

# ATLANTIC CAPE COMMUNICATOR

Atlantic Cape Community College's Information Source

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## NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

### Last CommuniCator of 2003; Next issue: Jan. 23

This is the last issue of the *Atlantic Cape CommuniCator* for 2003. The next issue will be Friday, Jan. 23. The deadline is noon, Monday, Jan. 19. E-mail photos and stories to [mcgowan@atlantic.edu](mailto:mcgowan@atlantic.edu).

### ACCC Closed for the Holidays Dec. 22-Jan. 4

ACCC offices will be closed for the holiday break beginning Monday, Dec. 22, and reopen Monday, Jan. 5. The break will include two "Association Trade Off Days," meaning ACCOSAP and SSAACCC have agreed that you'll give up two vacation days, and two "Board Trade Off Days," which the board will give employees off as paid holidays. Since Winter Term classes begin on Friday, Jan. 2, registrations will be accepted that day beginning at 8 a.m. until the class start time. No registrations will be accepted once the class begins. Registrations will be accepted by mail, fax or online over the holiday break. Don't forget to update your voice mail! See directions on page 5.

### HR Hosts Employee of Quarter Reunion Luncheon



*Employees of the Quarter were honored at a luncheon hosted by Human Resources on Dec. 8. Employees include, from left, front row, Retiree Paul Schwenger, BettyAnn Inloes Hines, Liriana Samuel, Judy DeSalvo, Helen Hughes. Back row: Connie LaMonaca, Tammy DeFranco, Robbin Haynes, Maryann Carol, Sandy Meischker, Linda McLeod, Joanne Gleason, Josie Chivalette, Marge Battistelli, Tom Hughes, Cindy DeFalco, Heather Peterson, Gail Mischlich, Frank Branca, Phil DeCicco, Taffy Peterson, Marge Mettille and Rosemarie Conaghy. Missing from photo: Alice Rainey, Gayle Edwards, John Torcasio, Rob Lyons and Kathy McGowan.*

Human Resources hosted an Employee of the Quarter reunion luncheon, Dec. 8, with 24 of the 33 winners attending. The award, created in 1990, recognizes support staff members for outstanding

customer service. Retiree **Paul Schwenger** was among the group. Recent winners **Liriana Samuel** and **John Torcasio** received their recognition plaques from the program's coordinator, **Cynthia Correa**.

College Relations provided each recipient with an attractive ACCC CD case. The winners were coupled by year and posed for some nostalgic digital photographs courtesy of **Nick Ganaway**, ITS. The award recognizes support staff who go beyond the call of duty to ensure quality customer service.



*Olaf "Butch" Drozdov*

### **Olaf "Butch" Drozdov Retires**

Submitted by **Joe Rossi**, Human Resources

**Olaf "Butch" Drozdov Jr.** retires from teaching on Dec. 19. Drozdov joined the college as Assistant Professor of Health and Physical Education on September 1, 1969. He came to ACCC after three years at West Deptford High School where he coached wrestling and assisted with football and track teams.

Drozdov earned a bachelor's degree in physical education from the University of Maryland and a master's in phys ed from the former Glassboro State College.

The Mays Landing resident coached Buccaneer wrestling and softball and was faculty advisor for the track club. He was liaison for the college's hosting of the annual "Tournament of Champions" for high school athletes and Special Olympics.

His college committee worked included academic standards, class size, scholarship, dean evaluation and curriculum. He was coordinator of the Health and Physical Education Department and supported the college's efforts with Career Day, New Student Day, Registration and the Speaker's Bureau.

"Butch is an extremely effective teacher," said Nursing and Allied Health Department Chairwoman **Dr. Barbara Warner**. "He facilitates the comprehension of his students by creating a comfortable classroom atmosphere in which students seem to feel free to participate actively. His rapport with them was evident."

Drozdov, a licensed general contractor, was very active with the college's intramural program and worked part time with disabled youngsters at the Betty Bacharach Home for Afflicted Children in Longport.

