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NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

ACCC Launches Official Facebook Page



In an effort to continually strengthen our College marketing and communication efforts, the College Relations department has developed an Official Atlantic Cape Community College page on Facebook, the widely used social networking tool.

ACCC's page on Facebook will serve as an informative, interactive promotional and communication vehicle for current and prospective students, alumni, faculty and staff, donors and potential donors and members of the community. In addition, it will provide the College community a venue to come together online to share thoughts, ideas, and experiences through discussions, postings, photos, and videos. Check it out and become a fan today: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Atlantic-Cape-Community-College/51687521237?v=wall&viewas=697206098>.

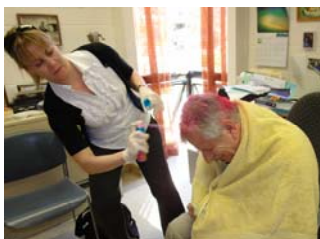
Administrative Offices Closed, Classes in Session April 10

Administrative offices will be closed on Good Friday, April 10. Classes are in session.

Nominations due April 13 for Employee of the Quarter

Nomination forms are due Monday, April 13, for ACCC's next Employee of the Quarter. This award is for support staff members who have helped most to make ACCC a place where students are comfortable, where staff members are pleasant and efficient and where visitors feel welcomed. This award focuses on customer service. A nomination form was attached to the March 27 issue of the *Atlantic Cape CommuniCator*. For more information, contact **Gorgianne Giordano**, Human Resources, ext. 4906, or e-mail ggiordan@atlantic.edu.

Tom Celandine Voted Professor Who Must Dye Hair Pink for a Day



Tom Celandine, Assistant Professor of Social Science and Developmental English was voted the professor who must dye his hair pink for the day. Phi Theta Kappa held the fundraiser where ACCC faculty, staff and students could cast a vote for one dollar. Celandine got 62 votes. The \$215 proceeds will help PTK members attend the International Convention in Texas, April 16-19.

PTK Advisor Carolyn Coulter sprays Tom Celandine's hair pink.

Other "contestants" included Professor **Mark Camma**, Assistant Professor of Accounting and Business; **Marcia Kleinz**, Assistant Professor of Mathematics; **Claude Fortune**, Assistant Professor of Mathematics; and **Effie Russell**, Professor of English. Thanks to all who participated.

Recovery Act Leads to Changes in Federal Income Tax Withholding

Beginning with this pay period, new withholding tables may reduce the amount of income tax withheld from your wages. The new tables, prescribed by the Department of the Treasury, reflect the Making Work Pay credit and other changes resulting from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Basically, you may be receiving more in your paycheck with this pay period.

You do not have to submit a Form W-4, Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate, to get the automatic withholding changed. If you do not want to have your withholding reduced (because, for example, you have more than one job or you are married and your combined income places you in a higher tax bracket), you may want to file a new Form W-4 with the Finance office.

You may claim fewer withholding allowances on line 5 or request additional amounts to be withheld on line 6. For additional help, get IRS Publication 919, "How Do I Adjust My Tax Withholding?" or visit the IRS Web site at www.irs.gov and use the "Withholding Calculator."

Faculty Participation Needed for April 23 Collegewide Open House

ACCC will hold a Collegewide Open House, 5-7 p.m., Thursday, April 23, in J building on the Mays Landing Campus. The event is fast approaching and is a great opportunity for faculty to promote their degree and specialization programs. The faculty meet-and-greet provides an opportunity for community members to meet our faculty members one-on-one.

Due to the high number of underemployed and unemployed in our area, we anticipate an increase in adults attending ACCC's Open House this year. Invitations have been sent to all applicants, Jump Start students and NJ STARS and the event is promoted in local newspapers and on ACCC's Web site. Refreshments for ACCC faculty and staff will be provided by Rutgers University. If you can participate, please contact **Linda McLeod**, Assistant Director of College Recruitment, e-mail mcleod@atlantic.edu.

Last Chance for Reservations for Employee Service Awards April 24

Retirees and employees with 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 years of service will be honored at the annual Employee Service Awards, Friday, April 24. The event will be held at the Mays Landing Country Club beginning with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 5 p.m. Buffet dinner begins at 6 p.m.

