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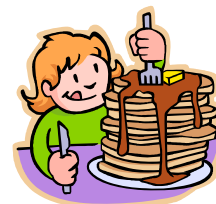
December 7, 2007

## NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

### Tickets on Sale for Dec. 8 'Breakfast with Santa' by ACA at Hamilton Mall

The Academy of Culinary Arts at ACCC is a sponsor of this year's "Breakfast with Santa" at the Hamilton Mall. The event is planned for Saturday, Dec. 8, in the mall food court.

The chefs and students at the Academy will prepare pancakes, bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, muffins and Danish. Java Coast will provide coffee and juice. Children can meet Santa and enjoy the magic of award-winning magician Chad Juros while dining.



Breakfast will be served from 8-10 a.m. Tickets are \$5 a person and can be purchased in advance at the customer service desk at Hamilton Mall, or the day of the event, based on availability. All proceeds benefit Children's Seashore House Auxiliary of Atlantic County. Table tents promoting ACCC will be on all tables.

### Dean of Students Holiday Breakfast Dec. 11 in Cafeteria B on Mays Landing Campus

Don't forget the Annual Holiday Breakfast, hosted by the Student Services area, 9:30-11 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 11, in Cafeteria B. Enjoy good food, coffee and a chance to chat with colleagues. See you there!



### Get Tickets Now for Holiday Party Dec. 22 at Mays Landing Country Club



Get your tickets now for the ACCC Holiday Party, Saturday, Dec. 22, at Mays Landing Country Club. The dinner/dance will be held 7-11 p.m. with lots of door prizes, a scrumptious buffet menu, dancing and fun! There will be a cash bar.

Tickets are just \$19 a person, and include a buffet dinner with hors d'oeuvres, tossed salad, pasta and vegetable salad, carved beef, pencil point penne with roasted red pepper and spinach, shrimp and scallops scampi, sautéed vegetable medley, bread basket display, holiday dessert table, coffee and tea.

For tickets, see **Michelle Bevan, Sandi Guenther, Kathy McGowan, Donna Marie McElroy, Penny Gardner, Jo-Ann Volpe, Renee DeAngelo, Danays Alvarado, Marilyn Keiner, Chris Vallese, Daymis Alicea** or **Julia Ratliff**. Tickets are limited. Hope to see you there!

### ACA Hosts Open House Dec. 12

The Academy of Culinary Arts will host its next open house Wednesday, Dec. 12, 4:30 p.m. The open house events are open to anyone who loves to cook and is interested in beginning an exciting culinary career. For more information, call **Linda McLeod**, ext. 5009, or e-mail [accadmit@atlantic.edu](mailto:accadmit@atlantic.edu).

## **Submit your Proposal for 2008 NJ Community Colleges Best Practices Conference**

If you haven't yet gotten in your proposal for the 2008 NJ Community Colleges Best Practices Conference, there's still time. The deadline has been extended to Dec. 10. The conference is scheduled for Thursday, April 24, and Friday, April 25, at Ocean County College. Please encourage your colleagues, faculty and staff to submit their proposals to [marsha@thestoltmangroup.com](mailto:marsha@thestoltmangroup.com) with a copy to [info@njccc.org](mailto:info@njccc.org). The presentation proposal submission form is available at [www.njccc.org](http://www.njccc.org).

## **An Evening of Mellow Music Dec. 13 in Mays Landing Cafeteria**

Students and staff are invited to spend an evening winding down with Matt Larson, singer, songwriter and acoustic guitarist, 4:30-6 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 13, during the Cafe Coffee House in Cafeteria B on the Mays Landing Campus. Larson is compared to James Blunt and Ben Folds with his inviting voice and lyrical depth. The free performance is presented by Student Government to help students de-stress before their final exams. For more information, call **Lisa Givens**, ext. 5010 or e-mail [lgivens@atlantic.edu](mailto:lgivens@atlantic.edu).

## **Need Graphic Services? Complete Work Request Online**

Are you in need of a poster, flyer, invitation, brochure or other graphic services for your department or program? Now you can request graphic services from the College Relations department online! Visit the College Relations Web page, <http://www.atlantic.edu/about/relations/index.html> and click on Request for Graphic Design/Production Services. Complete the form and select "submit" and a College Relations staff member will get back to you to discuss your project.

