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NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

ACCC American Heart Walk Team Kicks off with 'Inside Walk' Feb. 23

February is "American Heart Month" and ACCC's Heart Walk Team will kick-off the fundraising campaign with an Inside Walk, Monday, Feb. 23, at 2 p.m. All ACCCers are invited to participate. Walking on the Mays Landing main campus will start in M building, go through the campus buildings and end at the gym. The Worthington Atlantic City Center participants will walk in their cafeteria. The Cape May County Extension Center will display signs promoting the event.

The "12th Annual American Heart Walk" will be held on the Ocean City Boardwalk, Saturday, May 15. If you can't walk, please consider making a donation to someone walking on ACCC's team or contact your area heart captain.

Heart captains include **Aline Bennett**, student activities, ext. 5089; **Tom Borucki**, student recreation, ext. 5043; **Dom DiPietro**, facilities; **Agnes Gallo**, purchasing, ext. 5117; **Patricia Gandy**, exec. asst. to the president's office, ext. 5111; **Pat Heller**, ITS, ext. 5294; **BettyAnn Hines**, board office, ext. 5100, chairperson; **Michael Huber**, ACA, ext. 5377; **Michael Kammer**, extension centers chairperson, ext. 4879; **Sue Jones**, faculty representative, ext. 5330; **Charita McClain**, human resources, co-chairperson, ext. 5610; **Gail Mischlich**, finance, ext. 5263.

Atlantic and Cape May Counties Approve FY'05 Appropriations for ACCC

Officials from Atlantic and Cape May counties met Feb. 13 with ACCC trustees and college officers to approve FY'05 county appropriations for the college.

A total of \$7,925,413 was allocated for the college's FY '05 operations, including \$5,904,717 from Atlantic County and \$2,020,696 from Cape May County. Cape May County granted an additional \$105,000 capital outlay.

Dr. May offered his "deep appreciation" for the strong support given to the college by both counties. He said the college may exceed its highest enrollment ever in the coming year and that a main priority will include doubling the size of the nursing program, for which the college anticipates receiving significant support from local hospitals.

The president also spoke about the governor's new Community College Compact, which puts community colleges in a favorable position in relation to job training. He also told the group about the new statewide training consortium, of which ACCC is a member. James Carney, Atlantic County freeholder, said in light of the rising cost of four-year colleges, community colleges "seem to be a more viable road for many people to get where they need to go." He said ACCC was doing a very good job of getting that message out to local citizens.

Cathie Skinner, executive director, finance, said the new county appropriations represent a three percent increase over FY'04. State funding is still not finalized at this point, she said. The college's FY '05 budget, which is expected to be adopted at the February board meeting, will include a 4.5 percent tuition increase, an impact of approximately \$95 a year for a full-time student.

The group voted unanimously to approve the appropriation. Those voting included Atlantic County Executive Dennis Levinson and Atlantic County Freeholder James Carney, Cape May County Board of Chosen Freeholders Chairman Daniel Beyel, Cape May Freeholder Ralph Bakley Sr., and ACCC Trustees Dr. Elizabeth Dworsky and Brian Lefke.

Crisis Prevention Workshop Offered

An important seminar that will address how to effectively assess and manage crisis situations on campus will be held on the Mays Landing main campus, Friday, Feb. 27, room M-129. The workshop will be presented by Alexandra Windcaller, M.S., director of Response Training Programs. Participants have two times to choose from: 9-11:30 a.m. or 1-3:30 p.m. A special session will be offered 11:30 a.m.- 1 p.m., for ACA faculty and staff.

Participants will learn how to stay professional and focused during a crisis situation; how to act--rather than react--during a campus crisis; and how to present a united front when resolving conflict. The workshop will also cover liability, risk management and ADA issues in relationship to crisis prevention and resolution; the conflict resolution process; crisis interventions and cultural diversity; and how to promote safety in the classroom and on campus: dealing with drugs, alcohol, psychiatric & health emergencies, weapons, verbal & physical abuse.

RSVP by today, Feb. 20, to **Gretchen Harris**, ext. 5453. For more information, call **Lucy McGlynn**, ext. 5090.

