



Atlantic Cape Community College's Information Source

Dec. 9, 2005

NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

Payroll Recap & Assignment Forms Due Dec. 14 Due to Holiday

Payroll recap sheets and assignment forms for the Dec. 23 pay are due 10 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 14. Payroll recap sheets should be in the Business Office and assignment forms are due to Human Resources.

On Dec. 23, pay checks and direct deposit pay stubs will be distributed from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Checks not picked up by 2 p.m. on Dec. 23, will be mailed. College offices will be closed through Monday, Jan. 2 for the holiday break. Winter term begins Monday, Jan. 2. Administrative offices reopen 9 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 3.

Get Tickets Now for Dec. 17 Holiday Party

The ACCC Employee Holiday Party will be held Saturday, Dec. 17, at Lakeview Manor at Lake Lenape in Mays Landing. The party will be held 7-11 p.m. With the support of the college and the ACCC Education Association who are co-sponsoring the party, the ticket price is just \$15 and includes hors d'oeuvres, buffet dinner, a mini dessert bar, dancing to DJ Bob DePersia and live entertainment.

There are lots of surprises in store. Buy your tickets from a committee members today: **Danays Alvarado** and **Daymis Alicea**, co-chairs; **Aline Bennett**, **Michelle Bevan**, **Charlene Borgersen**, **Marilyn Keiner**, **Susan Lee**, **Elinor Mattern**, **Ann McClaskey**, **Kathy McGowan**, **Janet DeCicco**, **Jo-Ann Volpe**, **Chris Perillo** and **Sandi Welser**.

Student Development Holiday Breakfast Dec. 14

Student Development will host a Holiday Breakfast, 9-11 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 14, in the outer cafeteria. All are invited to attend.

Standard Mileage Reimbursement Changes to 44.5 Cents a Mile Jan. 1

Beginning January 1, the standard mileage rates for the use of a car (including vans, pickups or panel trucks) will be 44.5 cents per mile for business miles driven. The new rate for business miles compares to a rate of 40.5 cents per mile for the first eight months of 2005. In September, the IRS made a special one-time adjustment for the last four months of 2005, raising the rate for business miles to 48.5 cents per mile in response to a sharp increase in gas prices, which topped \$3 per gallon.

Payroll Questions? Call Ronnie Devine or Leslie Jamison

Just a friendly reminder that all payroll questions should be directed to **Ronnie Devine**, ext. 5265, or **Leslie Jamison**, ext. 5004.

New Health Cards Coming with New ID Numbers

The State Health Benefits program is working toward preventing identity theft and other forms of misuse of a member's personal information. Toward this goal, Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of NJ, the administrator of the **Traditional Plan, NJ PLUS** and the **State Prescription Drug Program** (through CAREMARK), will provide members with a new identification number on their cards.

The current ID (your social security number) is being replaced by a unique 15 character, alphanumeric identifier. New ID cards will be released in phases, starting in January 2006. A letter explaining the changes will be sent with the cards. Those of you who made changes during the open enrollment period should receive the new cards prior to January.

Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield has already started using this new identifier for all external communications, including member and provider Explanation of Benefits (EOB) statements.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, you should contact Horizon directly at (800) 414-7427.

Area Flu Clinics Offer Shots

If you didn't get your flu shot yet, there are a few dates of flu clinics in the area:

--Friday, Dec. 9, 9:30-11:30a.m., Pleasantville Recreation Center, 400 W. Brighton Avenue, \$20

--Tuesday, Dec. 20, 9-11 a.m., Richard Stockton College Main Arena, Parking Lot 5, Vera King Farris Drive, \$20

--Shore Memorial Hospital will offer two flu clinics: 4-6 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 14, Somers Point Fire Hall # 1, Bethel Road and 10 a.m.-noon, Thursday, Dec. 15. Cost: \$15.

Career Programs Open House at CMCC Dec. 14

Cape May County residents interested in starting or changing their careers are invited to learn how ACCC can provide the education or training they'll need at an open house on Wednesday, Dec. 14. The event will take place from noon to 6 p.m. in the main lobby at ACCC's new full service campus at 341 Court House-South Dennis Road.

Participants will learn about degree and certificate academic and continuing education programs that lead to occupations in hospitality management, computer information systems, office systems technology, health care and culinary arts. For more information, refer callers to CMCC, (609) 463-3958.