## **ACCC Plans Archery Alumni Shoot, Hosts Double FITA I Tournament Jan. 19-20**

ACCC's national championship archery team is planning an alumni shoot for 10 a.m., Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 19-20. It is not too late for former ACCC archers to sign up to participate. ACCC will also host the Double FITA I Archery Tournament at 1:30 p.m. both days.

The Double Star FITA Alumni Shoot is open to all alumni, regardless of when they shot for ACCC. The cost of the shoot is \$35 a person. All proceeds will be used to support the team. Alumni who can't attend can also make a donation.

ACCC's archery team has a long legacy of success, including 36 All Americans. ACCC's men's archery team won a national title at the United States Intercollegiate Archery Championships in May 2006 in Los Angeles. In addition, ACCC team member **Steve Gatto** of Hammonton was champion of the men's compound division at the 2007 National Target Championship, Aug. 6-11, in Colorado Springs, Colo. He also won the gold cup for overall performance in the men's compound competition at the XXV Torneo Batalla de Carabobo in Venezuela in June, 2007.

All archers participating in the tournaments must bring a clean pair of sneakers to wear on the gym floor. For more information on the alumni shoot, contact **Dr. Helen Bolnick**, Head Coach, ext. 5043 or e-mail [drbolnick@aol.com](mailto:drbolnick@aol.com).

## **ACCC to Host Annual Holiday Party for Adopt-A-School**

ACCC's Student Government Association will hold its annual Adopt-a-School holiday party for first graders from Charles Sprague Elementary School, 10 a.m., Monday, Dec. 10, in Cafeteria B on the Mays Landing Campus.

SGA will treat about 70 first-graders from the Egg Harbor City school to a party filled with games, food and a multi-cultural holiday music performance by Mark Rust. The visiting students will work on crafts, listen to holiday songs and stories, and enjoy lunch and a visit and gift from Santa. Students from various ACCC clubs will assist in supporting the event.

## **Make Appointment for Mammography Van on Campus Feb. 5**

The RNS Mobile Mammography Van will return to ACCC's Mays Landing Campus, Tuesday, Feb. 5. It is sponsored by AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center and all major credit cards and most insurance plans are accepted. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-246-2404. Once appointments are made, RNS will send a reminder, registration and history form.

## **Art Gallery Features Student Work Selected by Faculty**

If you didn't get a chance to stop by ACCC's Art Gallery yet to see the featured student artwork, the show runs through Dec. 20. The exhibit is titled, "Faculty Selects," and is an annual showcase of student work from college-credit art area courses. ACCC Art Gallery is on the Mays Landing Campus, room C-125. For more information, call Art Gallery Coordinator **Buddy Jacobs**, ext. 5346, or e-mail [bjacobs@atlantic.edu](mailto:bjacobs@atlantic.edu).

## **Metlife Lunch and Learn Workshops Dec. 11**

Keith Bermeo, Financial Services Representative for MetLife, will hold two "Lunch-and-Learn" workshops on investment strategies and retirement planning at the Mays Landing Campus, Tuesday, Dec. 11. The workshops are noon-1 p.m. and 1-2 p.m., room J-202.

If you plan to attend, RSVP to Bermeo, (800) 492-3553 ext. 28036 or e-mail [kbermeo@metlife.com](mailto:kbermeo@metlife.com). Metlife is one of the vendors in the State of New Jersey Alternate Benefit Program (ABP) and the Additional Contributions Tax-Sheltered Program (ACTS).

## **Donations Needed for Latin Experience Club's Holiday Food Drive**

ACCC's Latin Experience Holiday Food Drive runs through Dec. 17. Canned goods collected will be donated to the local Community Food Bank. Look for yellow boxes with the club's name that are around the Mays Landing Campus. All non-perishable foods are welcome.

## **PECC Comes to Close with \$11,276 Collected; Help Meet Goal**

The Public Employees Charitable Campaign comes to a close with \$11,900 collected toward our goal of \$12,976. If you can give and haven't yet, the campaign closes soon. Please help us reach our goal. Thanks to all who donated.

## **Great Holiday Gift: Chance to Win Up To \$15,000**

Three lucky winners will share up to \$25,000 in this year's Press of Atlantic City Restaurant Gala 50/50 Raffle. The raffle is sponsored by the ACCC Foundation, and proceeds benefit student scholarships at ACCC.

