

# ATLANTIC CAPE COMMUNICATOR

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## NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

### ACCC Celebrates Grand Opening of Cape May County Campus



*Dan Beyel, Cape May County freeholder chairman, prepares to cut the ribbon signifying the opening of ACCC's Cape May County campus, flanked by Cape May County freeholders, at left, Dr. Peter Mora, ACCC President, Brian Lefke, Board chairman, and ACCC's Cape May County trustees.*

ACCC and the Cape May County Board of Chosen Freeholders celebrated the completion of the college's Cape May County campus with a ribbon cutting and grand opening ceremony Aug. 24 at the new facility, 341 Court House-South Dennis Road. The nearly 68,000-square-foot building is now open. Classes begin Sept. 6.

"For more than 30 years, ACCC has offered educational opportunities at a variety of sites across Cape May County. Finally, Cape May County residents will have a comprehensive, state-of-the-art facility for learning that we can all be proud of," said **Dr. Peter Mora**, ACCC president. "For the first time, Cape May County residents will not have to travel to our Mays Landing campus for science labs, library services or a bookstore. These amenities and more will all be available right on site."



*Above: Heather Boone, faculty advisor to ACCC's Performing Arts Club, paints a flower on a child's cheek at the Cape May County Campus Community Day. At right: CMCC Community Day saw a constant flow of visitors. More than 1,100 people attended the event.*



and students had the opportunity to register for fall classes. More than 1,100 people attended Community Day.

The college held a community open house with tours, demonstrations and activities for the kids on Aug. 25. Faculty presented demonstrations in classrooms, lots of activities were available for children

A big thank you to all ACCCers who participated in the events, made our visitors feel welcome, and put a welcoming face on ACCC. There was lots of excitement and awe from our visitors. People left saying great things about ACCC, CMCC, and the faculty and staff of the college.

## Acting Deans Named in Administrative Changes

Several administrative changes took place over the summer. **Dr. Peter Mora**, new ACCC president, announced the appointments of **Patricia Owens**, **Dr. Richard Perniciaro**, **Bobby Royal** and **Dr. Joseph Rossi** as acting deans. He also appointed **Dr. Arthur Wexler** as acting senior dean of academic affairs (see Aug. 18 *CommuniCator*).



**Pat Owens** was named acting dean of continuing education and resource development on July 1.

The Egg Harbor Township resident joined the college in October 1999 as acting project director for Job Readiness/Atlantic City First. She ascended to director in March 2001 before becoming associate dean of continuing education operations in August 2002.

Owens is currently enrolled for her doctorate in Higher Education Leadership at University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She holds an MBA with a joint major in Finance and Public Policy & Management from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School where she was awarded the Alfred E. Buehler Fellowship in Finance. She graduated magna cum laude with a B.A. from U of Pennsylvania. She also studied at Drexel and took continuing education courses with Smith College and Rutgers.

Owens taught ACCC business courses as an adjunct instructor and continues to teach continuing education grant writing and board development seminars. She is an Affiliated Faculty member for Regis University's online Masters in NonProfit Management program. Her pre-college teaching career includes four years at Archbishop Wood High School and one year at St. Henry's Parish School of Philadelphia.

Prior to joining the college, Owens was chief operating officer and secretary to the board of directors for the Children's Defense Fund in Washington, D.C. She served as Executive Director of the Freedom Valley and Holly Shores Girl Scout Councils and was an associate with The Conservation Company, a strategic planning consulting group for nonprofit organizations.

In the early 1980s, Owens was managing director of the Women's Humane Society of Philadelphia and continued to serve as a volunteer on their Board of Directors for more than a decade after that. She was appointed for three terms to the Philadelphia Mayor's Commission for Women and was a long-time elected committee woman in Northeast Philadelphia. She's also served with an advisory committee for Calvert Social Investments of Washington, D.C. and as Chair of the Sea Isle City Budget Committee.

Owens has four sons, ages 19 to 30, and one granddaughter, age 4 months.

Her new role includes oversight for ACCC advancement and foundation, continuing education, grants, marketing and public relations.



**Dr. Richard Perniciaro** was named acting dean of administration, planning and research on July 1. The Pleasantville resident joined the college in October 1999 as acting director of the Center for Regional and Business Research after having served as an economics and research consultant for the college beginning five months earlier. He was named associate dean for the Center in January 2000.