Free Student Development Workshops for Students, Staff Offered

Student Development is offering free workshops. Faculty are asked to encourage students to attend. The spring schedule includes:

Mays Landing main campus (All at 12:30 p.m., counseling office, room J178):

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| Wed., Feb. 25 | Classroom Etiquette |
| Tues., March 2 | Test Taking Skills |
| Mon., March 8 | Organizing Your Life |
| Wed., March 24 | Improving Your Listening Skills |
| Wed., April 7 | Choosing a Major |
| Wed., April 14 | Stress Busters |

Worthington Atlantic City Center (All at noon, room 142)

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| Wed., March 10 | Making Your Job Work for You |
| Tues., April 27 | "How-to" Series: Filling Out a Job Application |

Cape May County Extension Center

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| Wed., Feb. 25 | Make Your Resume Shine (Stop in noon-5 p.m.) |
| Tues., April 6 | Making Your Job Work for You (Stop in: 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) |

For more information on Mays Landing main campus workshops, call **Claire Farnum**, ext. 5097. For information on workshops at the CMCEC and the Worthington Atlantic City Center, call **John Mohr**, ext. 4897.

Mark Your Calendar for April 20 Workshops

Two workshops will be presented on Tuesday, April 20, at the Worthington Atlantic City Center. The workshops are offered through the P-12 Higher Education Grant Project, *Achievement Enable*. Both speakers represent Georgian Court College and NJ Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages.

Dr. Nora Pollard will present *Sheltered English Instruction*, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Participants will learn what a Sheltered English program is and how to implement one.

Dr. Sharon Hollander will present *Diversity and Disability: English Language Learners and Special Education*, 1:30-4 p.m.

Seating is limited! RSVP to cavage@atlantic.edu or call ext. 4881 by April 13.

ACCC's Transfer Advisors

Here's an updated list of ACCC's transfer advisors and the schools they represent:

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| Daymis Alicea | Kean University |
| Anita Polanco | Bloomsburg College, New Jersey City University, Ramapo College of New Jersey, Rider University, West Chester University |
| Renee DeAngelo | Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, Thomas Edison State College |
| Spike Edwards | Penn State University, Salisbury State University, University of Maryland-Eastern Shore |
| Claire Farnum | The College of New Jersey, Fairleigh Dickinson University |
| Kitty Kalman | Franklin University, New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) |
| Ed Marshall | Cheyney University, Monmouth University, Morgan State University |
| Alice Rainey | Georgian Court College |
| Eric Stewart | Howard University, Drexel University, Hampton University |
| Vita Stovall | Drew University, Montclair State University |
| Electra Stulak | Rowan University, Rutgers University – all schools/campuses |

'Taste of the Gala' Cooking Demonstration Planned for March 11

Enjoy spring-themed dishes prepared by chefs from local restaurants and the ACA at *Taste of the Gala*, a cooking demonstration and wine tasting, 6-8 p.m., Thursday, March 11, in room M-129.

Executive Chef Luigi Baretto, the Ram's Head Inn, will prepare Spring Vegetable Strudel with Red Pepper Coulis. Other chefs will include **Tree McCann**, ACA chef educator, and **Klaus Muller**, dean of the Academy. The Ram's Head Inn will also provide wine, and Phil Lisi of Sara Lee Coffee & Tea Foodservice will provide cappuccino and espresso for the evening.

Tickets are \$25 a person and reservations are required. Proceeds benefit the ACA through the ACCC

Foundation. The March 11 'Taste' is the final demonstration leading up to the April 22 Press of Atlantic City Restaurant Gala. For more information or reservations, call **Stacey Clapp**, college relations, ext. 5632.

Blood Drive, Mobile Mammography March 2

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive on the Mays Landing main campus, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 2, in the gym.

The RNS Mobile Mammography unit will also be on campus that day, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Employees need referrals from their physicians. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-246-2404.

You're Invited to *School Counts!* Scholarship Fundraiser March 27

All are invited to attend *Educated Tastes...A School Counts!* Scholarship fundraiser hosted by Cape May County Chamber of Commerce on Saturday, March 27, 7-10 p.m., at Congress Hall, Beach Avenue, Cape May. Join us for a social evening of desserts, coffee and cordials. DJ music for dancing and entertainment. \$25 per person. Contact the Cape May County Chamber of Commerce, 465-7181, for tickets.

TIAA-CREF Visit Today

TIAA-CREF individual consultant Robert Marronaro will be on campus, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Friday, Feb. 20, room J-207. If you made an appointment, don't forget to bring your statement!

HERE'S THE SCOOP

by **Joe Rossi**

Welcome aboard to **Michelle Andrews**, part-time financial aid assistant, Mays Landing main campus.

Wow! The Career and Academic Planning Center staff was busy the past few months, advising 4,735 students. Keep up the good work!