Only 500 tickets will be sold at \$100 each. Three cash prizes will be awarded, including: \$15,000, first prize; \$7,500, second prize; and \$2,500, third prize. Dollar amounts are based on all 500 tickets being sold. The winning tickets will be drawn at the April 3 Gala at the Atlantic City Convention Center. Now in its 25th year, the Restaurant Gala has raised nearly \$1.7 million in student scholarships. Ticket buyers do not need to be present to win.

For raffle tickets, order online at [www.atlantic.edu/gala](http://www.atlantic.edu/gala) or call **Sean Fischer**, ext. 5674.

## **Next TIAA-CREF Counseling Session Dec. 10; Make Appointment Now**

Ivan Pabon, Individual Consultant, will visit the Mays Landing Campus, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday, Dec. 10, room J-202. Please call TIAA-CREF at (800) 842-8412 to schedule your appointment.

## **Brigantine Husband, Wife among Seven to Complete Noncredit Culinary Program**

With 26 years of service at the Sands Hotel Casino, John and Sharon Conway thought they would continue working at the casino until retirement. Instead, the sale and closure of the property put the Brigantine couple on a new path. John, 62, and Sharon, 61, along with five others, completed an intense five-month continuing education culinary career training program at the ACA, Nov. 30.

Sharon was a beverage server for her entire career at the Sands, but she loved to bake. John divided his years among food and beverage operations, facilities and maintenance and hotel management. He had always been interested in food, however, and was accepted into a culinary apprenticeship program between the Sands and then ACC when he began working for the casino. But the funding for the program was discontinued, and John's culinary aspirations were put on hold.

"Completing this program has fulfilled a dream," John said. For Sharon too, the program was a great experience. "It is a highlight of my life. I really enjoyed it."

It took both Conways time to adjust to returning to school, and to spending six hours a day together in class after working opposite shifts at the Sands for many years. "We talked like we did at home, and didn't realize we were bickering sometimes. The chef had to separate us in the kitchen," Sharon said.

But they're now used to sharing kitchen space and prepared Thanksgiving dinner together. They are considering opening their own breakfast and lunch restaurant or continuing their education in the Academy's credit program.

The five-month training prepared the students for entry-level kitchen and baking positions. Students focused on mastering cooking principles and practical techniques and home in on areas they want to specialize in. The students also prepared for and passed the National Restaurant Association Food Service Sanitation certificate.

Students who completed the program in addition to the Conways include: **Edward A. Burns** of Pomona, **Alejandra LaCava** of Egg Harbor Township, **Shirley McLeary** of Pleasantville, **Brian Nicholas** of Galloway and **Mark A. Sawyer** of Atlantic City.

The students received their certificates during a ceremony at Careme's. Chef **Jon Davies**, an adjunct instructor, taught the course. The next course begins in January. For more information about the continuing education training program, call ext. 5624, or visit [www.atlantic.edu/conted](http://www.atlantic.edu/conted).

## **Student Seafood Challenge Winner Named; Advances to State Competition Jan. 15**

**Mike Inferrera's** Jersey Ciopino was all about the Garden State, from the local clams, mussels and scallops, to the Jersey tomatoes and freshly baked Atlantic City bread. It was one of two original dishes he prepared in the Student Seafood Challenge at the ACA Nov. 29. Inferrera of Vineland, was among nine students to participate in the challenge. As the winner, he will compete in the 2008 New Jersey Seafood Challenge Jan. 15 at the Academy.

Each student had two hours to prepare a "Down the Shore Platter" and a "Signature Dish" focusing on Jersey seafood. The students were judged on their work and technique in the kitchen, as well as the presentation and taste of their final dishes.

In addition to his Jersey Ciopino, Inferrera impressed the judges with Black Bass con Prosciutto. Judges included: Paul Dillon, executive director of the Culinary Arts Institute at Hudson County Community College and host of Comcast's "Let's Cook"; Gary Giberson, executive chef at Lawrenceville School and member of Slow Food-New Jersey; Michael Giletto, Culinary FX Foodstyling/Worldwide;

James Hennessey, '00 ACA, executive chef at Specchio and Ombra at Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa; Alex Rogers, '91 ACA, executive chef at Inlet Café in Atlantic Highlands; Jennifer Whittle, '02 ACA, executive sous chef at Manasquan River Golf Club; Michael Williams, '92 ACA, executive restaurant chef and culinary recruitment director for Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa.

