

ATLANTIC CAPE COMMUNICATOR

Atlantic Cape Community College's Information Source

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NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

Get Tickets Now for March 4 Retirement Party for Helen & Billy Hughes



The college community is invited to a retirement party for **Helen Hughes**, continuing education, and **Billy Hughes**, Worthington Atlantic City Center mailman, Friday, March 4, at the Mays Landing Country Club. The evening will begin with a cash bar 5-6 p.m., with dinner served at 6 p.m. Cost is \$35 per person includes gifts for Helen & Billy, hors d'oeuvres during cocktail hour and dinner. Helen has 35 years of service to ACCC and Billy has 30 years of service.

Dinner includes Fresh Fruit Sabayon Appetizer, Classic Caesar Salad and choice of Shrimp & Scallops Scampi with Pasta or Chicken Romano with Spinach Red Pepper, Assagai Cheese with a Roasted Red Pepper Cream Sauce, served with Roasted Garlic Smashed Potatoes and Fresh Green Beans Almondine and dessert.

Reservations must be made by Friday, Feb. 25. Send your check with choice of entrée(s) to **Marge Mettill**, business services, Mays Landing main campus, ext. 5115, or **Jean McAlister**, admin services, Worthington Atlantic City Center, ext. 4801. Committee members include **Cindy DeFalco**, **Kathy McGowan**, **Jean McAlister**, **Marge Battistelli**, **Marge Mettill**, **Bart Musitano**, **Dr. Peter Mora** and **Marion Pool**.

Dr. May's Retirement Party May 19 at Smithville

Mark your calendar for Thursday, May 19. That's the date of the retirement party for ACCC President Dr. **John May**. The event will be held at the Smithville Inn in Galloway Township. Details will be in the next *Atlantic Cape CommuniCator*.

Presidential Search Interview Schedule

The four presidential candidates will be on campus Thursdays and Fridays for the next four weeks. Candidates and dates include:

Feb. 24-25	Dr. Peter Mora
March 3-4	Dr. Carolyn Curtis
March 7-8	Dr. Ronald Davis (tentative)
March 10-11	Dr. Marco Silvestri

The board of trustees will meet with the candidates for dinner on Thursdays, followed by an interview. Candidates will tour the Worthington Atlantic City at 9 a.m. Fridays, then meet with Dr. May on campus at 10:30 a.m. A reception for students and staff will be held at 11 a.m., followed by a luncheon with

faculty. Candidates will be given a tour of the Cape May County campus construction site at 2:30 p.m.

TIAA-CREF Announces One-on-One Counseling Sessions at ACCC for Spring

A TIAA-CREF consultant who will be available to answer questions about your financial matters several times this spring. Schedule an appointment today. A TIAA-CREF consultant will be on campus to help you:

- Develop long-term strategies
- Understand the importance of protecting your assets
- Select your TIAA-CREF options
- Find the right allocation mix for you
- Understand basic types of investment choices available

Thursday, March 31	9 a.m.-4 p.m.	H-127
Tuesday, April 19	9 a.m.-4 p.m.	H-127
Thursday, May 26	9-11 a.m.	Worthington Atlantic City Center
Thursday, May 26	1-4 p.m.	H-127
Tuesday, June 21	9 a.m.-4 p.m.	H-127

To schedule a counseling session, call Joyce Trainer at (800) 842-8412 or visit their Web site: www.tiaa-cref.org/moc.

Black History Events

The Black History Month continues with these events:

Tuesday, Feb. 22:

--10 a.m.-2 p.m., African American Market Place featuring vendors specializing in African American art, books, jewelry and prints, "J" hallway.

--12:30- 2 p.m., *Bak 2 Roots* brings toe tapping music to your ears and rhyme to your soul. The show features the sights, sounds and history of Ghana through African drumming with Maxwell Kofi Donkor, outer cafeteria. Free.

--6 p.m., Educational Opportunity Fund Scholarship Dinner sponsored by the EOF Advisory Board, Careme's.