Since there are so many honorees, only a few seats are left, so if you plan to attend, call Human Resources now, ext. 4906, and reserve your seat!

A list of honorees appeared in the March 27 issue of the *Atlantic Cape CommuniCator*.

Reserve Collegewide Books Now for Fall Classes

Would you like to use the College-wide Book, "Listening Is an Act of Love," in your fall courses? Free books for your students will be available, but you must reserve your books. If you would like to review a copy before making your decision, reserved copies may be borrowed from the library. To reserve books for a fall class, we will need the following information by noon, Thursday, May 7: your name; course name, number and section for each class using the book; and maximum class enrollment for each class. E-mail this information to facilitators **Leila Crawford** and **Stephanie Natale-Boianelli** at cwbook@atlantic.edu.

Free Workshop: Learning Disabilities and the ACCC Student April 21

Please join the Basic Skills Committee for their spring workshop, "Learning Disabilities and the ACCC Student," with guest speaker Maria Palmieri. The workshop will be held 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 21, in room H-116 on the Mays Landing Campus. It will be broadcast to room 215 in Atlantic City and room

324 in Cape May. If you plan to attend, e-mail **Stephanie Natale-Boianelli**, snatale@atlantic.edu.

Last Chance to Register for Best Practices April 23, 24 at Hudson CCC

If you haven't registered for the Best Practices Conference to be presented by the N.J. Council of County Colleges, April 23 and 24, time is running out. The event will be held at the Culinary Center at Hudson County Community College. The event will begin with a cocktail reception at 6 p.m. (registration opens 5:30 p.m.) on Thursday, April 23, with a keynote presentation titled, "Our Community College Journey from Good to Great in Challenging Times." On Friday, April 24, registration opens at 9 a.m. with continental breakfast. Mini sessions will be held 9:45-10:15 a.m., followed by the day's events. Four ACCCs are scheduled to speak. The preferred registration deadline is tomorrow, April 10. To register or for more information, visit www.njccc.org.

New Items Needed for Collegewide Flea Market to Benefit Heart Walk Team



The ACCC Heart Walk Team needs new, unused items to sell at a collegewide flea market, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Wednesday, April 22, during the Earth Day celebration. Please send or drop off items to **Jo-Ann Volpe**, Heart Walk Program Coordinator, in J-250, or call her, ext. 5653, to have items picked up. Clean out your closets and donate those gifts that just aren't you. Cash contributions are also accepted.

Mark your calendar now for the flea market and tell your colleagues, friends and family members to stop by to support our cause. Items will be priced to sell! All proceeds will go to the American Heart Association as part of ACCC's team donation.

All are invited to join ACCC's Heart Walk Team for the Southern New Jersey Spring Heart Walk on Saturday, May 16, at the Sports and Civic Center, 6th Street off the Boardwalk in Ocean City.

TIAA-CREF Appointments Available on Mays Landing Campus April 14

Ben Venturo, TIAA-CREF Individual Consultant, will visit the Mays Landing Campus 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 14. He'll be conducting individual appointments in J-207. Contact (800) 842-8412 to make an appointment or visit <https://ais2.tiaa-cref.org/cgi-bin/WebObjects.exe/ARS> to reserve online.

Make Reservations Now for IRC Political Poetry Discussion April 30

There are a few seats left for the Instructional Resource Committee poetry discussion, 12:30 p.m., Thursday, April 30. Assistant Professors of English **Elinor Mattern** and **Vickie Melograno** will lead the discussion on Political Poetry in room J-202 on the Mays Landing Campus. They'll look at poetry that was composed for and read at presidential inaugurations, as well as other poems with a political theme or that allude to political circumstances. Participation is limited, so make your reservation today. Contact Melograno, ext. 4987, or e-mail vmelogra@atlantic.edu.