A member of the Mays Landing Rescue Squad, Drozdov served as ACCC Heart Captain twice for the Southern New Jersey Heart Walk.

His memberships include the National Wrestling Coaches Association, the National Junior College Wrestling Coaches Association, American Association of Sports Medicine, the South Jersey Coaches Association, the National Association of Health, Physical Education and Recreation and the New Jersey Association of Health and Physical Education.

Drozdov and his wife, Cynthia, have two children, Rommi and Darren, and four grandchildren.

### **PECC Campaign Meets Goal**

ACCC employees stepped up to the plate and met the college's goal of \$14,700 to the annual Atlantic County Public Employees Charitable Campaign (PECC). This amount was donated by 133 members of the ACCC family- full time, part time, adjuncts, and work study students. Thanks to all who donated!

## **Performance Evaluations Due To Human Resources**

Supportive staff performance evaluations must be returned to HR by Friday, Dec. 12. Evaluations for management employees were due in the Human Resources Office by Dec. 5. For more information, call ext. 5109 or email [rossi@atlantic.edu](mailto:rossi@atlantic.edu).

## **CSA Selling Chocolates For The Holidays**

The Culinary Student Association is selling assorted chocolate candies for Christmas. The candies will be packaged in chocolate boxes and cost \$8, \$9 or \$10. Culinary students will visit all college offices with order forms, or call **Suzanne Feye** at ext. 4942 to place an order. All proceeds go to the Culinary Student Association.

## **Performing Arts Clubs Presents ‘A Christmas Carol’ This Weekend and Next**

ACCC’s Performing Arts Club is producing Charles Dickens’ “A Christmas Carol” again this year, although the cast is almost entirely different. ACCC’s own Sociology professor, **Tom Celandine**, offers a haunting portrayal of Marley, and **Tim Kelley** from the campus Barbarito & Beyers stars as Charles Dickens. **Dave Capelli** directs this performance which features students from ACCC, local area elementary and middle schools, and many community members.

The show runs for the next two weekends, Friday, Dec. 12 at 8 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 13 at 2 and 8 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 14 at 2 p.m., Friday, Dec. 19 at 8 p.m., and Saturday, Dec. 20 at 2 and 8 p.m. General admission is \$7 and matinees are \$2. Both shows on Dec. 13 are free to ACCC students with current ID.

## **Make Tax-deductible Holiday Contributions to Mary Tower Scholarship; Former Prof. Langan Contributes \$3,500**



Faculty and staff are encouraged to contribute to an endowment for the newly established Mary Tower Scholarship Fund. Mary was a professor at ACCC for many years before retiring in spring 1997. She continued to serve as an instructor online until her death last spring from a long battle with cancer. A scholarship was established in her memory. The scholarship will be awarded annually to students who have completed at least 12 credits with a 2.5 minimum grade point average, who have taken at least two developmental courses, and who have written a 500-word essay that will be judged by a committee.

For the year 2003-04, two \$500 scholarships will be funded totally by a donation from John Langan, former English professor at ACCC and publisher of Townsend Press. John’s publishing company has its own scholarship program, and we appreciate his generosity to our students, in Mary’s memory.

John has also contributed \$2,500 toward the endowment for the scholarship, and we hope that others will add to this base so that we can have enough to support the scholarship in the future.

In the spring, the committee plans a poetry reading and other activities to publicize the scholarship. Please contribute in memory of a long-time teacher and member of the ACCC community! Make checks payable to ACCC, and send to **Judy Matsunobu** in the Division Office. Anyone with bright ideas who would like to serve on the Mary Tower Scholarship committee, please contact Judy, ext. 4884; **Vita Stovall**, ext. 5081; **Janet Brenner**, ext. 4992; or **Elinor Mattern**, ext. 4880.

## **Time Sheets Due; Dec. 26 Paychecks Will Be Mailed**

Recaps and time sheets for the Dec. 26 pay date are due in the payroll office no later than Monday, Dec. 15. Managers with time card employees will be given until 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 17 to

submit recaps. All corresponding paperwork, including Assignment Forms, is due to HR by Wednesday, Dec. 10.