Thursday, Feb. 24:

12:30-1:30 p.m., *Let No Man Pull You Down So Low*, a dramatic presentation chronicling the life of Martin Luther King Jr. presented by the PleasanTech Academy Charter School Drama Club, Walter Edge Theater. Free.

For more information on Black History Month events, call **Patricia Gandy**, ext. 5111.

Next CommuniCator March 4

The next issue of the *Atlantic Cape CommuniCator* will be March 4. Deadline is noon, Monday, Feb. 28. Information should be sent to mcgowan@atlantic.edu.

‘An Evening with the STARS’ Info Session Outlines NJ STARS Scholarship

ACCC will host *An Evening with the STARS* to provide information to high school students eligible for free ACCC tuition under the NJ STARS scholarship program. The information session will be held 6 p.m., Wednesday, March 9, in Walter Edge Theater.

John Iacovelli, director of client services for the New Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority, will discuss the benefits of the NJ STARS program. ACCC administrators and staff will address reasons students should consider choosing ACCC to begin their higher education.

For more information about NJ STARS, contact **Linda McLeod**, assistant director of college recruitment, ext. 5009, or e-mail mcleod@atlantic.edu.

Minority Affairs Committee Helps Bring Broadway-style Play ‘Welcome Home, Marian Anderson’ to Middle Township PAC March 12

Welcome Home, Marian Anderson, a play celebrating the life, troubles and triumphs of the first black woman to perform on the stage of the Metropolitan Opera Company in New York, will be presented at the Middle Township Performing Arts Center, 7:30 p.m., Saturday, March 12. Tickets are \$25 for general admission and \$20 for seniors and students.

The production is co-presented by the Minority Affairs Committee of the ACCC Board of Trustees, Concerned Citizens of Whitesboro and Access to Art, Inc. The play was written by singer, actress and playwright Vanessa Shaw, who plays Marian Anderson. Fellow thespians Mark Edward Lang and Ivan Thomas play various males in her life.

Shaw is a seasoned Broadway actress with eight plays to her credit. Thomas is currently performing in *River Dance* and sang opera on three continents. Lang most recently directed *Anna Christie* for East Lynne Company in Cape May. He also performed in many of their recent plays including *Dictator*, *New York Idea* and *Anna Christie*. He is an honors graduate of Vassar where he won the Elia Kazan theater award.

ACCC’s Minority Affairs and Concerned Citizens of Whitesboro will use proceeds to provide scholarships to Cape May County residents. Access to Art plans to donate money to the Martin Luther King Center in Whitesboro to build portable dance floors so they can occasionally bring well-known dancers there to train area students. For tickets, call ACCC’s student activities office, ext. 5089.

ACCC Students to Compete in ‘ACCC Idol’ Talent Show

ACCC students will compete for the title of ACCC Idol at a talent show, 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 5. The event will be held in Walter Edge Theater on the college’s Mays Landing main campus.

Admission is \$3. Proceeds will benefit the Mary Tower Scholarship Fund. The scholarship is awarded annually in memory of Prof. Mary Tower, who died in April 2003 after a long battle with breast cancer. She was a favorite of students.

Mary Sheldon Tower joined the college on September 1, 1969, as an assistant professor of English. She was promoted to associate professor in September 1977 and to full professor 11 years later. Mary Tower was a superior, demanding teacher. She retired from ACCC at the conclusion of the 1997 spring semester, but she continued to serve as an online instructor until her death.

For more information, call **Judy Matsunobu**, professor of English, developmental studies and ESL, ext. 4884, or **Elinor Mattern**, assistant professor, ESL, ext. 4880.

HERE'S THE SCOOP

Joe Jaloway, associate professor, biology, medical technology and developmental mathematics, appreciated the expressions of sympathy on the loss of his sister. He sent this note, "Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers during this trying time for me. Thank you, also, for the beautiful dish garden. Sincerely, Joe"

Our condolences to retired faculty member **Bill Workman**, electronics, on the passing of his son, Gary Workman, in an ultra light aircraft crash, Feb. 7. He was 49. Condolences can be sent to Gary's widow, Patty Workman, at 424 Aetna Dr., Corbin City, N.J. 08270. Bill and Maureen Workman can be reached at P.O. Box 321, St. James City, FL 33956. Memorial contributions may be made to The Young Eagles c/o EAA Chapter 287, 3124 Hickory Road, North Cape May, N.J. 08204. The Young Eagles is a pilot organization that fosters aviation interest in youngsters. Contributions may also be sent to Gary Workman Scholarship Fund, c/o Cape May County Technical High School, 188 Crest Haven Road, Cape May Court House, N.J. 08210. The scholarship is to provide tools to a graduating student.