Panel Discussion on the Repercussions of Drunk Driving April 21

A panel discussion on the Repercussions of Drunk Driving will be held 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 21, in the college cafeteria on the Mays Landing Campus. The free event is sponsored by SGA. The Honorable **H. Robert Switzer**, ACCC's Beacons by the Sea Visiting Professor, will lead the discussion. Other panelists will include a public defender and prosecuting attorney. A question and answer period will follow. For more information, contact **Cynthia Correa**, Student Life Center, ext. 5089.

Nursing, Health Careers with ACCC Information Sessions

ACCC will hold two information sessions in April for those interested in learning about health care and nursing careers. The sessions are free.

A Nursing Program Information Session will be held 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 14, in M-129, on the Mays Landing Campus. A Health Career Planning Session will be held 6 p.m., Tuesday, April 28, in C Building, Cafeteria B, on the Mays Landing Campus. For more information, call Health Careers Recruiter **Glenda Stogel**, ext. 5048, or visit www.atlantic.edu/program/academic/nursing/healthCareers.htm.

ACCC Participates in Heart Association's 'Start! Walking at Work' Kickoff

ACCCers participated in the American Heart Association's National "Start! Walking at Work" Day, April 8. **Dr. Mora** led the walkers on the Mays Landing Campus. Dean **Bobby Royal** led the group in Atlantic City. CMCC participants walked on their own. The event is a jump start for the Southern NJ Spring Heart Walk. The college community was asked to begin their commitment to regular exercise and healthy eating habits to lick heart disease and stroke, which is the #1 killer of Americans. You could gain two hours of life expectancy for every one hour of regular, vigorous exercise.

The American Heart Association says: "National Start! Walking Day is a call to action for Americans to adopt a healthy lifestyle. When your company and your employees take the first step in becoming more active by participating, you will join thousands across the nation as they wear their sneakers to walk and pledge to start a healthier lifestyle."



ACCCers participating at the Worthington Atlantic City Campus included Mike Kammer, Nino Bravo, Dr. Alice Rainey, Kay Pandit, Bobby Royal, Diana Lojewski, Rhonda Petruzzi, Patricia Gandy, Janet Brenner, Ann McClaskey and John Mohr.

Participants at the Mays Landing Campus included Pat Kubaska, Charita McClain, Dr. Peter Mora, Dr. Robert Madeira, Hakima Ali Morgan, Brittany Williams, JoAnn Volpe, Kathy McGowan, Lynette Ingram, David Pringle, Judy Niewender, Brittine Ehrke, Hal Lugerner, BettyAnn Hines, Gail Mischlich and Kathy Corbalis.



At left, Denise O'Connor and Tammy DeFranco walked at CMCC.

There are just six weeks remaining before the Start! Southern NJ Spring Heart Walk on Saturday, May 16. Walkers can keep track of their progress by using the MyStart! Online Tracker, at www.heart.org/mystartonline.

HERE'S THE SCOOP

The Black Student Alliance will sponsor a Star Search Talent competition, 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 22 in Walter Edge Theater. Proceeds will go to Save the Children Foundation - Abandoned Babies. For more information, call **Lynette Ingram**, ext. 5097.

ACCC's Heart Walk Team kicked off their get in shape drive on April 8, National Start! Walking Day. Employees and students are encouraged to bring sneakers and take 30 minutes each day to walk for their health. Go to www.heart.org/start for more information.

The South Jersey AIDS Alliance invites guests to put on their dancing shoes and "Meet Me at the Chez Paree" for their second annual fundraiser, Sunday, April 26. It's a blast from the past at Club Escape for the SJ AIDS Alliance Chez Reunion. The party begins at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person at the door and include an evening of entertainment, discounted drink specials, and a one-of-a-kind dance contest. For a \$10 entry fee, you can show off your best dance moves during the anything goes Chez Dance Contest with special MC Eddie Bruce from Dancin' on Air.

The proceeds from the event benefit the South Jersey AIDS Alliance which offers services and support to

people living with HIV/AIDS, their families and caregivers. Club Escape nightclub is located at New York Avenue and the Boardwalk in Atlantic City with parking directly located across the street for a minimal fee. For more information, call the South Jersey AIDS Alliance at (609) 347-1085 or log online to www.sjaids.org.