Perniciaro was regional manager for economic development for Conectiv where he performed forecasting and market research duties. He also served as director of planning for Lower Township and a principal for Atlantic Research Associates.

His teaching background includes social studies instruction at St. Mary's High School on Long Island, N.Y. He's taught college courses for Stockton, Monmouth, Temple, St. John's universities as well as

LaGuardia and Atlantic Cape community colleges. He also taught at the Governor's School of New Jersey.

He earned a doctorate in economics from Temple University and a master's degree in U.S. economic history from the London School of Economics. His bachelor's degree in economics is from Columbia University.

Perniciaro has served the community and the region in many economic development leadership and consulting endeavors. He's served as a member of the Atlantic and Cape May County Workforce Investment Board, the 2005 Atlantic City Task Force on Economic Development and Atlantic City Tomorrow.

Perniciaro serves on the board of directors for Kessler Memorial Hospital. His memberships include the American Economic Association and the London School of Economics Association.

Perniciaro was honored with the New Jersey Council of County Colleges "Community Spirit Award" and the N.J. Industrial Developer's Association "Economic Developer of the Year" award.

**Dr. Joseph Rossi** was named acting dean of Cape May County campus and labor relations. His bio will appear next issue.

**Bobby Royal** was named acting dean, Worthington Atlantic City Center and Community Affairs. His bio will appear next issue.

### **Linda Dolan Named Acting Associate Dean of Continuing Ed Operations**



**Pat Owens** named **Linda Chanese Dolan** as acting associate dean of continuing education operations on Aug. 8. The Egg Harbor Township resident joined the college in November 2002 as senior manager for resource development before resigning in 2004 to pursue an opportunity as program coordinator for Jewish Family Service of Margate.

Dolan also served as assistant to the city administrator and deputy court administrator in Linwood. She was program coordinator and case manager at the Career Training Center of Onondaga-Cortland-Madison Board of Cooperative Education K-12 district in Liverpool, N.Y.

She earned a master's degree in rehabilitation counseling from Syracuse University and a bachelor's degree in transportation, travel and tourism from Niagara University.

Dolan completed professional development certificate programs with The Grantsmanship Center Institute based in Los Angeles and the Career Challenge Leadership Institute of the New York State Department of Education.

Dolan is a past member of ZONTA International, a worldwide organization of executives in business and the professions working together to advance the status of women. She is also a trained volunteer for the New Jersey State Health Insurance Program of Atlantic County.

Her new role includes oversight of all ACCC continuing education programs. Her extension is 5688.

## **Please Note New Extensions in Employee Phone Book for CMCC**

Please note new employee phone numbers in your employee directory for these Cape May County campus employees and offices. All numbers can be direct dialed with a 463 prefix. From Mays Landing main campus or Worthington Atlantic City Center, just dial the four-digit extension:

### **EMPLOYEES, ROOM #, EXTENSION:**

**Lisa Apel-Gendron 331**, ext. 3619  
**Dr. Agnes Armao 328**, ext. 3567  
**Matt Bailey 126**, ext. 6787  
**Kathleen Denice**, ext. 3958  
**Loretta Dicker**, ext. 3553  
**Linda Hair**, CMCC division office, ext. 3502  
**Al Jayne 121**, ext. 6391  
**Dr. Josette Katz 328**, ext. 3573  
**Melissa Moy**, ext. 3960  
**Denise O'Connor**, ext. 3972  
**Thom Partin 151**, ext. 8034  
**Marion Pool 330**, ext. 3602  
**Pistol Ranere**, ext. 8043  
**Dr. Joe Rossi 315**, ext. 4507  
**Susanne Sacchetti 228**, librarian, ext. 3744  
**Mike Sargente 227**, (LAC lab) ext. 3720  
**Electra Stulak 127**, counselor, ext. 6823  
**Regina Van Epps 327**, ext. 3550

### **CMCC FAX NUMBERS**

**Admissions/Registration Fax**, ext. 3936  
**Bookstore Fax**, ext. 8072  
**Division Office Fax**, ext. 3645  
**Receiving Fax**, ext. 4579