Welcome aboard to **Noel Naylor**, literacy retail office coordinator, and **Shari Hannibal**, ABE/GED instructor.

Finance welcomes two hourly assistants: **Jenilyn Nguyen Gibbons** and **Virginia Briglia**. Welcome!

Best wishes to **Marge Battistelli**, academic computing, who had knee replacement surgery last Monday.

It's great to see **Helen Hughes**, City Center, back to work after being hospitalized for a blood clot in her lung from a delayed flight home from Europe. She sent this note, "During my recent stay in the hospital, my ACCC family surrounded me with many phone calls, cards and gifts. I have been blessed for many years with the kind thoughts and genuine caring of ACCC. Thank you for the gift of friendship."

Congratulations and best wishes to part-time technology trainer **Gary Schafer** who was hired full time at the Greater Egg Harbor School District on Valentine's Day. He's been affiliated with ACCC since 1994. He extends best wishes to the college community.

Don't forget to support the Italian Night buffet scholarship fundraiser in memory of former ACCC student **Jamie Crescenzo**, Saturday, Feb. 26, 4-8 p.m., at the Elks Lodge, Somers Point-Mays Landing Road, in Egg Harbor Township. Tickets, available at the door, are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children, which includes salad, entrée, dessert, beer and soda.

We extend our deepest sympathies to **Leon Weisfield**, administrative services, on the passing of his beloved mother, Gertrude Cantor of Philadelphia. Mrs. Cantor passed on Feb. 10. Condolences can be sent to Leon at 119 N. Adams Avenue, Margate, N.J. 08402.

If you missed Acting Governor Codey's speech a few weeks ago about deciding not to run for office, you missed an excellent speech. Photos and audio and video clips are available in the Acting Governor's Newsroom section on the State of New Jersey Web page, http://www.nj.gov/gov_newsroom.html.

Birthdays: **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; **Carol Nicastro Kuehnert**, Feb. 28; **Richard Collins**, **Lenora Sheppard**, March 1; **Kitty Kalman**, March 2; **Miguel Delgado**, **Guillermo Laya**, March 3. Adjunct birthdays: **Michael Grohman**, Feb. 25; **Jill Resnik**, Feb. 26; **Colleen Coyle**, Feb. 27.

NEWS FROM ACCC'S EXTENSION CENTERS

Greetings from Charles D. Worthington Atlantic City Center

by **Brittany Williams**

Pat Kubaska from Mays Landing East and **Jean McAlister** from City Center are pleased to send along photos of participation from *Go Red for Women* day at Mays Landing East (see back page). Faculty, staff and students participated. A current medical office assistant student from Mays Landing East, **Roberta Hampton**, is pictured dressed in red.

Kubaska adds that at Mays Landing East all were welcomed by a sea of red by staff and students. **Kathy Nickolich** decorated the front office with a huge red heart on the office door. The staff brought in healthy snacks to share with our current medical office assistant class.

Mays Landing East is gearing up for American Heart Association's 2005 South Jersey Heart Walk on Saturday, May 21. More details to follow.

Valentine's Day came to City Center. Flowers were delivered by some adoring spouses and students enjoyed coffee and doughnuts sponsored by Student Services. **Daymis Alicea** received a lovely bouquet of tropical flowers from her husband, Gilberto, who is stationed with the US Army in Texas. **Billy Hughes** played Cupid that day as well, delivering Valentine's and smiles to many staff members.

Student Services also wishes everyone a Happy Chinese New Year! 2005 is the year of the rooster. Not sure what your Chinese sign is? Check the informative display that **Daymis Alicea** created in the cafeteria.