Four student teams played against a faculty/staff team in a dodgeball tournament last Friday. **Joe D'Agostino, Michelle Bevan, Brittine Ehrke, Sean Fischer, Geoff Pettifer** and **Mike Rennick** played on the faculty/staff team. Several ACCers were cheerleaders for the faculty/staff team. Unfortunately, the faculty/staff team was eliminated after about 15 games. A good time was had by all! See more photos at http://www.flickr.com/photos/acc_cr/sets/72157616381437349/.



At 9:09 p.m., March 26, the Health Professions Institute family grew by one member with the birth of HPI Director **Megan Gargiulo**'s daughter, Avery. Avery entered the world at a petite 6 lbs. 10 oz. and measuring 19.5 inches long. She has lots of "aunties" waiting to spoil her. Both Megan and Avery are doing well and pictures will follow soon. Congratulations!

The American Red Cross Blood Drive was successful with 38 pints collected and 43 donors presenting, representing 95 percent of the goal. Thanks to all who participated, especially **Sheyla Ayala**, Phi Theta Kappa President, and **Nicole Schoenstein**, PTK Vice President, who dedicated their time to recruit donors, volunteer for the drive and donate their blood. "What a wonderful job and a GREAT show of community," said Carla Yates, Red Cross representative. Their hard work is greatly appreciated. PTK members who helped the Red Cross representatives assist donors include **Dominique Lotta, Gerad Villaluna, Amanda Benson, Jose Giraldo** and **Tashiva Torres**. Thanks to SGA officers **Wayne Pao** and **Ben Dailey** who assisted in the early morning hours setting up.

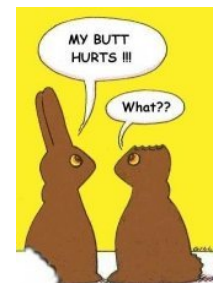


Happy birthday to: **Norman McKiver, Vickie Melograno**, April 9; **Dorothy Filomena, Brenda Kuhar**, April 10; **Aline Bennett**, April 12; **Curtis Fitzpatrick**, April 15; **Judy DeSalvo, Dennis Huey, Neera Desai**, April 17; **Gail Mischlich**, April 19; **William Keener**, April 20; **Jennifer Martucci, Kristi Neal, Rafael Rivera**, April 21. Adjunct birthdays: **Irene Scholler**, April 10; **Jessica Carleton, Kathy McGarry**, April 11; **Eddy Eubanks**, April 12; **Michelle Bayard-Gross, Jennifer Jaloway**, April 14; **Mausamben Shah**, April 14; **Allison Roth**, April 15; **Bruce Gorman**, April 15; **William Boyle**, April 18; **Andre Scholler**, April 22.

NEWS FROM ACCC'S OTHER LOCATIONS

Greetings from the Charles D. Worthington Atlantic City Campus by Daymis Alicea

Spring break of a different kind is on the horizon. For those of us who have kids, there's a forced vacation on the way (poor us) and may I suggest that you spend it doing something other than yard work.



With the springtime comes registration for summer and fall classes. It appears to come quicker every year. Honestly, I don't know why we don't just register students year round. The money is due the day they register anyway so it would be like buying a plane ticket. But that's just my way of looking at things. That said, registration for 32+ students begins on April 20 and will be open to all on April 21.

Earth Day is around the corner...which corner? Well, the corner where we are busy with late night registration. But I digress....on April 22 the world will honor our Earth. There is a movement to "Give the Earth a Break" and if you have not heard of it then let me enlighten you (*a pun, of course*). It's simple...on Earth Day 2009 take an hour out of your day and turn off everything at home for 60 minutes. Grill your dinner and eat by candlelight, play board games, or simply sit outside and enjoy the stars. Tell your neighbors and your friends to "give the Earth a break." You'll save 40 cents per minute. The last 60 minute break was on March 28 and if you did not participate, then this is your opportunity. For details, visit www.Earthhour.org.

The Latin Experience Club is creating an Earth Day sculpture with recycled materials which will be on display for the rest of the semester in the Student Lounge on the second floor. Cell phone collection to benefit the Troops in Iraq is currently underway, so we encourage all staff to interoffice any old/used cell phones to benefit this worthy cause. Keep an eye out for the Cinco de Mayo festivities. Contact **Carmen Cabrera** for details on these events.