Tuition Reimbursement Requests Due Today

Today is the last day to submit tuition reimbursement requests from ACCCOSAP, ACAFA, and ACCCEA members, along with exempt personnel. Requests will be reviewed by the Sabbatical Leave Committee. Reimbursement applications for summer and fall 2005 or spring 2006 must be submitted to **Laura Campbell** in academic affairs, ext. 4909.

SSAACCC tuition reimbursements are administered by **Dr. Alice Rainey**. Please refer to the last page in the SSAACCC bargaining unit agreement for guidelines.

Cape May County Widow Endows Aid Fund for Male African-American Students

Mrs. Barbara J. Callaway of Cape May Court House has donated \$10,000 to establish the Dr. James Callaway Memorial Aid Fund to "provide emergency funds for African-American male students with

financial need not covered by financial aid.” Dr. Mora thanked Mrs. Callaway on behalf of the college and the foundation, to which the donation was made.

RNS Mammography Van on Campus Jan. 31; Make Appointment Now

The RNS Mobile Mammography Van will be on the Mays Landing Campus on Tuesday, Jan. 31. Appointments are available 10 a.m.-2:20 p.m. A referral is not necessary. Bring your insurance card and some form of ID. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-246-2404.

Faculty: Encourage Your Students to Apply for Scholarships Now

Faculty are asked to encourage their students to apply for scholarships now through Feb. 17. Applications are available online at www.atlantic.edu/scholarship.

PECC Exceeds Goal with \$16,346 Donated; Thanks for Your Generosity

Donations total \$16,346 as of this writing for the Public Employees Charitable Campaign, exceeding our goal of \$15,000. Thanks to all who contributed.

Gala Raffle Tickets for Sale; Benefits Scholarships

This year, give the gift of education by buying a Gala raffle ticket. Tickets are available for \$100. Cash prizes for the 50/50 raffle include \$22,500 for first prize; \$7,500 for second prize; and \$2,500 for third, fourth and fifth prizes based on all tickets being sold. For tickets, call **Jennifer Martucci**, ext. 5634; **Linda Hair**, CMCC, ext. 3502; or **Leon Weisfield**, WACC, ext. 4805.

Pops Concert to Benefit ARMC Hospice Dec. 16 in Memory of Martin Berdinis

A concert to benefit AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center’s hospice will be held 7 p.m., Friday, Dec. 16, in ACCC’s Walter Edge Theater. The concert will be held in memory of ACCC’s senior adjunct **Martin Berdinis** who died earlier this year of pancreatic cancer. Berdinis set up the annual event to help others in need.

HERE’S THE SCOOP

Welcome aboard to ACCC’s newest employees:

--**Vickie Brown**, part-time admissions representative for the Mays Landing Campus.

--**Jesus De Valle**, part-time custodian for the Mays Landing Campus.

--**Sonia Cruz** is filling a new, grant-funded position as part of the College’s initiative for non-credit sales training.

--**Kristin Fletcher** is filling the vacancy created when **Brittany Williams** was promoted to administrative assistant to the President.

Dennis Huey, science, once again invites all to the Mainland Choral Society’s Christmas Concert featuring Schubert’s Mass in G and various Christmas anthems, 8 p.m., Friday, Dec. 9, at Christ Church, Meyran Ave. and Shore Rd., Somers Point. Admission is free, but there will be an offering. For more information, call Dennis, ext. 5014.

Deepest sympathy to **Lenora Sheppard**, assistant professor, mathematics, on the death of her father, Ronald Carl Sheppard, on Dec. 3. He was 69. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 1060 N. Kings Highway, Suite 309, Cherry Hill, N.J. 08034. Expressions can be sent to Lenora at 532 Church Road, Sewell, N.J. 08080.

Deepest sympathy to **Phil** and **Janet DeCicco**, facilities management, and their daughter, **Susan Lee**, City Center admin. services, on the loss of Phil’s mother, Florence DeCicco. She was 87. Friends may call from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 10 at Evoy Funeral Home, 3218 Bayshore Road (at the west end

of Airport Road) in North Cape May. Services begin at 11 a.m. with burial at the Green Creek United Methodist Church, Delsea Drive, Green Creek, 08219 (Middle Township). In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to Green Creek United Methodist Church. Expressions can be sent to Phil and Janet at 5909 Sixth Street, Mays Landing, N.J. 08330. Susan Lee can be reached at 6010 Second Street, Mays Landing, N.J. 08330.

