton College, ACCC and the United Way, are planning training programs geared to enhance the capacity of nonprofit agencies in Atlantic and Cape May counties. Free workshops are available to staff members of partner agencies. Space is limited. Call Luann Inman, (609) 626-3599, to learn more about the following fall programs:

Three Pillars of Organizational Sustainability (3 sessions; sign up for one or all three): Succession Planning, Mission Planning and Organizational Best Practices, and Leadership and Performance Management.

Volunteer Management Training Series (4 sessions): Orienting and Training Volunteers, Recruiting and Placing Volunteers, Evaluating a Volunteer Program and Supervising Volunteers.

Elements of Great Grant Writing (3 sessions): Find Funding Opportunities, Learn techniques for Writing the Proposal, and Develop a Budget.

The Foundation Center Library held its grand opening Sept. 25 at the United Way, a designated recipient of the Foundation Center's core collection of reference materials. The library, open to the public, offers a wide variety of grant materials in print and non-print format. This resource is funded by the Atlantic Cape Safe Youth Partnership technical assistance grant. To learn more about the Atlantic Cape Safe Youth Partnership collaboration, contact **Linda Dolan**, ACCC Liaison, e-mail ldolan@atlantic.edu.

Last Call for Oct. 5 Golf Tourney Players

Players can still register for the 2007 Cape May County Championship Golf Tournament "Scramble Fore Scholarships," planned for Friday, Oct. 5, by calling ext. 5674. Cape May National Golf Club in Erma will host the tournament, which raises scholarship funds for the ACCC Foundation.

The tournament will follow a scramble format, beginning with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. Player fees, which include an event windbreaker, lunch and a dinner awards banquet, are \$125 per person. This year's tournament will feature a variety of skills competitions. Players will also have the opportunity to win a new car or \$25,000 cash in the Hole-in-One contest. Newfield National Bank is the presenting sponsor. For information, call **Sean Fischer**, ext. 5674 or visit www.atlantic.edu/golf.

Cape May County Event Puts a ‘Spotlight on Scholarships’

The ACCC Foundation presents “Spotlight on Scholarships,” a fundraiser for student scholarships. The Foundation will host the event from 6-9 p.m., Friday, Oct. 19, at the Cape May County Campus.

The format will be business casual, with heavy hors d’oeuvres and elegant desserts prepared by Academy of Culinary Arts chefs and students. Wine, beer and soft drinks will also be served. The Back Bay Acoustic Duo will provide entertainment. The event has raised more than \$75,000 since 2005 for a scholarship endowment fund.

The fundraiser will mark the close of the Second Annual Arts, Leisure and Entertainment Online Auction to support student nurses. Event attendees will have the chance to offer final bids on items up for auction.

To reserve a ticket or for sponsorship information, contact **Sean Fischer**, ext. 5674, or visit <http://www.atlantic.edu/spotlight>.

Shop ‘Til You Drop and Support the ACCC Foundation

Help support the ACCC Foundation by participating in this year’s Macy’s *Shop for a Cause* fundraiser on Saturday, Oct. 13, at the Hamilton Mall. This one-day-only shopping event includes spectacular discounts, entertainment, special events and a chance to win fabulous prizes. The cost for the shopping pass is \$5, and all the proceeds from the sale of the passes go directly to the ACCC Foundation. Contact the Foundation Office, ext. 5674 or 5634, or see **Sean Fischer** or **Jen Martucci** for more information and to purchase passes.

Annual Transfer Fair Oct. 3 on Mays Landing Campus

ACCC’s Annual College Transfer Fair will be held Wednesday, Oct. 3, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., in J hallway on the Mays Landing Campus. Students and alumni will have the opportunity to interact one-on-one with representatives from more than 20 colleges and universities, including Arcadia, Baltimore International, Bloomfield, Caldwell, Centenary, Chestnut Hill, Saint Elizabeth, Drexel Online, Fairleigh Dickinson, Felician, Georgian Court, Monmouth, Montclair State, Northwood, Philadelphia Biblical, Richard Stockton, Rowan, Rutgers, The College of New Jersey, Phoenix, University of the Sciences in Philadelphia and Widener.