Late forms will not be processed until the following pay period. Paychecks dated Dec. 26 will be mailed Dec. 23. Employees not wanting their checks mailed must contact **Ronnie Devine** at ext. 5265 no later than Wednesday, Dec. 17. Be sure to double check your mailing address. Held paychecks may be picked up when the college re-opens on Monday, Jan. 5.

### **Discount Tickets Available for 'Stars on Ice' at AC Boardwalk Feb. 21**

A group at City Center is purchasing tickets to the Saturday, Feb. 21, 7:30 p.m. performance of 'Stars on Ice' at the Atlantic City Boardwalk Hall. If enough people express interest, a group rate is available. Tickets would be \$30 each plus a \$10 handling fee, instead of the usual \$55 and \$40 plus handling. Contact **Jean McAlister**, City Center, for tickets. Deadline is Feb. 12.



*Prof. Don Hurff*

### **ACCC's First Faculty Member Retirement Party Dec. 18**

**Prof. Donald Hurff**, ACCC's first-hired faculty member, will be honored at a retirement party at the Epic Grille, Rt. 40, Mays Landing, Thursday, Dec. 18. The event will be held 5-8 p.m. Cost is \$35, which includes a hot buffet, champagne toast and \$10 toward his gift. The menu includes assorted fresh fruit and cheese display with crackers, sliced roast beef au jus with horseradish mayonnaise, breast of chicken marsala with fresh mushrooms, penne pasta primavera, fresh seasonal vegetables, fresh garden salad with tomatoes, cucumbers, red onion, and croutons with red wine vinaigrette; assorted rolls with butter; coffee, tea, soda, and iced tea. If you cannot attend but would like to contribute to his gift, see **Dr. Louise Kaplan** or **Dennis Huey**. Deadline for reservations is 5 p.m., Monday, Dec. 15.

### **Have An Idea for a New Kids College Class? Contact Continuing Education**

Planning for Kids College 2004 is in full swing. We are happy to invite current college employees to work with us during the summer. If you are interested in teaching one or more classes for Kids College, or if you have any ideas for new classes, please contact **Rachel Wettstein**, ext. 5658, at your earliest convenience. Kids College 2004 is scheduled for July 12-Aug.13. Classes are 3 hours (9-noon or 1-4pm), five days/week for one week each. Classes are divided into the following age brackets: 5-7 years old, 7-10, and 9+. If you have any ideas for classes, would like to teach a class, or desire more information, please contact Rachel by January 15.

### **CSA Students Tour Borgata Kitchens**

Students in the Academy of Culinary Arts' Culinary Student Association enjoyed a behind-the-scenes tour of the kitchens at the Borgata Hotel Casino and Spa recently, taking in everything from the hustle and bustle of the main kitchen to the organization of the perishable storeroom and the sweet smells that permeated the pastry shop.

Chef Alex Panis, executive sous chef, led the 20 students with faculty advisor **Suzanne Feye** and Chef Educator **Tree McCann** through the massive kitchens, including a look at the



*ACA Culinary Student Association members toured kitchens at the Borgata Hotel Casino and Spa recently.*

casino's innovative "cook-and-chill" operation. Victor Tiffany, Borgata's vice president of food and beverage operations, later guided the students through the kitchens of the Old Homestead Steakhouse, one of five independently operated restaurants in the hotel casino.

Following the tour, the students enjoyed lunch in the employee dining room, and throughout the day they bumped into ACA graduates now working at the Borgata.

The trip marks the second time ACA students have had an up-close look at the Borgata's kitchens. "We have a symbiotic relationship," Chef McCann said. "The Borgata wants workers with a strong educational foundation, and we complement each other very well."

## **Change Your Voice Mail for Holiday Break**

Please be sure to update your voice mail before the holiday break to reflect that the college is closed and will reopen 9 a.m., Monday, Jan. 5.