Lynette Ingram is proud of her daughter, Ashley. Ashley is a sophomore at Atlantic City High School and her basketball career is taking off! The Press of Atlantic City has highlighted her achievements in several articles detailing the successes of the ACHS girls basketball team.

Looking for testing? During construction, **Darrick Garrison's** office, is temporarily located in the lobby of City Center. His extension is still 4831. Tests continue to be administered in room 215.

Welcome to **Heather Oliver** to City Center. Heather comes to us from the Advancement Office. Heather will be taking care of the Restaurant Gala coordination. Heather can be reached at ext. 4802. For Conference and Meeting needs please see **Jean McAlister**, ext. 4804.

Welcome to our visitors from Macau. These folks will be at City Center until Friday, Feb. 25 when they have their graduation at 9:30 a.m. in room 221A. Our visitors will be meeting with teachers and administrators in our ESL programs learning ESL and EFL teaching techniques.

A fond farewell goes out to **Allison Crawford**, part-time admissions. Crawford will be leaving ACCC on Feb. 28 to pursue a full-time position in the hospitality industry.

Don't forget, we're still registering students for the March-start ESL classes. Some elementary and intermediate classes have some vacancies.

Jeff Wenzel reports that the second session of Ed2Go classes began on Feb. 16 and registrations will be accepted until Feb. 21. Have you been thinking about traveling overseas? Why not learn a language to facilitate the adventure...Conversational Spanish and Conversational Italian workshops will begin next week. Jeff adds that Introduction to Casino Games will begin Feb. 21.

Construction Update by Jean McAlister:

The HVAC ductwork is being replaced as we speak. They are quickly replacing and wrapping the ductwork in the hallways and classrooms in phase II. The roof is complete.

We are waiting for fresh air availability in administrative services, student services, etc., before we can move in. We are also waiting for pipe insulation to be replaced in those rooms. In the meantime services are being provided in the cafeteria and in the lobby.

The garage is being cleaned out of many old desks, chairs, and bookcases that are old and rickety. We have paid a company to come and take the stuff away.

ACCC is working on getting a temporary college sign with our updated name.

We're hoping to have the entire building back in order by April 1.

Thanks for your patience.

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

by Lisa Apel-Gendron

It may be cold outside, but the academic intensity is heating up. We're seeing many more students accessing the computer labs and tutoring room. In fact, thanks to **Mike Sargente**, we've added content tutoring in statistics and managerial accounting on Thursday afternoons. The ever versatile and respected **Vladimir Vascisin** makes his way to CMCEC on Thursdays to aid our statistics and accounting students. Many of you may know Vladimir from the tutoring center on main campus.

Non-credit is heating up as well. Currently in session are Subcode Official and Fire Protection ICS, Part II. Joining those classes later this month are Conversational Spanish and Conversational Italian.

On the credit side, math adjunct **Sue Hellings** happily reports that 100% of her Math 073 class passed the first exam. Let's hope that such a positive showing will eliminate math anxiety for this group of students! Spanish adjunct **Ray Harris** notes that his Spanish I class is off to a fine start, observing that many of his students are health care workers who wish to improve their abilities to converse with Spanish-speaking patients. Sociology adjunct **Wayne Whelan** enthusiastically relates vignettes of thoughtful discussions on current events from his Sociology 101 section at the Coast Guard Base. English adjunct **Susan Van Rossum** is enjoying standout essays on chocolate jimmies and rainbow sprinkles, courtesy of her English 102 class.

We're extra proud of one of our CMCEC students **Jamie Hallman**, who, through 64 credits, has earned a perfect 4.0 GPA. Jamie is currently enrolled in one class, so chances are she'll maintain that beautiful GPA right through graduation. Perhaps we'll see her at the podium addressing the commencement audience! To complete a great story, Jamie's boyfriend Kevin, who's been serving in Iraq for the past year, is home now for good and will be able to share in the graduation celebration. Jamie plans to transfer to Stockton this fall. Great job Jamie and Kevin!