The Cross Cultural Club is sponsoring a trip to Washington, D.C., May 18. Students and staff and can hop on board by donating \$15 to the American Heart Walk through **Mike Kammer**. The bus will take you to Liberty Mall and you will be on your own to enjoy the museum area. The bus is expected to return by 6 p.m. Contact Mike, ext. 4879.

An Easter Gift collection to benefit the area's needy children was held on April 6 and 7. The collection was overwhelming and the Easter gifts will be taken to the children's ward of a local hospital and a local church by our students on Easter Sunday. Thank you to the WACC students who came up with this idea and ran with it.

Belated thanks from **Janet Brenner**, Director of Community and Cultural Affairs, to those who contributed their time and effort to the success of Family Week at the Theatre. Thanks to **Ann McClaskey**, Administrative Services, for her work prior to the event. Special thanks to those who assisted the day of the event in Walter Edge Theater on the Mays Landing Campus: Theater Manager **Dave Capelli** and student **Glenn Ford**, Theater Sound Technician; part-time WACC employee **Jennifer Giardina** and work study student **Tonya Bowdish**, tickets and seating; and **Celeste Herse**, signer.

For the past few years, ACCC has had a walking team for the Arthritis Walk, in addition to supporting the American Heart Association's Heart Walk. Since the College has a long-standing record of support for the Heart Walk and this year the events are just one week apart, the Community and Cultural Affairs office will fully support the Heart Walk and not sponsor a team for the Arthritis Walk. Those who would like to participate in the Arthritis Walk are encouraged to do so. Contact Jean at the Absecon Lighthouse, (609) 449-1360 or register online at <http://2009atlanticcapemaycountyaw.kintera.org/>.

And now, as always...I bid you a good day and a Happy Easter...or a great weekend with lots of chocolate, shaped into eggs and bunnies.

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

Women's History Month closed at CMCC with two invigorating events. On March 26, a panel discussion on women's issues attracted more than 50 attendees. Coordinated by History Adjunct Instructor **Helen McCaffrey** and the Student Services team, the discussion featured presentations by Dr. June Kiesel of the Cape May County Board of Social Services; **Nari Kovalski**, an ACCC graduate and CMCC employee who grew up in South Korea; and **McCaffrey**, a civil rights attorney. A lively discussion ensued



L-R, Dr. June Kiesel, Helen McCaffrey and Nari Kovalski respond to questions during the Women's History Month panel discussion.

following the presentations.

On March 31, Vicki Clark, executive director of the Cape May County Chamber of Commerce, addressed a group of students and employees about the role of women in a global workforce. The CMCC Ambassadors Club sponsored this event.



Cape May County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Vicki Clark addresses students and staff at CMCC.

The annual Kick Butts Day, sponsored by REBEL, a teen anti-tobacco movement, took place for the second year at CMCC March 25. High school students from throughout Cape May County brought their resolute message to campus through a variety of games, informational displays and skits. For more information about REBEL, check out their Web site at <http://www.njrebel.com>.



L-R, Cheryl Kirby, Tammy DeFranco, John Mohr and Nari Kovalski pose with the "Butt Head" and two Cape May County teens at the March 25 Kick Butts Day at CMCC.

Welcome back to librarian **Cheryl Kirby** who returned from spring break jaunt to Lover's Key in Florida, near Fort Myers Beach. She also visited the Edison and Fort Estate Historic Site in Fort Myers. Likewise, **Denise O'Connor**, Customer Service, has returned from a cross-country drive to bring her youngest daughter and her car back to N.J. from San Diego, Calif. And **Roy Burnham**, Facilities, made it safely back from Maine. Roy's mother spends the winters here in Cape May County, and Roy takes her back home to Maine around this time each year. Not to be left out of the travel picture, **Nari Kovalski**, Admissions, is enjoying a cruise to Key West and Cozumel right now.