### **OFFICES:**

**Admissions**, ext. 3958  
**Board/Conference Room 324**, ext. 4513  
**Bookstore**, ext. 8064  
**Business Office** (cashier), ext. 3972  
**Division Office 325**, ext. 3502  
**Enrollment Services/Registration**, ext. 3960  
**Financial Aid Office 125**, ext. 6788  
**ITS Workroom 150**, ext. 4521  
**Learning Assistance Center**, ext. 3720  
**Library Circulation Desk**, ext. 3713  
**Receiving/Mailroom**, ext. 8034  
**Security Office 122**, ext. 6390  
**Security Front Station** (evening), ext. 3967  
**Student Services Administrator 124**, ext. 6786  
**Student Services 126** (Matt Bailey), ext. 6787  
**Testing Office 234**, ext. 3775  
**Visiting Faculty Office 326**, ext. 3518, 3525  
**Visiting Faculty Office 329**, ext. 3586, 3590  
**Visiting Office 323**, ext. 4511  
**WIB One Stop Center 123**, ext. 6376

## **TIAA-CREF Individual Counseling Sessions Available; Make Appointment Now**

TIAA-CREF Individual Consultant Robert Marronaro will hold counseling sessions at the Mays Landing campus on Tuesday, Sept. 13, Tuesday, Oct. 11, Tuesday, Nov. 8 or Tuesday, Dec. 6. Appointments are available 9 a.m.-4 p.m., room H-127. Call (800) 842-8412 to make an appointment, or schedule an appointment online: <https://ifs2.tiaa-cref.org/cgi-bin/WebObjects/ARS>.

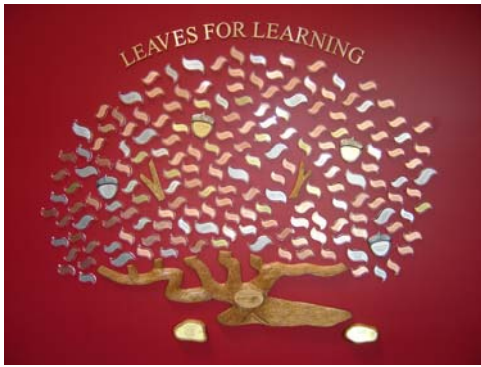
## **Entertainment Books Available at Discount Nov. 1**

Entertainment Books will be available for sale on ACCC's Mays Landing main campus, Tuesday, Nov. 1. A representative will be in front of WACC Radio in J building. Books will be available for \$20 each, a savings of \$15 off the regular price of \$35. ACCCers from WACC and CMCC may want to send a representative to purchase copies for employees at their site. The time will be arranged and announced in a future *CommuniCator*.

## **Middle States Visits Planned**

The Middle States Evaluation Team will visit ACCC March 26-29. The evaluation team chairwoman is Dr. J. Elaine Ryan, who will conduct a preliminary site visit on Nov. 8. **Dan Thoren**, professor, business, is chair of the Middle States committee.

## Leaves for Learning Wall Unveiled at CMCC



The *Leaves for Learning* wall was unveiled at the Grand Opening of the Cape May County campus. Cape May County residents and businesses have shown their support for ACCC's new campus by donating more than \$71,000 to the *Leaves for Learning* campaign. The *Leaves for Learning* donor display wall will permanently recognize donors.

Donations provided trees, shrubs and other enhancements for the new Cape May County campus that will add to students' overall educational experience. A \$25,000 donation from Cape Savings Bank jump-started the *Leaves for Learning* initiative in May 2004.

You can still add your name to the *Leaves for Learning* tree by making a donation at one of these levels: Gold Acorn, \$5,000; Silver Acorn, \$2,500; Platinum Leaf, \$1,000; Gold Leaf, \$500; Silver Leaf, \$250; Bronze Leaf, \$100; and Friends of ACCC, \$65-\$99. For more information on the *Leaves for Learning* campaign, visit [www.atlantic.edu](http://www.atlantic.edu), or call **Jennifer Martucci**, ext. 5634.

## Princeton's Dr. Rabb Speaks at Faculty In-Service Day

Dr. Theodore Rabb, professor of history and project director of the Mid-Career Fellowship Program at Princeton University, served as keynote speaker at the Faculty In-Service Day, Sept. 1. Dr. Rabb earned his doctorate from Princeton and has taught at Stanford, Northwestern, Harvard, and Johns Hopkins University. He has edited and written a number of books; written articles for various journals, magazines and newspapers; and served as the principal historical advisor for the PBS television series *Renaissance*.