1. Dial 5101, enter your extension and password.
2. Press 3 to administer greetings.
3. Press 1 to create a greeting.
4. Press 5 or any number up to 9 that is not already used for an existing greeting. (I use 5 as my "special" greeting).
5. At the tone, record the greeting you want callers to hear over the holiday break.
6. When finished speaking, press #. If you make a mistake during recording, just press and re-record.
7. Press 0 to assign this greeting to ALL calls. Press #.
8. Press \*\*x to exit the voice mail system.

Happy Holidays!

When you return in January, don't forget to change your greetings back to the originals. Here's how:

1. Dial 5101, enter your extension and password as usual.
2. Press 3 to administer greetings.
3. Press 1 to create a greeting.
4. Press 1 (greeting #1).
5. Press 1 to activate for internal calls.
6. Press 2 (greeting #2).
7. Press 2 to activate for external calls.
8. Press 3 (greeting #3).
9. Press 3 to activate for out-of-hours calls.
10. Press #.
11. Press \*\*x to exit the system.

## **HERE'S THE SCOOP**

**by Aline Bennett & Joe Rossi**

Deepest sympathy to **Nick Donato**, ACA perishable storeroom, on the passing of his beloved wife, Marie. She lost her battle with cancer on Thanksgiving. She was 49. She also leaves behind a daughter, Jennifer, and a son, George, and his wife, Tanya; and two grandchildren, Kaitlyn and Brady. Prior to her illness, Marie was a food server at Harrah's Casino Hotel. The family requests that donations be made in the name of Marie Donato to Cystic Fibrosis (PACFI), P.O. Box 29, Mifflinburg, Pa. 17844. Condolences can be sent to Nick at 6336 Spruce St., Laureldale, N.J. 08330. If you missed the special benefit event for Nick and his family, you can still make a donation. **Ellen Gregory**, president's office, is collecting donations. Call her, ext. 4901, or stop by J building with your donation.

Congratulations to **Jim Taggart**, CIS, and his wife, Sonia Odeth, and on the birth of their twin sons, Diego and Eduardo. The boys arrived Dec. 3. All are fine.

**Dottie Tarabula**, new retiree from financial aid, sent this note: “Where do I begin, saying thank you all for all you have done for me just does not seem enough. You all have meant and always will mean so much to me and I have you all in my heart now and always. You are an extension of my family and for that I am so blessed. My time at ACCC was happy because of all of you and for that I am oh so grateful. My retirement dinner was far more than I could have ever expected. It was such an enjoyable evening and one I will never forget...Yes, there were tears, but also some laughter. Thank you a million times! So, at this time, I will not say “Goodbye.” I will see you all soon. God Bless You All. Love you all. Dottie.” Those wishing to stay in touch with **Dottie** can e-mail her: [Dott28@aol.com](mailto:Dott28@aol.com) or by U.S. mail to 18770 Stewart Circle #3, Boca Raton, FL 33496.



*Students winners of the Best Dressed International Dress included Hasin Mannan, Bangladesh, and Esther Kolle, Ghana.*

The International Committee was thrilled with the turnout for their International Festival. There was lots of hustle and bustle with faculty, students and staff dressing in beautiful traditional clothing. About 15 student clubs participated in the event. The Culinary Student Association and the Cross Cultural Club each won \$150 as winners of the Cultural Display Contest. International Clothing Contest winners received \$20 gift certificates to the ACCC Book Store, including Esther Kolle – Ghana; Hasin Mannan – Bangladesh; and Hai Yen - Viet Nam. Foreign films, Amelie, (French) Guantanamo, (Cuban), and Monsoon Wedding (Indian) were shown at both Mays Landing and Atlantic City campuses that week and were attended by about 50 people.



*Best Dressed Student Hai Yen, Viet Nam (center) is congratulated by faculty members Loretta Dicker (left) and Elinor Mattern.*



*The Culinary Student Association won for best Cultural Display of Alaska.*

About 35 students and three teachers from Atlantic City took a bus trip to the Mays Landing main campus for the festival. The cafeteria served an international menu. The event was organized by the International Education and Multicultural Awareness Sub-committee including **Elinor Mattern**, **Vita Stovall**, **Christopher Rand**, **Lydia Lehr**, **Maryann McCall**, **Loretta Dicker** and **Mike Kammer** with lots of help from many people from all around the college.