CMCCers will have the opportunity to give their input at the brand identity meeting at CMCC, 9 a.m., Tuesday, April 14, in room 324. Light refreshments. Please RSVP to **Jennifer Martucci**, ext. 4511, or jmartucc@atlantic.edu.

History senior adjunct instructor **Bob Holden** has been busy. In his spare time, he put together an informative Abraham Lincoln display in the CMCC library to help commemorate the 200th anniversary of Lincoln's birth. The display includes a letter from Bob's great-great-great uncle to President Lincoln. The letter requested a job for the author's brother-in-law. Great job, as always, Bob!



Senior adjunct instructor Bob Holden owns a vast collection of Lincoln memorabilia, which he graciously shares with the CMCC community.

Joan Dillon, Student Services, is attempting to organize an intramural volleyball group at CMCC. If you're interested, contact Joan, ext. 6787, or jdillon@atlantic.edu. Please pass the word to students! Baseball (specifically, the Yankees) aficionado **Jennifer Martucci**, Resource Development, has snagged a pair of tickets to see the Yankees play at their new stadium in the Bronx this June. It's a 40th birthday gift for her husband, Rob, but Jen will enjoy the game just as much as her hubby!



CMCC students took advantage of a nice sunny day this week and played volleyball in the back yard. After the volleyball games, a whiffle ball game broke out. It's great to see student activity at CMCC!

Library Tip of the Month from Cheryl Kirby, CMCC Librarian: Did you know the library has Apple iPods for faculty use? Come sign out an iPod to download tutorials, books or music. One of our online library databases, Opposing Viewpoints, has audible files that can be downloaded to your computer or MP3 type device. Audio books can also be downloaded free through our online book catalog or at your local public library.

Have a worry-free weekend!

CONTINUING EDUCATION NEWS

by Sherwood Taylor

The TD Charitable Foundation donated \$25,000 to the Atlantic Cape Community College Foundation on behalf of TD Bank to support a career training program for at-risk youth. The donation allows ACCC to train an additional eight youths ages 18-23 through its Youth Career Advancement Program. ACCC will train eligible 18- to 23-year-olds looking for entry-level positions as Certified Nurse Aides, Patient Care Technicians, Phlebotomy Technicians, Slot Technicians and Retail, Sales and Service Associates. The training will be held in Atlantic and Cape May counties and is completely free. Please refer anyone who is interested to **Erica Hoskins**, ext. 5682.

The Institute for Service Excellence, located at the Hamilton Mall, provides access to job postings for open service-related positions. Schedule your appointment to use the ISE's Resource Room and review current job openings, update your resume, complete paper and online applications. Contact the ISE at 609-343-5600, 609-463-4774, ext. 5600, to make an appointment. Open to the public.

Green Technology Workshops – Continuing Education is pleased to announce our first workshops related to green technology, living and sustainability. Our first workshop, "Green Advantage for Construction Officials," begins Wednesday, May 13, and will be held at the Mays Landing Campus. Our second workshop, "Green Building Today," will be held on Tuesday, June 9, at the Institute for Service Excellence at the Hamilton Mall. These new and innovative workshops are designed for architects, designers, contractors, builders, municipal officials and those who seek an understanding of green principles and methodologies. Additional information and complete descriptions for these workshops are located at www.atlantic.edu/green.

Health Professions Institute offers Advanced Surgical Technology Program – designed for current surgical technologists seeking an alternate route to obtaining their Certified Surgical Technologist accreditation. The 250-hour training program, which includes coursework as well as surgical skill reviews, will cover medical terminology, microbiology, pharmacology, surgical procedures, asepsis and patient care practices. Please direct inquiries to **Trudy Mills**, ext. 4814, or visit www.atlantic.edu/hpi.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Two ACCCers and a criminal justice graduate served on a women's forum panel on March 27 speaking on non-traditional careers. From left, **Monica McMenamin**, '97, Public Information Officer for the Atlantic City Police Department; **Marilyn Malerba Keiner**, Professor of Paralegal Studies; and ACA grad '84 **Annamarie Chelius**, Chef Educator, talked about their careers.