Happy birthday to: **Bud Ireland, Karen Zaniewski, Ralph Marone**, Dec. 9; **Dolores Giannini**, Dec. 10; **Alison Blizzard**, Dec. 11; **Tammy DeFranco, Jean Rowley**, Dec. 14; **Michele McGowan**, Dec. 15; **Charita McClain, Pam Baker, Virginia Macrie**, Dec. 16; **Dorothea Dunayer**, Dec. 18; **Noel Criscione-Naylor, Crista Golden**, Dec. 20; **Cheryl Ann Garwood**, Dec. 22. Adjunct birthdays: **Silvia Schottinger**, Dec. 2; **Christine Wilson**, Dec. 3; **Margaret McNally**, Dec. 6; **Cheryl Crews, Carolyn Johnson**, Dec. 9; **Donna Underwood**, Dec. 10; **Edward Apetz, Bud Yahnke**, Dec. 12; **Robert Rynkiewicz, Gerald Meister**, Dec. 14; **Gunjan Saxena**, Dec. 20; **Ralph Ivie**, Dec. 22.

NEWS FROM ACCC'S OTHER LOCATIONS

Greetings from Charles D. Worthington Atlantic City Center

By **Daymis Alicia**

The City has decked its halls in festive cheer and is ringing in the season (or at least giving a quiet hoot) in honor of the wonderful weather we've been getting so far.

But that's not all we're up to...the Thanksgiving holiday brought with it our annual Traditional Thanksgiving Luncheon for the students, faculty and staff on Nov. 22. All partook of open-face, hot turkey sandwiches, candied yams, hot buttered corn, stuffing and a cranberry sauce that was to die for. Lunch was served by the Student Services Office staff **Daymis Alicea** and **John Mohr** with wonderful help from the Cross-Cultural Club members and their advisor, **Mike Kammer**.



Christina Cavage, ESL chairperson, and Hubert Banas, admissions rep, enjoyed the Thanksgiving luncheon at WACC with ESL students.

The staff celebrated "giving thanks" by hosting the Annual Cook-Off. This year's theme was Hot Soups. We had nine soup entries and they were all delicious. In addition, we had rolls, pies and sodas to satisfy even the most finicky eater. The judge, **Guillermo "Ernesto" Laya**, found it difficult to choose just one winner, so in the spirit of fun, he selected two. Congratulations to **Louella Wilson** for her spicy West African Peanut Soup and **Susan Lee** for her tasty Vegetable Tortellini Soup. Thanks to everyone for participating.

Nov. 28 was the first day of registration or what we student development personnel like to refer to as the Blackout Days. The City Center was inundated with students seeking registration and advice during the first week. We processed over 500 students and all with just coffee to spur us on. Kudos to **John Mohr, Dr. Alice Rainey, Daymis Alicea** and **Louella Wilson**, student services staff.

Special thanks to **Lynette Ingram**, financial aid, and **Alicia Adams**, student helper, for sticking it out with us and working late into the night.

Many, many thanks to **Kristin Fletcher** and **Hubert Banas**, admissions, for their extra hard work, missed lunches, and late nights.

The administrative services office in the city contributed greatly to the smooth flow of the students during this stressful time...thanks to **Leon Weisfeld, Desiree Brewer, Joanne Burst, Josie Chivalette**, and

Jean McAlister for coming to the rescue and sending them quickly on their way.

Talking about admin. services, guess who's getting new carpet? That's right! That dingy, trail-blazed carpet is finally history on Dec. 16 and to celebrate that and the holiday season, the entire admin services staff is being treated by **Jean McAlister** and **Josie Chivale** to a holiday luncheon at Careme's. Enjoy it! By the way, some of the staff will be relocated briefly to the lobby (yes, again)!

Dr. Alice Rainey is the proud momma of a new Pomeranian Chihuahua or as she likes to call her a POMCHI. Please join me in congratulating her on her new adopted daughter, Honey Pot. Pics to follow.

Susan Lee was overheard gushing about her kids...word is that her daughter, Stephanie, got straight A's in Oakcrest High School and her son, Jeffrey Jr., reached his goals of the Honor Roll in Hess School in Mays Landing. Plus, Cody, her youngest, has mastered the art of letters and numbers in first grade. She's very proud and rightly so and I'm sure proud grandma & grandpa, **Janet** and **Phil DeCicco**, facilities management, are gushin' also. Great going!

Angela Wang and **Desiree Brewer** are happy to announce a new round of Blackjack and Roulette classes started Dec. 5 and run through Dec. 22. Hours have been adjusted to meet the required instructional time length. Instructors are **Joany Schamach** and **Mary Martinez**, respectively.

Second session of workshop "Effective Communications Strategies" sponsored by ACCVA was held Dec. 7.