In addition to Inferrera, the participating students were: **Juliano Cannuscio** of Galloway, **Alex La Cava** of Egg Harbor Township, **Robert Mustardo** and **Phil Petullo** of Ventnor, **DJ Tangalin** of Cape May Court House, **Thomas Thorn** of Medford, **Sheha Waters** of Somers Point and **Carlie Worden** of Sewell.

Inferrera will be one of 12 professional chefs to compete in the statewide challenge. The winner of the state competition will represent New Jersey in the Great American Seafood Cook-off in New Orleans in August, which will feature 20 chefs and be televised on the Food Network.

The Jersey Seafood Challenge is being coordinated by the N.J. Department of Agriculture, Garden State Seafood Association, Slow Food-New Jersey, Eat-Drink New Jersey, N.J. Restaurant Association, Rutgers Cooperative Extension, N.J. Chapters of the American Culinary Federation, N.J. Sea Grant and N.J. Marine Sciences Consortium. The NJDA provided all seafood for the student competition.

## HERE'S THE SCOOP

A fond farewell to **Alison Blizzard**, Institutional Research, who leaves ACCC Dec. 7 to join Camden County College as an Institutional Research, Planning and Grants Associate...Good luck, Alison. We'll miss you!

We heard from **Chuck Seiger**, retired Professor of Anatomy and Physiology, who writes: "I can't believe it's been 10 years since I retired from ACCC. I'm so busy now I don't know how I ever had time to work!" Chuck tells us he's riding a motorcycle, playing tennis and golf, publishing and traveling. "Charlotte and I enjoy our vacation home in the mountains in Massanutten, Va....my home for winter skiing." He just completed the 8<sup>th</sup> edition of his first Anatomy and Physiology book and will begin working on the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of his second A & P study guide in January. Next May, he'll be traveling to Israel as a medical assistant on a mission trip and in August, to Kenya, Africa in the same capacity. "In January 2009, I plan to go the Philippines to serve on a mission team tending to the needs of the people in 'Bush Country.'" And he'll be 70 in January! "I have many fond memories of my 30 years at ACC," he concluded. Great to hear from you, Chuck!

We were saddened to hear of the Nov. 24 passing of former ACCC Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice, **Jayne Rich**. Rich joined ACCC as Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice in 1986 after a barrier-breaking 33-year career in law enforcement. She retired from full-time teaching in June 2001. Rich was 80. Expressions can be sent to her son, John Rich IV, at 505 Truman Annex, Key West, Fla., 33040-7560.

Congratulations to **Bobby and Carmen Royal**, Dean of WACC and Community Affairs and Dean of Students, respectively, on the birth of a grandson, Jackson Phoenix, who arrived on Nov. 6 weighing 9 lbs., 6 oz. and measuring 20 inches. Proud parents are Bobby's youngest son, Jerrell, and his wife, Abby, of Las Vegas. Bobby said, "Jackson makes grandson number four. One more boy and we can start our own basketball team."



Thanks to the ACCC Follett Bookstore for the Faculty and Staff Appreciation event. Winners of the gift certificates include: **BettyAnn Hines**, McDonald's free value meal; **Mary Lou Breitzman**, McDonald's free value meal; **Pam Baker**, free month at Curves; **Pat Lerhaba**, Simply Fondue; **Dora Dunn**, free pizza at Nino's; **Charita McClain**, \$20 gift certificate to Red Lobster; **Carol Melkonian**, free month at

Curves; **Dottie Dunayer**, Manhattan Bagels, \$5; **Jo-Ann Volpe**, cut and blow dry at The Salon; **Mike Kernan**, Berkshire Grill, \$25; **Barbara Mottola**, McDonald's free value meal; **Mariann Sozio**, Mays Landing Diner, \$30; **Gail Mischlich**, Basket from Captain Mays Bakery; **Brenda Kuhar**, Famous Dave's, \$25; **Wendy Gray**, 1 lb. of coffee from Starbucks; **Barbara Clark**, free month at Curves; and **Lavonne Smalls**, \$50 dish garden from County Seat Florist.

Congratulations to **Crista Golden**, Business Office, and her husband, Phil, adjunct instructor and formerly of the ACCC Bookstore, who are expecting in June.

The Culinary Student Association is selling their popular holiday truffles for just \$8. To place your order, contact **Sue Feye**, ext. 4942.