ACCC Dean of Continuing Education and Resource Development **Pat Gentile**, left, and Tish Williams, Council for Resource Development Region II Director, present a gift to Dr. Ken Ender, President, Cumberland County College. Ender was the keynote speaker at the CRD Districts I, II and III conference held at the Atlantic City Sheraton Convention Center Hotel last month. His topic was, “A Crisis is a Terrible Thing to Waste.” ACCC hosted the conference, which Dean Gentile chaired.



Assistant Professors of Social Science **Carolyn Coulter** and **Donna McElroy** attended the Eastern Community College Social Science Association’s 35th Annual Conference “Visions for Creating a Sustainable Future: Toward Transformational Change for a Collective World at Peace” in Sterling, Va., March 26-28. Coulter gave a presentation titled, “The City and Self-Sustenance: Perspectives on the Future of Urban Farming.” Highlights from the conference included keynote addresses and presentations from representatives from the U.S. Homeland Security Program, Council for International Exchange of Scholars (Fulbright), National Geographic Society, The Millennium Project and the U.S. Institute of Peace.



Carolyn Coulter, left, and Donna Marie McElroy at the ECCSSA conference.

ACCC’s student newspaper, Atlantic Cape Review, won three awards from the New Jersey College Press. **Wayne Comer** won second place for sports writing. **Samantha Brown** and **Mike Kuzma** won third place for layout and design for a story on Valentine DIY. The Atlantic Cape Review staff won second place for general excellence for the Dec. ’08 issue.

On March 30, 20 faculty members gathered for an IRC-sponsored lunch to discuss next year’s Collegewide Book, “Listening Is an Act of Love: A Celebration of American Life” from the StoryCorps Project. Collegewide Book Project facilitators **Stephanie Natale-Boianelli** and **Leila Crawford** led the event. The discussion, which brought together faculty members from six different departments, covered the content as well as the implementation of the book in ACCC classrooms.



The Rotaract Club’s fourth annual “Women in Leadership” seminar, was held at the Mays Landing Campus yesterday. Three professional women discussed business skills including from left, Geri Barish, President, Long Island Breast Cancer Action Coalition, Hewlett House; **Joy Jones**, ACCC Assistant Professor of Communication; and 2nd Lt. Dawn Schol, NJ Air National Guard.

CMCC History Adjunct **Helen McCaffrey** spoke at the annual breakfast of the Cape May County Advisory Commission on the Status of Women. Her topic was “Human Trafficking.” The talk was reported in the Cape May County weekly newspapers. U.S. Congressman Frank LoBiondo, Senator Jeff Van Drew, Assemblyman Matthew Milam and U.S. Marshall Plousis attended the event.

Ellen Parker, Mays Landing Campus Librarian, served as a lead judge in the New Jersey National History Day competition held at Rider University on March 28. Each year, more than half a million students, encouraged by thousands of teachers nationwide, participate in the National History Day contest. Students choose historical topics related to a theme and conduct extensive primary and secondary research through libraries, archives, museums, oral history interviews and historic sites. The program culminates in a national competition each June held at the University of Maryland at College Park.

Former ACCCer **Donna Albano**, now teaching at Stockton, was featured in The Press of Atlantic City’s Clueless Gourmet last Sunday. She learned how to make potato gnocchi after a failed attempt on her own.

Twelve ACCC employees completed Certified Emergency Response Training April 1 at Richard Stockton College. They attended training sessions once a week for five weeks. Those completing the certification include **Stacey Clapp, Paula Davis, Paula Demarest, Nick Ganaway, William Keener, Charles Mettill, Luis Montefusco, Ed Perkins, Nancy Porfido, Bobby Royal, Ellen Splaver** and **Brittany Williams**.



Stacey Clapp learns how to use a fire extinguisher as part of the emergency training at Stockton.



From left, front row: Nancy Porfido, Paula Demarest, Charles Mettill, Ellen Splaver, Luis Montefusco. Back row: Paula Davis, Stacey Clapp, Bill Keener, Ed Perkins, Brittany Williams, Nick Ganaway.