Phil and Janet DeCicco, facilities, thank all of their colleagues for best wishes during Phil's recovery from a spill and subsequent ankle surgery. "We would like to express our appreciation and sincere thanks to all who have thought about Phil during his recent accident and surgery. The phone calls, many cards, flowers and gifts from both the Worthington Center and Mays Landing campus were so thoughtful and we are very grateful for them all. Thank you so much. --Janet and Phil"

An Italian Night buffet dinner in memory of ACCC student **Jamie Crescenzo** of Egg Harbor Township will be held Saturday, Feb. 21, 4-8 p.m., at the Elks Lodge, Somers Point-Mays Landing Road, in Egg Harbor Township. Tickets for the dinner are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children which includes salad, entrée, dessert, beer and soda. Proceeds will benefit scholarships at ACCC and Egg Harbor Township High School. Jamie was a criminal justice student at ACCC when she was killed in an automobile accident on icy roads in February 2000.

The Ash Wednesday service on Mays Landing main campus will be held 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 25, in the Mays Landing main campus outer cafeteria.

We heard from **Fred Sterling**, retired respiratory therapist professor, who would love to hear from any ACCCers and retirees who remember him. He and his wife, Hilda, are living in sunny Florida and are NOT missing this winter weather we're experiencing. His e-mail address is fmsterling@aol.com. Fred says, "Personally, I would rather wear out than rust out! We have been busier since we retired than when we were working. The important part is that we are enjoying what we are doing now! No papers to grade

and no tests to write.” Great to hear from you, Fred!

We were saddened to hear of the passing of long-time nursing instructor **Dolores Wolfson**, who passed away on Feb. 14 at age 76. Mrs. Wolfson served ACCC for more than 30 years. She retired from full-time teaching in June 1995. Contributions in her memory can be made to Beth El Synagogue, 500 N. Jerome Ave., Margate, N.J. 08402.

Happy birthday to: **Josie Chivalette, Annemarie Wagner**, Feb. 20; **Sara Ryan**, Feb. 21; **Philip Cragg**, Feb. 22; **Joseph Jaloway, James MacNair, Joe Rossi, Carmen Royal**, Feb. 23; **Serena Palmer, Geoffrey Pettifer**, Feb. 25; **Mary Jane Santilli**, Feb. 26; **Richard Collins, Lenora Sheppard**, March 1; **Kitty Kalman**, March 2; **Miguel Delgado**, March 3. Adjunct birthdays: **Michael Grohman**, Feb. 25; **Colleen Coyle**, Feb. 27; **Jessica Grecco, Heather Boone**, Feb. 28. Have a great day!

NEWS FROM ACCC’S EXTENSION CENTERS

Greetings from Charles D. Worthington Atlantic City Center

By **Brittany A. Williams**

The Chinese proverb, “Love sickness needs a love cure,” couldn’t have been truer last week at City Center. With a flurry of Valentine’s Day celebrations, there wasn’t a lonely heart in the crowd and sweetness abounded.

On Feb. 12, Student Services played Cupid to the WACC community when they hosted a “Create your Own Valentine” event. Students flocked to the cafeteria and were busied making Valentine’s Day cards for their friends, teachers and loved ones. Student Services also provided a warm treat of hot cocoa with marshmallows and an array of chocolates.

In addition to the student event, **Jo-Ann Volpe**, continuing education, **Daymis Alicea**, student services, and **Phyllis Bagnell**, Center for Regional and Business Research, arranged a special valentine treat for the City Center staff on Feb. 13. The valentine luncheon was replete with rose centerpieces, sweet desserts and a variety of dishes provided by attendees. Jo-Ann commented that as a result of the luncheon’s success, a St. Patrick’s Day event is in the works.

Also, Jo-Ann is involved in a fund-raiser for Hodgkin’s Disease. A benefit is being held at Crossroads Bar and Restaurant on Blackman Road in Egg Harbor Twp on Sunday, March 14, 4-8 pm. Tickets are \$20 per person and include food, beverages and entertainment. For more information on the benefit for the Jen Henderson Fund, contact Jo-Ann at volpe@atlantic.edu or call ext. 4852.

In other news, City Center employees have been busy across the county and the nation. **Dr. Alice Rainey**, student services, recently spent a day at CMCEC. Alice said the transfer advising session she offered there had a great turnout. Also, **Maria Benavides**, student services, and **Emily Brown**, admissions, recently attended Pleasantville High School with the Jump Start crew from Mays Landing. Maria and Daymis will also be participating in Jump Start at ACHS next week.