Information on admission, transfer requirements and related literature will be available. For more information, call **Renee DeAngelo**, ext. 5630.

HERE’S THE SCOOP

Welcome back **Kathy McGowan**, College Relations, who was recuperating from a back injury. We’re so happy to have you back!

Get well wishes to **Danays Alvarado**, ACA, and **Daymis Alicea**, WACC Student Services, who were injured in a car accident. We hope you’re feeling better!

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to **Nick Ganaway**, ITS. Nick had surgery on his knee to repair ligament damage. We miss you!

Get well wishes to **Myrelo “Roze” Nicholson**, Security, who is hospitalized after surgery at AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center, Mainland Division. Get well wishes can be sent c/o **Dee Rolls**, A Building, who will deliver them to her. Roze said she appreciates hearing from her ACCC family, it picks up her spirits. “I love you all,” she said.

Barbara Mottola, Professor of Nursing, is pleased to announce several recent happy events. Her son, Nicholas, graduated from Penn State University with his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering, while his fiancée, Becky, earned her degree in nuclear engineering. They were married June 2, and commissioned as ensigns in the U.S. Navy. They are stationed in Norfolk, Va., and assigned to surface ships. Barbara's daughter, Kate, graduated from Villanova University with a bachelor's degree in political science. Kate has accepted a volunteer position for 10 months with AmeriCorps and is working with the American Red Cross in Santa Monica, Calif. Congratulations to all!

ACCC is looking to become a member of Rebel U, a student-driven, tobacco prevention movement whose purpose is to increase awareness of the dangers of smoking and encourage healthy lifestyles. Eight New Jersey colleges and universities participate, including Bloomfield, Caldwell, Monmouth, Montclair, Ramapo, Rowan, Rutgers and TCNJ. If you know of students who would be interested, contact **Lynette Ingram**, Counseling and Support Services, at lingram@atlantic.edu.

A memorial service for retired ACA Chef Educator **John Carbone** was held in Careme's Sept. 26. Retired ACA Dean **Klaus Muller** was a speaker at the event.

Happy birthday to **Sharon Kretmar**, Sept. 28; **Ellen Parker**, Sept. 29; **Carol Mohrfeld**, Oct. 1; **Daymis Alicea**, **Barbara Mottola**, **Don Nigsch**, **Thomas Clark**, Oct. 3; **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; Adjunct birthdays: **David Daniels**, **Karl Giulian**, Oct. 6; **Kathy Kendall**, Oct. 8.

NEWS FROM ACCC'S OTHER LOCATIONS

Greetings from the Worthington Atlantic City Campus

by **John Mohr**

Fun, games, prizes, cotton candy, popcorn, and more were the items of the day Sept. 18 as the carnival came to WACC. No big top tent was needed, as the campus was splashed with a beautiful sunny day and warm temperatures, allowing students and staff to enjoy the fun, food and music and to frolic outside on the front patio.

Prizes were awarded for games of ring toss, down the clowns and **Josie Chivalette's** favorite—frog leap. **Rhonda Petruzzi** twirled cotton candy, **Ann McClaskey** popped corn, work study students **Shannera** and **Tonya** cooked, and **Hubert Banas** handed out colorful beads to game players.

In traditional WACCy spirit, the entire building staff chipped in to make the Student Services event a success.

Get well wishes are in order to our favorite all around happy-go-lucky girl, **Daymis Alicea**, Student Services. She is recovering at home from an auto accident (not her fault) along with her sister **Danays Alvarado**, ACA. Get well soon. We all miss you. Di sends along a message to everyone that wearing a seatbeat saves lives...it worked for them.



Have you noticed that the WACC game room and student lounge (thanks **Bobby Royal**...) is getting a lot of use by students and even some staff members (no names mentioned). The new ping pong table seems to be a very popular item. Anyone interested in playing in a tournament? See you at the table.

Assistant Professor of ESL Gwen McIntyre enjoys a game of ping pong.

Members of the WACC staff enjoyed meeting and talking with a group of CCI students from Macao. A ceremony was held Sept. 21 to acknowledge their completion of training at CCI.

Four students from Macao completed CCI training recently.