**Dr. Richard Perniciaro** provided a status of building upgrades and **Dan Thoren** gave a Middle States update.

## Update on Building Upgrades, Construction Project on Campus

Poles and wires are being removed in the parking lot across from J building after being re-routed underground and switched to the new circuit. The work was done as part of the overall improvement of the electrical system to avoid outages such as those that closed the campus last year.

The refurbishment of the HVAC system in buildings B1 and B3 had been delayed due to the backorder of new heating and air conditioning units. By Friday, Sept. 2, B1 will be ready for faculty occupancy. By Tuesday, Sept. 6, B3 will be ready for faculty occupancy. All classrooms will be ready for classes on Sept. 6. Faculty will have access to phones and computers in B129 until they can re-enter their offices.

In this fiscal year, the large greenhouse on A building will be redesigned as a quick stop for food and student space. All ADA compliance will be completed. An energy audit is planned for the entire campus. In the spring, the Charles D. Worthington Atlantic City Center will begin expansion using U.S. Economic Development Administration and state and county funds to house the Health Professions Institute, a \$3.5 million project.

## ARMC Presents Fellowships to 43 Future Nurses to Attend ACCC



AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center (ARMC) and its parent company, AtlantiCare, recognized 43 recipients of nursing fellowships during a reception in their honor at ARMC's Atlantic City campus.

*ACCC's Health Career Recruiter Glenda Stogel reviews paperwork with ACCC student Krystyna Murray.*

The full tuition fellowships will give the students the opportunity to complete ACCC's associate degree nursing program or other nursing programs, tuition-free. They will also allow the students to obtain their RN degrees in exchange for a commitment to join ARMC's staff upon successful completion of their education. Students were selected by the Hispanic Alliance of Atlantic County, the Atlantic City Branch of the NAACP and ARMC nursing leadership.

Since AtlantiCare began its Nurse Fellowship Program in 2001, it has awarded fellowships to 114 students. "Our nursing fellowship program continues to make us a stronger medical center," said Robyn Begley, vice president of nursing for ARMC. "We applaud this year's Nurse Fellowship recipients for their academic and personal achievements, and look forward to seeing their continued growth and future success with the ARMC family."

## HERE'S THE SCOOP

Welcome aboard to **Latasha Hannah**, part-time cashier, Mays Landing main campus business office.

We extend sympathies to **Spike and Gayle Edwards**, student services, on the passing of Spike's mother, Elizabeth L. Edwards. Mrs. Edwards passed away Aug. 17 in Dearborn, MI. She was 84. Expressions can be sent to them at 355 N. Chew Road, Hammonton, NJ 08037.

Deepest sympathy to **Denise O'Connor**, office assistant, Cape May County campus, on the passing of her mother on Aug. 25. Expressions can be sent to Denise at 808 Heather Lane, Cape May, NJ. 08204.

We extend sympathies to **Paulett Strand**, admissions recruiter, on the passing of her father, William Paul Pender, who passed away on Aug. 17. Expressions can be sent to Paulett at 1715 Winslow Road, Williamstown, NJ 08094.



*Jim Cooper, left, ACCC Foundation president emeritus, and Dennis Stacy, Foundation treasurer, surprised Ellen at a farewell breakfast in her honor.*

**Ellen Gregory**, president's office and ACCC Foundation, was surprised with a farewell breakfast in her honor. She took a job as director of development with Egg Harbor Township public schools. Ellen and family enjoyed a trip to Yellowstone National Park before beginning her new position. She sent this note: "Thank you so much for the wonderful surprise breakfast and gift. I was so embarrassed, but felt so special! Thank you from the bottom of my heart. I will miss all of you more than you'll ever know. I have never met a nicer bunch of people who were always there to help me. Thank you for always being so nice to me. Love, Ellen." We'll miss you, Ellen!

**Rachel Wettstein**, CE, was surprised with a farewell party and bridal shower. Rachel took a position with Pine Hill school district as a seventh grade social studies teacher. Good luck, Rachel. We'll miss you!