Warm temperatures drew **Marion Pool** to Vero Beach, Fla., recently for a vacation. After a week of R&R, Marion returned to City Center with Florida oranges and grapefruits. Marion’s news of a new home in the Sunshine State has many of us at City Center smiling both for her and at the prospect of more citrus in the dead of winter.

Cold temperatures in South Jersey, however, didn’t keep **Brittany Williams**, admissions, out of the Atlantic Ocean on Feb. 14. Brittany, joined about 150 people and plunged into the ocean as part of Sea Isle City’s 10th Annual Polar Bear Plunge, to the cheers of more than 500 spectators.

A fond farewell to **Neelu Kochhar**, Job Readiness, on her resignation and best wishes on her relocation to Albany, N.Y.

Get well and hurry back wishes to **Gloria Quintero-Garcias**, A.C. Jobs and Opportunities Program, who will be out about a month.

John Mohr, student services, has been busy traveling around South Jersey in support of his nephew, David Williams. David, a senior at Absegami High School, and weighing in at 171 lbs., is a member of the Braves' wrestling squad. David, a varsity grappler for the past three years that the team has been undefeated, has earned over 90 victories.

Carol Drea, customized training, and **Pat Owens**, associate dean of continuing education, recently returned from the *Working with Employers: Partners in Difficult Times* conference in San Antonio. As a result of a grant that was awarded to ACCC by Public and Private Ventures, Drea and Owens participated in the first meeting of a learning lab for workforce development professionals. Drea explained, "This is part of a one-year project working with three other non-profit agencies designed to network, learn and share with workforce colleagues from around the country."

ACCC is growing internationally. **Carol Nicastro** of Job Readiness is smiling about her recent trip to the Panama Canal and Western Caribbean. CCI staff is grinning over their next Slot Technician course to begin on Feb. 23. **Yolanda Cortes** and **Tom Giardina**, CCI, are excited about their new students from Macao and Romania. Tom is also happy to share that Caesars recently donated three testers to CCI and a slot machine was also recently donated to CCI by East Coast Gaming. Yolanda also added that enrollments are up in CCI's dealer classes that began on Feb.9.

A big "Welcome Aboard" to **Mary Jean Burke** of ACMC who will serve as director of the Robert Wood Johnson Nursing Workforce Solutions Project. The focus of the project, said Burke, is to increase the number of students and faculty in the college's nursing program over the next three years. Her to-do list is hefty and includes creating a Nurse Educator Program; developing a charter to recruit retired nurses in helping to mentor prospective students; and intense networking and partnering with grant affiliates (WIB, Burdette Tomlin Hospital, Shore Memorial Hospital, Bayada Nurses and ACMC).

"One of the many great aspects of this project is that it is a collaborative effort between continuing education, the nursing department and other local businesses and organizations...everything is going really well," said Burke. "I have nothing but high praises for all of my co-workers. Everyone has been so accommodating, everyone should be so lucky." You may contact Burke at ext. 4714.

Upcoming events at City Center include a joint effort between student services and **Eric Mayo**, Job Readiness, on Feb. 26. "A Walk through African History" will be held in the cafeteria from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and is a commemorative event including a pre-transatlantic slave timeline. "The reason it is a necessity (to provide this information) is that so many groups in our community here have a common heritage. Dominicans, African-Americans, Cubans, they all share a common heritage and it makes this information applicable," Mayo said.

On Feb. 25, The Rev. **Jeff Burton** will be at City Center for a brief Ash Wednesday service, 9:15-9:30 a.m., in room 204.

Kailin Hackney, Conference and Meeting Services, reports that *Consumer Credit and Budget Counseling* will be hosting a three-part meeting on Section 8 Housing on Feb. 23, March 1 and March 8.

Marion Pool encourages all ACCC staff to attend Atlantic City's 150th Birthday Celebration on

Wednesday, March 3, at Atlantic City's City Hall, 1333 Atlantic Ave. ACCC's Academy of Culinary Arts is providing the birthday cake for the celebration. For more information, contact pool@atlantic.edu.

In ESL department news, **Christina Cavage** sends her thanks to **Brittany Williams, Judith Matsunobu, Daymis Alicea** and **Lynette Ingram** for their hard work on Feb. 6. ACCC hosted 30 ESL students and faculty from Egg Harbor Township High School and provided them with an orientation to the college's program, facilities and the ACCC student experience. Cavage said that the success of this event will likely lead to more like it. In addition, **Char McIntosh**, testing, is eager to get the word out that ESL testing is offered every Tuesday morning at the City Center. For appointments, call ext. 4878.