Happy birthday to **Bud Ireland**, **Karen Zaniewski**, **Ralph Marone**, Dec. 9; **Dolores Giannini**, Dec. 10; **Alison Blizzard**, Dec. 11; **Leslie Atherholt**, **Michelle Andrews**, Dec. 13; **Tammy DeFranco**, **Michele McGowan**, Dec. 15; **Charita McClain**, **Pam Baker**, **Virginia Macrie**, **Patricia Wickham**, Dec. 16; **Dorothea Dunayer**, Dec. 18; **Crista Golden**, **Judy Brandis**, Dec. 20. Adjunct birthdays: **Cheryl Crews**, **Carolyn Johnson**, Dec. 9; **Kathleen McCabe**, Dec. 11; **Lynn Kolb**, Dec. 14.

## NEWS FROM ACCC'S OTHER LOCATIONS

### Greetings from the Worthington Atlantic City Campus

by Daymis Alicea

We had wonderful events for multicultural week and the grand finale was an awesome thanking tree. Students enjoyed three back-to-back days of culturally diverse tastings...hot teas from Asia with cookies, hot coffees from Latin America with pastries and hot apple cider with traditional pies. It was a hit!!

*Below, from left, A Taste of Asia event, A Taste of Latin America event and a Thanksgiving tree, where students wrote what they were thankful for on a leaf of the tree.*



Our classes are almost over and throughout the campus you will find classes hosting holiday parties to welcome the season. I love going to these class parties—not only do you get to mingle with the students but you get to enjoy a variety of traditional holiday dishes! So if a teacher invites you, make sure to go—you won't regret it!!

On Dec. 3 the students enjoyed the creative process of making holiday cards from scratch. Envelopes were available to immediately send your creation to a friend.

*A Rutgers admissions representative meets with students at WACC at the College Transfer Fair.*

The registration period was as smooth as the still snowless roads and students are now enrolled by the droves. Sure the lines were long and the days even longer but there is something that can be said about that: job security.



The famously hilarious WACC holiday party is scheduled for Dec. 14. Elves and blind mice positions are available. If you are interested in participating in the show, contact **Josie Chivalette**, ext. 4804.

Rehearsals are non-existent and so is the pay!

Movies in the game room lounge are a huge hit so keep a lookout for the NOW PLAYING sign displaying upcoming view dates and times. They vary from popular hit movies to foreign films (subtitled) to cartoon marathons.

*Kristi Bergman Neal's Advanced Reading and Writing class celebrated with their own Thanksgiving feast. Students collected money, went to the supermarket and set up the dinner! They had turkey sandwiches, tossed salad, three bean salad, potato salad, homemade dishes from India and Pakistan and dessert, all in time for their 8:30 a.m. class. Talk about a wonderful appreciation for this American holiday!*



And finally, WACC will participate in a spring cleaning day before the semester is out. It will be an “out with the old, in with the new” theme while we clean up our work spaces and get rid of things we pile up without noticing. So bring in your cleaning supplies. We will be distributing the black trash bags. Please remember to recycle! Student Services, along with Administrative Services, will lead the charge to a neat and tidy new year 2008.

That’s all folks...until next time TTFN!!

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

After that first week of registration, someone was heard uttering, “This place is a zoo!” Well, actually that wasn’t far from the truth. CMCC hosted the American Association of Zookeepers last Saturday evening, Dec. 1. The group of 60 made use of our large lecture hall, room 212.

A group of tech-savvy adjunct instructors learned about the features of Smart Board Nov. 28 at CMCC. The workshop instructor was **Jim Taggart**. Thanks, Jim!

The Student Services team hosted a transfer fair Dec. 5 featuring a dozen four-year institutions. Thanks to **Electra Stulak, John Mohr, Dr. Alice Rainey and Di Alicea** for bringing this event to CMCC for the first time.

A group of Middle Township High School seniors will meet with an admissions team Monday, Dec. 10 from 5-7 p.m. in room 113. They are part of a program aiming to allow seniors to take college courses during study hall time. **Gina Skinner** created a list of CMCC courses that coincide with the study hall periods, and students who participate will select from that list of courses. **Dr. Theresa DeFranco**, former ACCC Dean and Assistant Superintendent, Middle Township School District, is helping coordinate the program.

**Denise O’Connor**, CMCC Customer Service Specialist, is a joyful grandmother again. Baby Braxton Anthony O’Connor-Ksiazek was born Nov. 25, weighing 8 pounds and measuring 20½ inches. Braxton was expected on Thanksgiving, so he was just three days late. Happy parents are Connie O’Connor and Tom Ksiazek.