Greetings from the Cape May County Campus by Lisa Apel-Gendron



CMCC turned midnight green on Monday, Sept. 17. The Student Services team of **John Mohr**, **Joan Dillon** and **Electra Stulak**, stirred up Eagles frenzy on campus in preparation for the big Monday night game. Students and employees registered for numerous drawings and for a grand prize for predicting the score of the Eagles-Redskins contest. Students and staff wore their team gear and colors to support the birds. Even though the game didn't go the birds' way, you couldn't beat the spirit at CMCC! We're glad to report that **Sgt. Al Jayne**, Security, is on the mend after a bad tumble from a ladder Labor Day weekend.

L-R, John Mohr, Joan Dillon, Kate Chadwick and Denise O'Connor at CMCC's Eagles Spirit Day.

Congratulations to **Thom Partin**, Receiving, and his wife, Lorna, who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary, Sept. 18. Thom and Lorna renewed their vows at Absecon United Methodist Church and spent a romantic weekend at the Tuscan Hotel at Renault Winery.

Real Estate Adjunct Instructor **Wayne Piersanti** recently authored an article in the fall issue of Cape May Magazine titled, *Where Have All the Locals Gone?* The article analyzes the housing market in Cape May County, and Wayne was sure to give the College a plug in the article. Thanks, Wayne!

Cheryl Crews and her Intro to the Visual Arts class at CMCC have gladly taken on the project to design the new Student Life Center at CMCC, using the skills learned in class. They'll suggest a furniture layout, color palette for the walls and artwork to brighten the room. Can't wait to see the end product!

CMCC will again host the Coalition Against Rape and Abuse (CARA) Domestic Violence Month display throughout October. CARA clients make T-shirts that describe how domestic violence feels, and we hang the shirts along the second floor walkway. Information and resources will also be available.

Counseling and Support Services will host a faculty workshop on helping special needs, troubled and disruptive students, Tuesday, Oct. 2, 6-7:30 p.m., Room 113. All full-time and adjunct faculty are welcome. RSVP to lapelgen@atlantic.edu or ext. 3619.

The four-year colleges are again making their way to CMCC to speak with our students. Steve Phillips of Stockton visited Sept. 25, and Dr. Luci Nurkowski of Rowan University will visit Wednesday, Oct. 24, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. More visits are pending. For more information, contact **Electra Stulak**, ext. 6823, or e-mail stulak@atlantic.edu.

The CMCC employee and student animal lovers group is continuing its collection of dog food for Beacon Animal Rescue in Ocean View and is now accepting cat food as well. All donations, large and small, are appreciated. Drop off points are the first floor lobby and the third floor faculty support office. **Regina Van Epps**, Assistant Professor of English, drops the supplies at Beacon every other week. For more information, contact Regina, ext. 3550, or e-mail vanepps@atlantic.edu. The drive runs through Oct. 31.

Continuing Education classes are cruising along this fall at CMCC. The most popular class? Beginners Bridge, Wednesday mornings, with **Norma Jakominich**.

Have an outstanding weekend!

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Mary-Ann Boyce, Adjunct Professor of Computer Information Systems, was named Associate Fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics. Boyce is chair of the Southern New Jersey Section of the group, which was honored with six awards recently for outstanding programs.

Bobbie Heard, Assistant Professor of Biology, attended the annual meeting of the NJ Academy of Science at Kean University on April 21, and served as a judge for the Academy's "Junior Academy" student research presentations. In May, she attended the American Physiological Society's "Neural Networks" workshop at UMDNJ, and in August she participated in a three-day "Shore Bird Identification" course offered through the Cape May Bird Observatory.

Richard Kalman, Assistant Professor of Computer Information Systems, was featured in the 2006-2007 Edition of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*.

JoAnne Barbieri, Professor of Computer Information Systems, was selected as the NJ Association of Educational Office Professional's 2007 "Administrator of the Year." She will be honored at its 2007 convention at the Tropicana Casino and Resort, Nov. 8.