We are still collecting coats at the City Center to benefit the Atlantic City Rescue Mission. Please deposit new or used coats of any size in the collection boxes throughout our building and thank you for giving with your heart during the holiday season.

Our WACCy Holiday Party, a show and lunch provided by faculty and staff, is scheduled for Monday, Dec. 19.

When next you visit the city, please watch out for the nutcrackers who are guarding our entrance – all who wish to enter should enter with good cheer! 'Til next time...Ho, Ho, Ho!

Greetings from the Cape May County Campus

by Lisa Apel-Gendron

It's beginning to look a lot like the holiday season at ACCC's newest campus. Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and Christmas decorations are springing up on all three floors. The Information Commons is our decoration leader at the moment, but other departments will be decorating in earnest now that we've completed the first two weeks of registration.

Our Toys for Tots campaign runs through Dec. 16, so please consider bringing a new, unwrapped toy to campus soon. Collection boxes are located in the first floor lobby, the Information Commons and the Division Office.

Now that we've officially survived the first two weeks of registration, we can look back and smile. Of course, there weren't too many smiles during those first two days. But the genuine teamwork here made it all do-able, even on Terrible Tuesday (Nov. 29.) Thanks and a major pat on the back are due the following team members for their positive, can-do spirit: **Denise O'Connor, Melissa Todd, Kathleen Denice, Valerie Crawford, Faith Gager, Marion Pool, Electra Stulak, Matt Bailey, John Mohr, Tammy DeFranco, Eric Stewart, Debby Starr, Al Jayne, Tim Cliggett, Thom Partin, Chris Vallese** and the cafeteria team of **Barb Petty** and **Dawn Brewster**. Concern for our students and each other was

evident during even the most trying times. What a powerful and effective team!

Since registration didn't provide enough excitement in the building, we decided to throw in our first major conference Dec. 1. We hosted some 50 guests and a dozen exhibitors for the Cape May Caregiver Conference co-sponsored by the Delaware Valley Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, Rutgers Cooperative Extension, ACCC and the Cape May County Department of Aging. Many employees contributed to this event's success, including **Chris Vallese, Tim Cliggett, Roy Burnham, Pistol Ranere, Marion Pool, Jean McAlister** and **Kay Bandit**. Of course, Kay's name is really *Pandit*, but a clever typo on her conference name badge gave us all a hearty laugh. All Seasons provided an impressive breakfast and lunch for attendees and exhibitors.

We said good-bye to construction manager **Pistol Ranere** recently, whose next stop is a well-deserved retirement. His last official day on the job was Nov. 30. From a piece of land and a blueprint, he saw this magnificent facility rise through construction and commissioning to move-in and its first semester in operation. I think he was truly proud of this project and gratified to see the building in full operation. Personally, I will greatly miss his warm smile and sensible approach to problem solving each morning. It just won't be the same without him. Thank you, Pistol, for everything. Don't be a stranger!

Terry Sampson hosted Pistol's retirement celebration Nov. 28. It was an enjoyable evening with great food and great fellowship. Her cherry cheesecake was stupendous!

On Dec. 14 from 2-6 p.m., CMCC will host a career program open house targeting high school students and the community. **Sue Jones, Loretta Dicker, JoAnne Barbieri, Sherwood Taylor, Glenda Stogel** and one of our chefs will be here to meet with the public and explain our array of career training programs. CMCC staffers will give tours and assist with admissions and financial aid information. For more information, contact Sue Jones at ext. 5330.

Customized Training is still busy at CMCC. Our latest client is Cape May County, whose employees are learning Excel, Levels 1 and 2. **Terrie Wray** is the instructor.

Enjoy your weekend!

Continuing Education Happenings

By Sherwood Taylor

Continuing Education would like to report the success of our recent Surgical Technician Information Session in our "Live Interactive Information Session" (LIIS) on Nov. 29. Twenty-two potential students took part in our information session, which provided information on the curriculum and benefits of our Surgical Technician Program for prospective students. Our LIIS was broadcast from our Mays Landing distance education room to our Atlantic City and Cape May County distance education rooms. Thanks to everyone who helped make it a success. Please direct any inquiries about our Surgical Technician program session to **Ghyll Theurer**, ext. 5652.

Program Guide News: We will not be producing a separate Health Professions Guide for spring 2006. Instead, the Health Professions courses will be found in our regular program guide due out in early January.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

College Relations has captured a first place Pepperpot Award from the Philadelphia Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America. The award was in the Special Events and Observances (7 days or fewer) category for the Grand Opening of the Cape May County Campus. It recognized the public relations and special event planning work done for the ribbon-cutting ceremony and the ACCC Community Day. The

award was announced Dec. 1 at a dinner at the Union League, Philadelphia.