**Elinor Mattern**'s Intermediate ESL class recently had an impromptu career counseling session for prospective nurses when Carol Brill, corporate director of Human Resources for Atlantic City Medical

Center, stopped by following a press conference at the Worthington Atlantic City Center. Many of the students are interested in a nursing career so Brill fielded their questions and said she would come back any time the students were interested in a career day. “We love recruiting diverse, local folks,” she said.

**Neelu Kochhar**, office coordinator, Job Readiness, plans to marry on Jan. 25. Neelu invites her ACCC colleagues to attend the ceremony in India. Congratulations!

A Rock ‘n Benefit Concert for the Ensign John R. Elliott Hero Campaign for Designated Drivers is planned for Monday, Dec. 29. The event will be held 7-11 p.m., at Bubba Mac Shack in Somers Point. Admission is \$10. There will door prizes, raffles and food throughout the evening. Performers include 7 p.m., Chad Juros, The Magical Chadakazam; 7:30 p.m., Alphantide; 8:30 p.m., Paul Gliatto, acoustic guitar; and 10 p.m. Alphantide. See Aline Bennett, student activities, ext. 5089, for tickets or e-mail [herorocks@comcast.net](mailto:herorocks@comcast.net).

A belated happy birthday to **Nick Ganaway** and **Judy Matsunobu**, who celebrated on Dec. 5.

Happy birthday to: **Humberto Rosario**, Dec. 12; **Tammy DeFranco**, **Jean Rowley**, Dec. 14; **Michele McGowan**, Dec. 15; **Charita McClain**, **Pam Baker**, **Virginia Macrie**, Dec. 16; **Dorothea Dunayer**, Dec. 18; **Crista DeFalco**, Dec. 20; **Tina Watson**, Dec. 21; **Cheryl Ann Garwood**, Dec. 22; **Sandra Meischker**, Dec. 23; **Pamela Bigelow-O’Neill**, Dec. 24; **Mitch Mischlich**, Dec. 26; **Lisa Stein**, Dec. 27; **Merrill-Jean Bailey**, Dec. 30; **Sue Jones**, Dec. 31. **Joanne Gleason**, Jan. 1; **Marilyn Keiner**, Jan. 3; **Tina Baez-Laing**, Jan. 5; **Esther Gandica**, **Todd Ford**, Jan. 7; **Al Ebinger**, **Bruce Johns**, **Connie LaMonaca**, Jan. 8; **Domenic Acilio**, Jan. 9; **Susan Nissen**, Jan. 10; **Loretta Dicker**, **BettyAnn Inloes Hines**, Jan. 12; **Linda Eidell**, Jan. 13; **Christina Cavage**, **Christopher Rand**, Jan. 14; **Anne Erickson**, **Charles Mettille**, Jan. 16; **Regina Skinner**, **Annmarie Chelius**, **Kara Breder**, Jan. 17; **Nelson Bugas**, Jan. 19; **Terry Kirkland**, Jan. 21; **Rob Lyons**, Jan. 22.

Adjunct birthdays: **Cheryl Crews**, **Carolyn Johnson**, Dec. 9; **Christine Salvatore**, December 12; **Ralph Ivie**, Dec. 22; **Donna Szemcsak**, Dec. 24; **Gene Silnicki**, Dec. 28. **Celeste Herse**, Jan. 3; **Hubert Barbour**, Jan. 5; **Robert Oaks**, Jan. 8; **Douglas Baart**, **MaryJean Maudsley**, Jan. 15; **Derrick McQueen**, Jan. 16; **Elizabeth Howell**, Jan. 17; **Irving Bobo**, **Siva Thurairajah**, Jan. 20.