*At right: Rachel Wettstein poses with her hat of bows from her surprise bridal shower.*

Happy birthday to: **Beresford Martin**, Sept. 2; **Richard Gibbons**, **Donna McArthur**, **Virgilio Yray**, Sept. 3; **Michael Kammer**, **Sandra Linek**, Sept. 4; **Jeffrey Wenzel**, **Chris Perillo**, Sept. 6; **Nancy Porfido**, Sept. 7; **Ellen Clark**, **Lynn Lessie**, Sept. 8; **Jeffrey Phillips**, **Frank Eastlack**, Sept. 10; **Donald Tietje**, Sept. 11; **Paula Manns**, Sept. 12; **Paula Davis**, **Louis Guilford**, Sept. 13; **William Bailey**, Sept. 14. Adjunct birthdays: **Frank Basso**, Sept. 5; **Dominick DePhilippis**, Sept. 10; **Dennis Piermattei**, **Ephraim Shochet**, Sept. 11; **Alexsandra Cokenakes**, Sept. 13.

## NEWS FROM ACCC'S OTHER LOCATIONS

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

By **Brittany Williams**

It is that time again, peak registration. To accommodate students during this busy time, the student services, admissions, and business offices at City Center will be open from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. on Sept. 6, 7, 8 and 12. Financial Aid will be on campus late night on Sept. 6 and 8.

The Adult Basic Education/Free ESL classes are now full. Students wishing to enroll in the program may be able to apply later on in the fall as seats become available. For students still seeking free ESL instruction in Atlantic and Cape May counties, a database of local services is available by contacting city center admissions at ext. 4878.

Looking for **Angela Wang** or **Marilyn Favara**? Well, Angela is now at ext. 4818 assisting **Carol Drea** with CCI and business resource development. **Marilyn Favara** is now manning the front counter in the lobby serving as an information center, ext.4853.

Introduction to Casino Games started on Aug. 29 at 7:30 a.m. The next cycle of casino dealer classes will begin Sept 12.

**Rhonda Petruzzi** is still busy selling hoagies, cheesecakes and candles for the Oakcrest HS Color Guard. Call her soon to purchase the items for yourself or as gifts, ext. 4856.

A Press of Atlantic City Restaurant Gala kick-off luncheon will be held on Sept. 28 at Careme's. The luncheon will kick off the 2006 Gala planning. Clear your calendars early; the Gala is scheduled for March 23. ACCC employees interested in volunteering for the event may contact **Brittany Williams** at ext. 4830 or [bwilliam@atlantic.edu](mailto:bwilliam@atlantic.edu).

Conference and Meeting Services has a full schedule for the coming month. They are happy to announce that the Association of Collegiate Conferencing and Event Directors International will be providing a series of workshops and networking opportunities for the Region XI members who hail from New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and New Jersey. Among the speakers at the event, ACCC's very own **Pat Owens** and **Sherwood Taylor** are slated to present. For more information, contact **Heather Oliver**, ext. 4802.

In addition, City Center will be hosting the Marshall's Retail Group for the second time. The group travels all the way from Las Vegas to attend annual human resources training at City Center. Also, Sept. 12-22 and Oct. 10-21 the Atlantic City Fire Department will be on campus attending lectures and simulated crisis training sessions. Lastly, the city of Atlantic City personnel returned to city center in August for supervisory training.

If you haven't visited City Center in a while, now you can check out our new attractive exterior on the 2005-2006 college catalog. A picture of the building is on the back cover of the catalog.

**Louella Wilson**'s granddaughter, Tanika Rice, wed Derrick Brock at Renault Winery on Aug. 14. The couple honeymooned in the Bahamas and make their home in Atlantic City where the bride is a dealer at Trump Marina and the groom is co-owner of Mutual Cab Company.

Welcome aboard to **Susan Lee**. Susan, a recent graduate of Richard Stockton College, has joined the administrative services staff as a part-time evening office assistant.

Put your dancing shoes on! There is still time, so if you're addicted to the TV show "So You Think You

Can Dance,” sign up for a dance workshop and learn Swing and Social Dancing. Call **Jeff Wenzel** to register at ext. 4829. Jeff reminds all that Italian and French workshops are also available.

Additional online offerings from the CE department can be found at [www.ed2go.com/accc](http://www.ed2go.com/accc).

## **Greetings from the new Cape May County Campus!**

**by Lisa Apel-Gendron**

The last two weeks have been the most difficult, yet the most rewarding in my nearly eight years with the college.