ACCC student **Cheryl Opuszynskio** won first place in a photography contest sponsored by Sigma Kappa Delta. Every year, SKD, the English honor society for two-year colleges, sponsors several contests, one of which is a black-and-white photography contest. Cheryl's photo, titled "Moment of Love," took the top spot this year.



At right, award-winning photo "Moment of Love," by ACCC student Cheryl Opuszynskio.

Avon L. Chapman, Director of Adjunct Development and Faculty Administrative Support, was invited by the League for Innovation in the Community College to be a key presenter at its "Innovations Conference 2009," in Reno-Tahoe, March 15-18. The League, of which ACCC is a member in good standing, is a national organization that is dedicated to the promotion of innovation, experimentation and outstanding leadership for the improvement of learning in higher education. Chapman, whose presentation topic was, "Enabling Better Understanding, Creativity and Spontaneity in the 21st Century Classroom," is proud to report that most of the innovative practices/trends and successes that were shared by the enlightened educators during the session streams had been initiated already at Atlantic Cape Community College! Accompanying Avon was his wife, Adjunct Instructor **Patricia Russell-Chapman**.

Tom Celandine, Professor of Sociology, tells us that his son, Andrew, completes his residency at Tufts University next year and was asked to be Chief Resident in 2010!

ACCC IN THE NEWS

A photo with **Kelly McClay**, Dean of ACA, Chef Educator **Joe Sheridan** and ACA students teaching kindergarteners at the English Creek Academy some important kitchen skills, appeared in The Current March 18. The students measured and mixed ingredients for blueberry, chocolate chip or banana-topped pancakes. The students got to eat their creations. McClay's son, Matthew, was in the class. They received thank you cards made by the students.

A Press of Atlantic City story titled, "Public projects in line to aid local economy," included ACCC in a list of proposed construction projects.



Geoffrey Pettifer, College Relations, is featured in a Comcast Spotlight commercial series highlighting the benefits of cable TV advertising. Geoff recorded his testimonial in January at Comcast Spotlight offices in Northfield. "It was a fun experience and a great marketing opportunity for ACCC and the Academy of Culinary Arts," Pettifer notes. "It sure raised a few eyebrows when friends and family saw the spot, too."

ACCC was mentioned in an article about the current economic crisis in The Press of Atlantic City. ACCC Dean of Facilities, Planning and Research **Richard Perniciaro** was quoted as predicting that the situation will continue to be bleak for some time.

ACCC student **Marybeth Zenyuk** was noted in an article in the Cape May Star & Wave about the United Way of Cape May County, of which she is a board member.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

Dr. Mora recently was guest speaker at the Council for Resource Development's Annual Conference. CRD is an affiliate group of the American Association of Community Colleges that brings together professional grant writers, fundraisers, advancement and foundation resource development staff working for the community college sector. Dr. Mora presented on factors favoring community college development.



Dr. Peter Mora with Patricia Williams, Director of Grants at Monroe Community College in NY and CRD Region II Director.

ACCC recently hosted College Awareness Day. Students from across the Atlantic and Cape May counties enjoyed workshops by members of the College community. Dr. Mora welcomed the staff and introduced the honorable Mayor Lorenzo Langford as the event's keynote speaker.



Dr. Peter Mora, Linda McLeod, Atlantic City Mayor Lorenzo Langford and Cal Maradonna of Rutgers University.

The Atlantic County Economic Development Advisory Commission, The Greater Atlantic City Chamber of Commerce and The Bank hosted the 2009 Major Public Construction Projects Breakfast Forum at Greate Bay Country Club. Dr. Mora presented on Blueprint 2020, focusing on upcoming campus projects including the Science/Technology/Engineering/Mathematics building and Student Center. Some fellow presenters included representatives from the Atlantic City Housing and Urban Redevelopment Agency, Casino Reinvestment Development Authority, Atlantic County Institute of Technology, Richard Stockton College and Atlantic County Utilities Authority.

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 April 24

The next issue of the *Atlantic Cape CommuniCator* will be Friday, April 24. Deadline is noon, Monday, April 20. Please e-mail your submissions to **Kathy McGowan**, mcgowan@atlantic.edu.

--Kathy McGowan, editor