## NEWS FROM ACCC’S EXTENSION CENTERS

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

by **Jean McAlister**

The City Center, Mays Landing East and County Building staffers are ready for rapping this Friday, Dec. 12. I understand that this party is going to be the highlight of the year. The “wrappers” are secretly practicing. Hope to see everyone there.

Look for the International Club’s posters in the cafeteria. **Mike Kammer** tells me they are wonderful.

The Fundraising Conference was a hit last Friday. Over 40 folks from non-profit agencies attended.

If you would like to be on the Restaurant Gala invitation list, or know of someone who is interested, please contact **Kailin Hackney**, ext. 4802. The Save the Date postcards just went out in the mail.

Have a safe and healthy holiday season.

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

by **Lisa Apel-Gendron**

Well, that first week of registration was a pip, wasn't it? Thank goodness for caffeine! Thank you to the entire CMCEC team of **Denise O'Connor, Melissa Moy, Linda Hair, Faith Gager, Matt Bailey, Fred Mason, John Mohr, Barbara Clark, Mike Hadrava, Jim Devine** and **Dereck Pruszinski** for working as a well-oiled registration machine. If you were to look up "teamwork" in the dictionary, you'd see a picture of the CMCEC gang. They would look tired and perhaps a bit dazed, but they're the essence of team.

Thanks to **Joanne Gleason** for inviting our admissions employees to main campus for a morning of information sharing. **Denise O'Connor, Melissa Moy** and **Faith Gager** spent some very productive hours with **Kathleen Denise** and other admissions personnel. Great idea, Joanne!

To our entire Cape May County faculty team, please keep in mind that grades are due Jan. 5. **Linda Hair** and **Lisa Apel-Gendron** will be glad to enter them for you and forward your hard copy to the Division Office. If you have grades computed before break, please bring them in. We'll be here through Friday, Dec. 19.

Best wishes to **Dr. George Dailey**, who is having his knee re-done today. Let's hope for a better outcome this time. We will miss the gentle professor's humor during spring semester, but we know he'll be in to visit as soon as possible. We look forward to that day!

Just a reminder that our courier, **John Torcasio**, comes to CMCEC and the Tech School each Monday and Wednesday morning, bright and early. Those are the only days we receive interoffice mail.

The mobile bookstore will visit CMCEC on Jan. 7 from 11 a.m.-6 p.m., and on Jan. 8 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. They will sell books only for sections which meet in Cape May County, and they'll buy back used books still in use.

Happy finals week!

### **ACCC IN THE NEWS**

A story on the DOL grant awarded to ACCC for customized training appeared in the Business section of *The Press* on Nov. 21. The money, combined with a \$957,000 contribution from six casinos and Local 54 was used to train 1,203 new employees for jobs at Borgata and to upgrade skills of an additional 3,000 employees of participating casinos.

A front page story appeared in *The Press* on Dec. 1 titled, *Making it to class easy for online students*. The article featured ACCC student **Lauren Birdsong** who will graduate with a dual major in history and psychology and has earned her degrees almost entirely online. She plans to transfer to Thomas Edison State College to earn her bachelor's degree online.

The promotions of **Dr. Josette Katz** to dean of academic resources; **Carmen Royal** to dean of students; and **Gina Skinner** to assistant dean of enrollment services, appeared in the *Community College Times*.

A news release on the Silent Auction held by the Advancement Office appeared in *The Press* and local weekly newspapers.

Information on the 50/50 raffle sponsored by the ACCC Foundation to benefit student scholarship appeared in the *Herald Times* and *The Current*. The winning tickets will be selected at The Press of Atlantic City Restaurant Gala April 22.

*The Current*, *The Press of Atlantic City*, *The Mainland Journal* and *Atlantic City Weekly* included information about the Oct. 30 and Dec. 2 Taste of the Gala cooking demonstrations and wine tastings.

Information about the ACA's annual homecoming festivities appeared in *The Current* and the *Hammonton News*.