John Torcasio, our faithful courier, travels to CMCEC and the Tech School each Monday and Wednesday morning to exchange interoffice mail. These are the only mail exchanges, so please keep this in mind when sending mail or supplies to CMCEC or the Tech School.

Enjoy your weekend. Only three weeks until Spring Break!

ACCC IN THE NEWS

Two ACCCers had letters to the editor published in *The Press of Atlantic City*. **Alice Rainey**, City Center student development, congratulated Atlantic City for construction of The Walk shopping outlets. **Max Slusher**, research, who is serving in Iraq, wrote in response to a letter that claimed that those who sport yellow ribbons that are a show of support for the men and women who serve are also a symbolic show of support for the government's policies. Max urged the writer to "immediately uncouple support for the troops and any political position concerning public policy....For the sake of all our service people, and for the open and honest political discourse, do not equate support of soldiers, sailors and Marines with political positions. And please continue to display the yellow ribbons to show your support for the troops; it is appreciated more than you could ever imagine," Max wrote.

The Press region section ran a story of photographs titled *Expressions of History* featuring the exhibit in ACCC's art gallery. The exhibit features paintings and sculpture of Marilyn Wynns Threadgill and Robert A. Threadgill.

An article in *The Press of Atlantic City* titled *ACCC narrows search for president to four* appeared on Jan. 26.

A feature story on the slavery exhibit that was on campus recently for Black History Month appeared in *The Press of Atlantic City*. The article, titled, *Collecting horrific history*, was accompanied by several photographs of the display.

Coverage of the Marjorie Ward news conference appeared in *The Press of Atlantic City*, on WMGM NewsChannel 40 and local weekly newspapers.

Kathy Corbalis, college relations, was quoted in *The Press of Atlantic City* on the Careme's Café Series.

Dr. Richard Perniciaro, director of the Center for Regional and Business Research was extensively quoted in a *Press of Atlantic City's* Business Forecast edition on the growth of the regional.

The Current newspapers covered the reenactment of Dr. Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech on campus in celebration of Black History Month.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Kudos to **Wayne Cooper**, executive assistant to the president's office, who helped Matthias Bryson get home from China for his sister Vanessa's funeral. Vanessa was the young lady from Cape May who was killed in the California mud slide during heavy rain. Wayne was contacted by Robert Jackson, the mayor of West Cape May and Board minority affairs committee member, to help Matthias, who is studying Mandarin Chinese at Shanghai University, get home. The mayor knew that ACCC dealt with international students and someone would know how to make the arrangements quickly. Wayne's good deed was mentioned in articles in *The Press of Atlantic City* and the *Cape May Star and Wave*.

Keith Carson, senior adjunct, history, recently joined the World History Association as a professional member. The World History Association (WHA) was founded in 1982, with a mission to promote the study of global history by encouraging and supporting research, teaching, collegial communication, and publication in world history.

Kathy Corbalis, college relations, wrote a commentary on her 1988 Toyota Camry, titled, *Wagon plugs on, wins heart*, which appeared in the *Philadelphia Inquirer*.

Amy Shelton, Lenora Sheppard and **Marcia Kleinz**, assistant professors, math, attended the South Jersey Math Alliance Workshop at Rowan University.

Several human interest stories written by **Keith Forrest**, speech, were published. The Philadelphia Inquirer printed his essay in December about Christmas at the old Wanamaker's department store in Philadelphia. They also published a nearly full-page article on two experiences as an Eagles fan. He also writes a column for the Cape May County Herald.

Walt Bernacki, adjunct, reviewed the latest edition of Dr. Mary Ellen Guffey's *Essentials of Business Communications* textbook. His quote appears on the college textbook: "I've used every edition, and each one maintains relevancy to current and evolving topics, technologies, and business environments and communications concerns, as well as practical English grammar, punctuation, and usage essentials."

Bill Griggs, English adjunct, wrote a play which he is directing at the Gateway Theater in March, titled *When You Have No Class*.

Glenn Jones, health and physical education adjunct, was named executive director of the new AtlantiCare Life Center.

Diane Holtzman, senior adjunct, English, along with colleagues Evonne Kruger and Charles Srock from Richard Stockton College, will have their *Generational Diversity* chapter published in the third edition of *Understanding and Managing Diversity* by Prentice Hall this year.