We closed down Rio Grande on Aug. 19, one of the hottest and most humid days of the summer. It took two sets of movers, plus **Terry Sampson, John Feldbauer, Nick Ganaway, Sandi Welsler, Trent Jones, Carlo Canale, Chris Vallese, Nelson Bugas, Al Ebinger, Nick Taylor, Lou Monroe** and myself to get our equipment and files moved. We started at 7 a.m. and the last truck left shortly after 10 a.m. I loaded a few final things in my car and closed the door on the Extension Center which had been our “home” for over a decade.

Next stop was the loading dock of our new campus.

A beehive of activity didn’t adequately describe the zone I was entering. The building was alive with helpful construction workers and ACCC employees. There were mountains of cardboard and Styrofoam everywhere. Pallets of Dell computers lay in the lobby. Our boxes from Rio Grande were stacked neatly on all three floors. I wasn’t sure where to jump in first, but within a few minutes I found my niche carting Styrofoam to the appropriate dumpster, learning from **Pistol Ranere** about the fines imposed for mixing trash and recycling in our two dumpsters.

During that long Friday I learned a great deal about my co-workers. Many of these people had been names in the employee phone directory to me – people with whom I’d only spoken on the phone occasionally. I learned that Nick can’t eat a sandwich without onions. I learned that John has a wicked sense of humor. I learned that Chris will never bark at you even if you ask the 80<sup>th</sup> stupid question of the day. I learned that Terry can break down cardboard boxes with the best of them. I learned that **Tom Hughes** and his staff have been unloading hundreds of pallets of equipment for weeks. I learned that a powerful, efficient, energetic, positive team had been assembled, and I was glad to be part of the team.

We took turns working over the weekend. I moved into my office Sunday, without benefit of elevators. My husband, Howard, and I took the three flights upstairs seven times. I loved the building more each time we trudged up the steps.

Now it was Monday morning, Aug. 22, only two days to the ribbon cutting and three days until the community open house. Our front counter team, which handles the full gamut of student services arrived with ample smiles just before 9 a.m. Since we weren’t networked yet, Nick and John arranged for us to have laptops which connected to the network via cell phone. By a little after 10 a.m., we were able to register students and take payments.

By lunchtime all the boxes in the front counter area were emptied and supplies put away. **Electra Stulak** and **Renee DeAngelo** set up the Career and Academic Planning Center. **Linda DeSantis** and **Sue Weisgerber** set up the financial aid office. **John Mohr, Matt Bailey, Kathleen Denice, Dolores Giannini, Melissa Moy** and **Denise O’Connor** made the front counter flow. **Susanne Sacchetti** was busy setting up the library and shelving hundreds of books.

**Chris Gamboa** established the testing office, and **Linda Hair** set up the division office. **Thom Parton**

got the receiving department up and running. Brand new groundskeeper **Tim Cliggett** jumped right in. **Dereck Pruszinski** joined the tech team to help wherever needed. **Pistol Ranere** did his best to try to solve any facility-related problems we had. Security guard **Al (AJ) Jayne** helped us through the fire drills. And Four Seasons provided much appreciated coffee and donuts.

It was Wednesday, Aug. 24, before any of us had time to realize. College Relations was wired that day! **Anna Simmons, Kathy McGowan, Stacey Clapp, Geoff Pettifer** and **Kathy Corbalis** had a finely tuned plan, and it certainly showed. The ribbon cutting went perfectly, complete with oversized blue bows on the columns at the front door and oversized scissors, supplied by **Joe Rossi**, to cut the ACCC logo ribbon. **Jennifer Martucci** helped coordinate and set up the Leaves for Learning donor wall unveiling. **John Mohr** made sure we had coffee and donuts and **Marion Pool** ordered hoagies for community day volunteers. **Terry Sampson**, dressed in perfectly coordinated ACCC colors, including her shoes, greeted guests all day long.

Thursday, Aug. 25, was show day. After a morning of fine tuning, we were ready for the community. And they responded! The building was packed between 3 and 7 p.m., with tours running continuously. Tour guides, many of whom were graduates and adjunct instructors, never got a break. But they didn't seem to mind! Everyone – faculty, staff, administrators, volunteers – all did their part and contributed to a flawless day filled with energy and optimism. The last group of employees loaded **Kathy McGowan's** car a little after 8 that night, and as we drove away from the building, we saw the most arresting sunset I've ever seen. It's as though even Mother Nature was saying "Congratulations!"