Articles in the *Ocean City Observer* and *Daily Record* about Fairleigh Dickinson University's program that allows students to take bachelor's-level classes at their local community college mentioned ACCC as a partner and quoted **Paulett Strand**, ACCC's culinary admissions specialist, who is enrolled in the program.

An article in *The Press of Atlantic City* recapped the Beacons by the Sea fund-raiser and the efforts to sell the remaining lighthouses.

*The Press of Atlantic City* included a short article about the Board of Trustees approving an approximately \$146,000 fee increase in the Cape May County campus project due to redesigns and delays.

ACCC's Café Series received publicity in *The Press of Atlantic City* and *Atlantic City Weekly*. The Press featured Lauren Hart, a singer-songwriter who performed at Careme's Dec. 4 as part of the 7-year-old series, while the Atlantic City Weekly article discussed how the Café Series fills a niche for folk music enthusiasts and publicized this fall's two performers.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Ed Blake, a member of the Press of Atlantic City Restaurant Gala committee, was honored by the March of Dimes recently for contributions to helping improve the lives of children and families in Atlantic County.

**Dr. Richard Perniciaro**, associate dean and director of the Center for Regional and Business Research, heads a Smart Growth Task Force formed by the Chamber of Commerce of Southern New Jersey. The group was formed in response to the DEP's Blueprint for Intelligent Growth map.

## ALUMNI

**Bill Shaughnessy** '71, was inducted to the Oakcrest High School Athletic Wall of Fame last week. While a student here, Bill served as captain of ACC's baseball and basketball teams and received the Joseph W. Bambrick Memorial Award for Loyalty and Dedication to ACC Athletics.

ACA graduate **John DeAnnuntis** '93, and his restaurant, Chef John's Eatery, were featured in the Current Newspapers recently. DeAnnuntis bought the restaurant in March 2000 and transformed the dining room. "The Eatery had always served breakfast and lunch, but I aimed for an atmosphere with a 'dinner look' to it." Chef John's Eatery is really two restaurants—a busy day spot where shoppers and workers can get breakfast or lunch before heading to the stores or their jobs; or a charming, quiet room for an intimate evening meal. The English Creek Shopping Center restaurant seats 72 and takeout is available.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

### State Opens Health Benefits Group Coverage To Adjunct Faculty

Community College adjunct faculty who are members of the N.J. Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) may enroll in the State Health Benefits Program's NJ PLUS plan. "Pensionable" adjuncts (three consecutive semesters) must pay the full premium cost of the NJ PLUS plan at the group rates. Prescription coverage is also available.

Enrollment paperwork is processed through ACCC's Human Resources Department. Adjuncts will receive monthly premium bills directly from the N.J. Division of Pensions and Benefits. This is the only payment option. The law takes effect in January 2004 with an initial enrollment period. Eligible adjuncts may also enroll before the start of any semester in which they are teaching. An alternative is the annual benefits open enrollment period.

Adjuncts serving more than one New Jersey college must choose which institution they wish to be enrolled from. If an adjunct terminates employment or is not offered an assignment for the next semester (fall to spring to fall, etc.), Human Resources will send them a COBRA notice informing them of the right to continue group coverage for up to 18 months.

NJ PLUS is a managed-care plan administered by Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of N.J. It is a point-of-service plan offering 100 percent in-network benefits identical to an HMO, and also out-of-network coverage. The State Prescription Plan offers pharmacy and mail order benefits with a co-pay of \$5 for brand names and \$1 for generic medications.

Please call or email the Human Resources Department at ext. 5611 or ext. 5109 or e-mail [bmusitan@atlantic.edu](mailto:bmusitan@atlantic.edu) or [rossi@atlantic.edu](mailto:rossi@atlantic.edu) to indicate your availability (day or evening) for an informational meeting about group coverage medical benefits.

Here are the current monthly rates for this benefit:

	NJ PLUS	Prescription
Single	\$314.85	\$113.09
Member & Spouse	\$686.27	\$258.49
Family	\$816.83	\$271.50
Parent & Child(ren)	\$473.67	\$150.94

--Kathy McGowan, editor