Michele McGowan and **Neera Desai**, assistant professors, math, presented at a two-day *New Experiences in Teaching* conference at The College of New Jersey. They talked about their new *Visual Statistics* software.

Nicole McCann, psychology, had an article accepted for publication in the APA Journal of Education titled, *Prevalence of Test Anxiety*.

Sondra Yanniello, psychology, was named executive director of Atlantic Cape Family Support Organization.

Carol Drea, customized training, served on the planning committee for the second annual *Snowflakes on the Beach*, a fundraiser co-sponsored by the Cape May County Chamber of Commerce and United Way of Cape May. The event raised \$5,000 to be split equally by the two organizations to be used for scholarships. The Chamber's portion will be used for scholarships to *School Counts!* participants in Cape May County who enroll at ACCC. The addition of a silent auction increased monies raised by more than 200 percent. Congratulations!

Chao Fei Chen, an office systems technology major at ACCC, is featured playing the Chinese harp in the in *The Press of Atlantic City Community Extra* on Feb. 9. She also participated in a presentation on careers in the computer field to Egg Harbor Township High School students that day as a service project for administrative office procedures with her classmate, **Holly Laun**, and Prof. **JoAnne Barbieri**.

MIDDLE STATES MATTERS

The Middle States Steering Committee met on Feb. 15 to report on each subcommittee's progress. The groups are preparing their response to the 14 standards set for by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education.

One factor stressed by Dr. Schneider, the Middle States' liaison during his September 2004 visit, is that Middle States is looking for a candid assessment of ACCC's accomplishments and challenges. You may have been approached by a member of the Middle States committee asking for your opinions and insights. The committee would like to emphasize that the following guidelines have been instituted to protect the integrity of the Middle States reaccreditation process.

- Respondents will be informed as to how the information is to be used.
- Confidentiality of responses is assured.
- No names/titles of the respondents will appear on any of the documentation.
- Information will not be transmitted via email; it will be shared on disk or as hard copy.

The Middle States Committee would like to encourage all members of the ACCC community – faculty, staff, students - to participate in this very important process. Please contact **Maryann McCall**, ext. 5608, mccall@atlantic.edu or **Vickie Melograno**, 343-5640, vmelogra@atlantic.edu to contribute your voice to the Middle States reaccreditation inquiry.

ACCC Receives \$500,000 Bequest, Establishes New Scholarship Program



The ACCC Foundation received a \$500,000 gift from the estate of Marjorie Ward, the largest single gift in the college's history. The Foundation created the Marjorie Ward Leaders Scholarship Program in honor of the former Cape May resident. Annually, the college will select six Cape May County residents as "Marjorie Ward Scholars." These students will receive full tuition to ACCC for two years, leadership skills training and support from the Office of Student Services. Deadline for applications is April 15. Visit www.atlantic.edu/marjorieWard.htm for an application and details.

Marjorie Ward

Note These Dates on Your Calendar

Mark your calendar for upcoming college events:

- Friday, March 4, Retirement Party for Helen & Billy Hughes
- Friday, April 15, SGA banquet
- Tuesday, April 26, Athletics banquet
- Friday, May 6, Employee Service Awards
- Monday, May 16, Scholarship banquet
- Thursday, May 19, Dr. May's retirement dinner, Smithville Inn
- Saturday, May 21, South Jersey Heart Walk

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

ACCCers Raise \$552 for 'Go Red for Women' Day



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

ACCCers got in the spirit of the American Heart Association's *Go Red for Women* Day on Feb. 4. With support from students, staff and faculty, the college raised \$552 for the AHA.

Many participants posed for photos including the Mays Landing main campus, top photo; City Center, middle left; the cafeteria ladies got in on the fun, middle right; and Mays Landing East, at left. It was a heartwarming experience to see everyone pull together and wear red.

Thanks for the overwhelming support. More fun events are planned to get us in shape for the South Jersey Heart Walk in Ocean City on Saturday, May 21.

--Kathy McGowan, *editor*