Keith Forrest, Assistant Professor of Communication, has speaking engagements planned: Logan Township Library, Oct. 20, 7-8:30 p.m., *Overcoming Your Fear of Public Speaking*; Cape May Library, Saturday, Nov. 10, 2-3:30 p.m., *Joyride: Libby Demp Forrest Moore*; and Voorhees Regional Branch, Wednesday, Dec. 12, 7-9 p.m., *When Fiction and Nonfiction Collide*.

Lydia Lehr, Assistant Professor of Art, had a busy summer. She tore down her 100-year-old living room ceiling, went to England for 10 days, learned about chickens, and put together a new studio in the garage where she is working on some relief sculptures.

Cheryl Knowles-Harrigan, Assistant Professor of Art, completed one commission and 11 watercolors on site in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Maryland this summer in preparation for an exhibition at Philadelphia's Main Line in November. The exhibit will feature Cheryl and three other Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts graduates. Cheryl also taught *Watercolor for Beginners* for ACCC's noncredit program.

Linda McLeod, Admissions, was guest speaker at the Ocean City, Upper Township Noon Rotary Club. A wonderful lunch was provided at the Tuckahoe Inn and Linda was presented with a special mug.

ACCC IN THE NEWS

Dr. Peter L. Mora was quoted in articles in The Press of Atlantic City and The Cape May County Herald about a new law easing student transfers from community colleges to four-year schools in New Jersey.

The Retrospect highlighted **Keith Forrest's** win in his age group at the North Wildwood Duathlon in August. Keith, Assistant Professor of Communication, had never competed in a duathlon before. It included a 2-mile beach run, a 10-mile bike ride and a 3.1-mile run.

A news release about a memorial for former chef educator **John Carbone** appeared in The Press of

Atlantic City and The Cape May County Herald.

ALUMNI

The Current wrote an article about personal chef **Amanda Nahas-Christodoulous**, '00 ACA, who opened up From Scratch in Somers Point. She shops and prepares homemade meals based on her clients' preferences and dietary restrictions.

Kevin Scull, '85 ACA, opened Scully's Asbury Café and Pizzeria in Ocean City. The Press of Atlantic City highlighted the restaurant in an At the Shore dining profile.

Robert Parducci Jr., who attended ACCC's Criminal Justice program, was killed in a car accident on Sept. 16. Parducci, a state police trooper, was off-duty at the time of the accident in Waterford Township.

Joe Ondusko, '07 ACA, is employed at Champion Produce. He recently wrote the ACA "gave me direction and strengthened (my) confidence."

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

Dr. Mora recently presented Blueprint 2020 to the Community Affairs Advisory Board. The board includes key leaders from Atlantic and Cape May County communities. Also serving are ACCC faculty and staff members. Questions about Community Affairs can be directed to **Janet Brenner**, Director of Community and Cultural Affairs, ext. 4958.

Dr. Mora, **Dean Bobby Royal** and **Dean Pat Owens** hosted a tour of the newly renovated Worthington Atlantic City Campus for Pinnacle Entertainment CEO Kim Townsend, Marketing Director Carmen Gonzales, and Human Resources Director Lisa Buglio. Pinnacle is in the beginning stages of constructing a new mega resort in Atlantic City where the Sands Casino was located.

Interested in learning more about the ACCC Board of Trustees? The ACCC BOT Web pages were designed with the public in mind. On the pages you can find the meeting schedule, meeting minutes, board activities, trustee bios, and more. Check it out at <http://www.atlantic.edu/about/board/trustees.html>.

CLASSIFIEDS

For rent: Dec. 22-29, enjoy a week in St. Maarten at the Pelican Resort. One bedroom, sleeps four, view of Simpson Bay. See the resort at www.pelicanresort.com. \$750 for the week. Contact Margo McNally at Mmargo126@aol.com.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The calendar is updated regularly at <http://www.atlantic.edu/calendars/index.php>. Be sure to add your events. Go to www.atlantic.edu and at the top right, click on calendars. Scroll down and at the bottom left, select Add Event Form and submit your event!

Next CommuniCator Oct. 12

The next *Atlantic Cape CommuniCator* will be Oct. 12. Deadline is noon, Monday, Oct. 8. E-mail your submissions to mcgowan@atlantic.edu.

--Stacey Clapp, editor