It was ACCC's first Pepperpot award from the 500-member Philadelphia PRSA chapter, one of the largest in the country. It was the second major award for the grand opening. The event also garnered a gold Medallion award from the National Council of Marketing and Public Relations, District 1, in October.

Kathy Corbalis, executive director, would like to thank CR staff members, **Stacey Clapp, Geoff Pettifer, Donna Leeds, Kathy McGowan, Anna Simmons** and **Sherwood Taylor**, for their work on the project.

Patricia Russell-Chapman and **Joanne M. Thomas**, senior adjunct instructors, were named to Who's Who in American Teachers for the 2004-05 issue.

Dr. Joseph Strazzeri, Italian and Spanish adjunct instructor, is proud that his daughter, Sandra Jessica Strazzeri, will graduate from Stockton College on Dec. 18 with a Bachelor of Arts in Classical and Romances Languages. Dr. Strazzeri expects to complete his Master of Arts Degree in Applied Linguistics in TESOL, ESL by January from fully accredited Empresarial University of Costa Rica. He has a Ph.D. from Century University.

Penny Wells, chemical compliance officer, was reappointed to the Public Employees Occupational Safety and Health Advisory Board.

Chris Perillo, assistant professor, business, wrote an article titled, *Arbitration in New Jersey State Courts for Paralegals*. The article will appear on ACCC's paralegal Web site.

An article titled *A rail trip to their Jewish heritage*, written by Ophir Lehavy Busel, daughter of **Yechiel Lehavy**, professor, social science, appeared in The Inquirer travel section Dec. 4.

ACCC IN THE NEWS

In an article headlined "Bird watching essential for Thanksgiving novices," the Pleasantville Current of Nov. 24 interviewed dean of ACA **Klaus Muller** and came away with useful advice on how to cook a sumptuous turkey.

On Nov. 30, the Cape May County Herald reported on the annual reorganization of the Board of Trustees and other items dealt with by the board.

"Get more education (a four-year degree) and move on," was author-composer James McBride's advice to students at CMCC as reported in the Nov. 23 Cape May County Herald. English Professor **Dr. Agnes Armao** told the Herald that English classes were reading McBride's best-seller, "The Color of Water."

Therese Sampson, executive director of business services, was cited in the Community College Times for being awarded the 2005 KPMG Distinguished Business Officer Award of the Eastern Association of College and University Business Officers.

According to a chart accompanying an article in The Press of Atlantic City, the number of ACCC freshmen receiving NJ STARS scholarships increased 156% to 105 from 41 in a comparison of fall 2005 with fall 2004. The article said that the state is considering expanding the program to four-year colleges.

Chef Educator **Michael Huber** wrote an informative and humorous column for the Nov. 16 Press on the subject of Beaujolais Nouveau, what it is, its history, the reasons for the enormous increase in sales of this modest wine. In Huber's list of 10 reasons to try it: "It's easier to pronounce than cabernet sauvignon."

A short article elsewhere in the Press on the same day, announced ACA's annual sampling of the new Beaujolais and other wines along with food prepared by students and chefs at the Academy and served in Careme's.

Nicholas Talvacchia, an ACCC trustee and land-use and real estate lawyer who resides in Margate, has joined the firm of Cooper Levenson in Atlantic City, according to reports in the Press and the Herald Times.

The college was awarded six medals, one gold, a silver, three bronze, and an honorable mention by District 1 of the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations, reported the Atlantic County Record of Nov. 16. District 1 includes two-year colleges in the UK, Canada and the Eastern U.S.

The Cape May County Gazette reported on Nov. 24 that Middle Township High School students will be eligible, if they meet certain requirements, for dual enrollment at ACCC beginning in fall 2006. The article was illustrated with a photo of MTHS administrators and **President Mora** and **Dr. Arthur Wexler**, acting senior dean for academic affairs. Earlier in the month, the Herald Times reported on several options for Cape May County high schoolers to earn credits at ACCC.

A staff and wire service report in the Press on Nov. 17 explained a new state regulation that prohibits college presidents and trustees from doing business with their institutions. ACCC was mentioned as one of the colleges that has already begun reviewing its policies.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The calendar is updated regularly at www.atlantic.edu/about/monthlycal.shtml.

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

--**Kathy McGowan**, *editor*