Also, **Mike Kammer**, Cross Cultural Student Association club advisor, is pleased to invite all interested students and staff to their club meetings, 12:30-1:30 p.m., every Monday. In addition, for those City Center, CMCEC and Mays Landing East staff interested in participating in the Heart Walk this year, please contact Mike, ext. 4879, or e-mail mkammer@atlantic.edu.

And, that is all the news that is fit to print.

Hello Rio Grande, the Cape May County Technical School and the US Coast Guard Training Center – Cape May!

by Lisa Apel-Gendron

Conversation hearts, fudge filled bears, heart lollipops...it was a sweet week at CMCEC leading up to Valentine's Day. **John Mohr, Linda Hair** and **Matt Bailey** went shopping to find the tastiest sweet treats for our students, and from all accounts, the students enjoyed every morsel. Thank you, John, for providing the funding.

Dr. Alice Rainey has visited on occasional Fridays to provide transfer advising by appointment. Her next visits are today (Feb. 20), March 5 and March 26. Appointments may be made at the CMCEC front desk.

Two new transfer events are coming to CMCEC in March and April. On March 9, Dr. Lucy Nurkowski of Rowan's admissions department, will visit CMCEC from noon until 6 p.m., to meet with students by appointment. This is the first time a Rowan employee has visited Rio Grande, and we are very pleased to host Dr. Nurkowski. Thanks to **Electra Stulak** for giving us this important contact. Appointments may be made at the CMCEC front desk or by calling 886-7189, ext. 4100.

On April 6 CMCEC will host Steve Phillips, admissions, and Laurie Baker, academic advising, from Stockton. They will provide onsite application and transfer credit evaluation. Students will receive immediate feedback on their application and their ACCC credits as they apply to a Stockton degree. Students should bring the following: unofficial ACCC transcript, copy of social security card, copy of high school diploma or GED, \$50 application fee and completed Stockton application, which is available at CMCEC. More information will be available as the visit approaches.

Barbara Clark, admissions, made her scheduled visit to CMCEC Feb. 18 to meet with students and provide updates to admissions and advising staff. Barbara comes to CMCEC the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 1-4 p.m. Great service, Barbara. Thank you!

Enjoy the weekend!

ACCC IN THE NEWS

Lest We Forget, an exhibit of slavery artifacts at ACCC's Mays Landing main campus presented by SGA and student activities, was featured in The Press and on News Channel 40. The exhibit was part of the events in honor of Black History Month.

News Channel 40 also covered the dedication of the Minority Affairs Lighthouse of the Underground Railroad.

The Press of Atlantic City published a press release about the Foundation's donation of \$50,000 to ACCC for enhancements at the new Cape May County campus. The Foundation board presented **Dr. John May** with a check at its Jan. 21 meeting.

The Press of Atlantic City listed winners of the Hispanic Alliance of Atlantic County's 2004 Nuestro Pueblo (Our Town) Awards, which included **Jenny Alarcon** of Atlantic City and **Inez Cuadrado** of Egg Harbor Township, both ACCC students. Jenny helped establish an association to celebrate a Peruvian holiday, and Inez volunteers in many community events and for the HAAC annually youth summit.

Dr. Richard Perniciaro, associate dean for the Center for Regional and Business Research at ACCC, was quoted in a special business section in the Press of Atlantic City.

An article about the Healthcare Workforce Consortium and its three-year contract with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to address the growing need for registered nurses and long-term paraprofessionals in Atlantic and Cape May counties was included in Hospital Newspaper. ACCC is one of the partners in the consortium.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

ACA Chef Educator **Anmarie Chelius** graduated from Thomas Edison State College in December, earning a bachelor of science degree in business administration.

An ACA student and two alumni were honored by the American Culinary Federation Professional Chefs Association of South Jersey at a dinner and awards ceremony Feb. 15 at the Borgata Hotel Casino and Spa. **Elaine Geri '91** ACA was named Member of the Year. **Leslie Bender '83** ACA was honored as Chef of the Year. **Michael Ferguson**, a fourth-semester culinary student, was named Junior Culinarian of the Year.

Glenda Stogel, health careers specialist, was invited to join the advisory board of the Academy of Health Sciences and Medicine, a new program for high school students at the Atlantic County Institute of Technology, to explore and investigate careers in the medical field. Glenda's role on the advisory board will be to help guide the program and advocate on its behalf.

The ACCC Art Gallery will feature works by *Sculpture, Prints and Drawings* by **Lydia Lehr**, assistant professor of art, March 6-31. A reception to meet the artist will be held 1-4 p.m., Saturday, March 6.

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

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