*Kathy Fritz, Library, and Chris Vallese, ITS, pose with some of their favorite toys from CMCC's Toys for Tots drive. CMCC is collecting new, unwrapped toys for boys and girls through December 10. Drop off boxes are located on the first, second and third floors.*



We had several winners in the bookstore’s Staff and Faculty Appreciation day drawing last month. **Noel Kurtz**, Information Commons; **Valerie Crawford**, Business Office; **Tammy**

**DeFranco**, Counseling; and **Bob Williams**, Information Commons and Adjunct, all won gift certificates to local eateries.

The blue spruce planted in memory of late ACCC'er **Marion Pool** now has holiday lights. **Tim Cliggett**, Facilities, decorated the tree and it stands out in the evening landscape brilliantly. Thanks to **Dr. Joe Rossi** for providing the lights.

We're pleased to welcome back **Thom Partin**, Receiving, who returns Dec. 10 after a brief leave of absence. Thom and his wife, Lorna, were busy taking care of their son, Tommy, who recently underwent spinal surgery. Tommy is doing so well that he's returning to school a week early, so Thom is returning to CMCC a week early. Good having you back, Thom! Thanks to **Tim Cliggett**, Facilities, and **George Taylor**, Receiving, for pitching in while Thom was away.

Enjoy your weekend, and for those who've worked registration for the last two weeks, get some well-deserved rest!

## Continuing Education News

by Sherwood Taylor

**Youth Career Advancement Program (YCAP) Expands Program Offerings:** Training is now available for 18- to 21-year-olds looking for a career. ACCC, in conjunction with Job Connection, a partner of the Atlantic County One Stop System and the Youth Investment Council of the Atlantic-Cape May Workforce Investment Board, will train eligible participants for entry-level positions in health and office careers. These include certified nurse aides, patient care technicians, phlebotomy technicians, medical administrative office specialists and office technology specialists.

The training will be held in Atlantic and Cape May counties and is completely free. Participants are paid for their time in the classroom, and the program provides some assistance with child care expenses. Please refer anyone who is interested to our next information session on Wednesday, Dec. 12, at 6 p.m., at the Institute for Service Excellence at the Hamilton Mall. Reserve your seat by calling **Erica Hoskins**, ext. 5682. The YCAP's Youth Advancement Club has started a blog. To check out the student's experiences go to: <http://youthadvancementclub.blogspot.com>.

Congratulations to **Priscilla Vitullo**, YCAP student, for completing her CNA class and passing her certifications.

The Surgical Technology Class has completed their community Service Project. They collected 61 hats, scarves, gloves and coats to donate to the Atlantic City Rescue Mission which will put them to very good use keeping their clients warm this winter. **Karen Sherback** and the class would like to thank everyone who contributed to this worthy effort.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**Leila Crawford**, Assistant Professor of English, and **Stephanie Natale**, Assistant Professor of Developmental English, and the Instructional Resource Committee recently hosted a presentation of *The Pinelands Traveler, Ghost Towns, Bogs and Legends* by Professor Mike Fowler of Brookdale Community College. Filled with hundreds of digital photos, the presentation featured sand roads, cranberry bogs, cedar swamps, the Jersey Devil, ghost towns and captivating stories of the Pines. Several members of the audience of about 40 people, including faculty, staff, students and community members, commented on how much they enjoyed the event.

**Denise Coulter**, Associate Professor of English, attended the National Council of Teachers of English conference held in New York City, Nov. 16 and 17.

**Keith Forrest**, Assistant Professor of Communication, and **Elinor Mattern**, Assistant Professor of English, participated in the “Walk the Talk” Christopher Schultes 5K Run/Walk at the Collingswood Book Festival recently. Keith finished in second place! It was Elinor’s first 5K, so she was “just happy to finish.”

**Roger McCabe**, former photography adjunct, joined By the Sea Realty Lee Marcotte Inc. at Washington Commons. McCabe and his wife, Anne, have been residents of Cape May Point since 1991. He has been active in Cape May area real estate for more than 16 years and a member of the Cape May Point Volunteer Fire Department since 1994. He holds a bachelor of Fine Arts degree and a master’s degree in Educational Media.