Now it's the week of Aug. 29. We're still registering students and getting the technology set up throughout the building. There's plenty of fine tuning ahead, for sure. But thanks to a Herculean effort on the part of our employees, this amazing building is ready for our students next Tuesday.

To all those employees and senior staff who worked so hard over the years to make this building a reality, thank you. To all those employees who worked so hard over the last two weeks to make the building ready for employees and students, thank you. You have my admiration and gratitude. You made the impossible not only possible, but enjoyable and rewarding. I've never been more proud to be part of an organization as I am right now!

P.S. I hope I didn't miss anyone...please forgive me if I did.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**Paula Stewart Davis** was elected to serve as vice president of the Educational Opportunity Fund Professional Association.

**Mary Yoa**, assistant professor, CIS, completed an eight week online course with Oracle Academy, this summer and successfully completed a pre-institute exam. She was then invited to attend UCLA in Los Angeles, CA for a week for the Oracle Institute to prepare for the Data Base Administrator certification exam, which she passed. Fifty-one states and 16 countries were represented at UCLA.

**Glenn McClain** invented the Tele Mask, a special elastic coverlet for the receivers of both cell and conventional phones. The idea is to protect the caller from germs and pathogens that likely have accumulated on any phone accessible to the general public. The idea hit him two years ago when, while working at the casino, he saw people wiping off receivers on pay phones and office workers wiping off their phones. Then he took a first aid class and saw a video on blood-borne pathogens. He talked to a lawyer, got a patent and sought the help of a product development company. The next step is to find a manufacturer. A story on McClain appeared in the Record Breeze newspaper in Blackwood. His wife, **Charita**, works in human resources at ACCC.

**Elinor Mattern**, instructor, ESL, read her poetry and spoke to a group of Oakcrest High School English students as part of the Jersey Shore project.



**Gloria Quintero-Garcias**, ESL adjunct and president's office, heard from one her of students, **Giedrius Kareraskas**, who is number 8 in the USA grappling ratings and number 4 on the East Coast.

He is returning to his home country, Lithuania, and from there will fly to Egypt for the Judo World Competition. "My teacher, thank you for your help in this new country. I think I will stay in Lithuania for a few months and will do a few things in my country. Then, I would like to come back to the USA for a long time," he writes.

*ACCC ESL Student Giedrius Kareraskas, right, was named number 8 in the USA in Judo. He heads to the World Competition in Egypt.*

## ALUMNI

**Susan Lee**, '02, graduated from the Richard Stockton College with a 3.85 GPA. She earned a B.A. in Business Studies. Susan plans to earn an MBA. Her proud parents are **Phil** and **Janet DeCicco**, ACCC facilities management.

ACA grad **David Rihl** '94, runs his Hula Grill restaurant in Ocean City on the boardwalk, between ninth and 10<sup>th</sup> Streets. The restaurant got a great review in the Philadelphia Inquirer this summer. "Judging from the jam-packed picnic tables outside the Hula Grill, nestled behind a go-cart track, this Hawaiian grill was discovered long ago. And for good reason. Surfer-chef Dave Rihl, who brought his sweet huli huli-sauced chicken to Ocean City after a stint in Hawaii, serves a grilled ahi tuna plate with pineapple salsa that is as island fresh as it gets. But the lump crabcakes are also first-class, the pulled pork tingles with pineapple and spice, and I've never tasked anything like the special flounder he fries inside tempura batter infused with mashed banana and Guinness." Yum, I know where I'm going my next trip to Ocean City!

## ACCC IN THE NEWS

The National Academic Advising Association's newsletter featured a report written by **Dr. Ronald McArthur**, acting dean of instruction. *Faculty Based Advising: An Important Factor in Community College Retention*, results of a study completed at ACCC, was featured in the spring 2005 issue of *Community College Review*. The study discusses the difference intrusive advising can make on any campus.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Editor's note: The *Atlantic Cape CommuniCator* is available online at [www.atlantic.edu/~mcgowan/communicator/news.pdf](http://www.atlantic.edu/~mcgowan/communicator/news.pdf)

--**Kathy McGowan**, editor