**Kathy Corbalis**, Executive Director of Communications and College Relations, was elected to a second term as District 1 Director of the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations. Kathy will serve on NCMPR’s national board of directors and will oversee District 1 activities, including the annual fall conference.

## ALUMNI

Nursing grad **Theodore J. Emmons**, ’06, who now works at Shore Memorial Hospital’s Oncology Unit, received a Guardian Angel Award pin for patient satisfaction and care. This award was given to him and 10 other health care providers at Shore Memorial and other hospitals.

ACCC grad **Adam Matthew Grohman**, ’97, an author, researcher and scuba diver, recently revealed the *Secrets Beneath the Sound*—his book about his research into the Long Island Sound—at Long Island University at C.W. Post. He is the son of **Dr. Joyce Grohman**, Professor of Physical Education and College Skills.

## ACCC IN THE NEWS

The appointments of **Kelly McClay** and **Bruce Johns** to ACA Dean and Director of Culinary Operations, respectively, appeared in the Community College Times, Nov. 9 issue.

A news release in The Press of Atlantic City dated Nov. 19 titled, *ACCC provides training for businesses*, announced, “As a participating partner of the Basic-Skills Workforce Training Program, ACCC offers free basic skills training to employees of businesses of Atlantic and Cape May County, thanks to a \$1.88 million grant from the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development.”

ACCC student **Sasha Stevenson** was featured in a story in the Press of Atlantic City in regard to her being crowned Miss Atlantic City. She will serve as official goodwill ambassador for the city.

ACA Culinary students who won eight medals for pastry centerpiece artistry at the annual Salon of Culinary Art in New York were featured in two stories in The Press of Atlantic City and on NBC NewsChannel 40. Under the guidance of Chef Educator **Annmarie Chelius**, the students created pastry replicas of art works by famous masters.

A feature story on ACA continuing education program graduates **John** and **Sharon Conway** appeared in The Press of Atlantic City on Dec. 3. The pair retrained at ACA after finding themselves out of jobs after the Sands closing.

The ACA Seafood Competition was featured on NBC NewsChannel 40.

## **FROM THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE**

**Dr. Peter Mora** served as a representative for the New Jersey Council of County Colleges at the roundtable session of the New Jersey State League of Municipalities 92nd Annual Conference in Atlantic City on Nov. 15. This is the second year that Dr. Mora has represented the Council at the annual conference. His presentation focused on the role of community colleges in providing associate degree programs and supporting workforce development through non-credit training programs. Dr. Mora's presentation also included a review of the New Jersey Community College Workforce Consortium, which coordinates with our 19 community colleges in providing statewide or regional workforce development programs. Dr. Mora currently serves as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Workforce Consortium.

Dr. Mora taped a segment for Comcast Newsmakers about the Health Professions Institute. This is the fourth time that Dr. Mora has been a guest on Comcast Newsmakers to promote ACCC's new projects and master plan. HPI will open early next year.

ACCC belongs to a number of professional organizations that work locally, regionally and nationally in support of the community college sector. Some of these memberships include: Association of Community College Trustees, League for Innovation in Community Colleges, New Jersey Business and Industry Association, Cape May County Chamber of Commerce, Atlantic City Regional Mainland Chamber of Commerce, Chamber of Commerce of Southern New Jersey, NJ Council of County Colleges American Council on Education, Council for Higher Education Accreditation, American Association of Colleges and Universities, The College Board, etc.

A sampling of some of these member benefits is provided below:

### **Association of Community College Trustees**

ACCT offers a broad range of membership benefits to community colleges and individual educators. ACCT is comprised of over 600 governing boards and over 6,500 trustees from community and technical colleges. ACCT supports and promotes continuing trustee education and professional development. Membership benefits include pre-registration to all meetings, the ACCT Annual Convention, regional seminars and National Legislative Seminar. ACCT keeps us informed through special publications dedicated to keeping trustees and staff notified of the latest developments and trends in education.

### **League for Innovation in Community Colleges**

Membership with the League for Innovation provides the college with access to information and resources that can make a difference in the way a college functions. Membership benefits include discounted registration for League conferences, which encourage topical discussions and dialogues. Colleges with the League for Innovation may also nominate students for annual scholarships. Administrators, faculty and staff can take advantage of partial Ph.D. scholarships. The League hosts the annual Innovations of the Year event to honor outstanding college innovations. Members can submit an innovation that is a model program, practice or idea.

## **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](http://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 Dec. 21**

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