

# ATLANTIC CAPE COMMUNICATOR

## Atlantic Cape Community College's Information Source

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### NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

#### Next CommuniCator Feb. 3, Deadline Noon, Jan. 30

The next issue of the Atlantic Cape CommuniCator will be Friday, Feb. 3. The deadline is noon, Monday, Jan. 30. Submit articles by e-mail to [mcgowan@atlantic.edu](mailto:mcgowan@atlantic.edu).

#### MLK Celebration Jan. 24

ACCC's International Committee will present a celebration in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, 12:30-1:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 24, in the outer cafeteria. All are welcome to attend.

#### Employee of the Quarter Nominations Due

It is time to nominate ACCC's next employee of the quarter. Nominations for ACCC's next Employee of the Quarter are due Monday, Jan. 23. A nomination form is attached to this issue.

The award is presented to members of support staff who make ACCC a place where students and visitors feel comfortable and welcomed. Winners work hard and are especially pleasant and helpful. Honorees receive a complimentary dinner for two at Careme's Restaurant, reserved parking for the quarter, are invited to dine with trustees at a board meeting and have their photos on display on the Mays Landing campus, the Charles D. Worthington Atlantic City Center and the Cape May County Campus.

Human Resources is looking for wide participation for this worthy honor. Please take the time to nominate a support staff colleague.

#### Donate \$5, Wear Red and Jeans on Feb. 3 for 'Go Red for Women' Day



ACCC is participating in the American Heart Association's *Go Red for Women* day, Friday, Feb. 3. College employees (men too!) are asked to make a \$5 donation to wear jeans and red on that day. Participants will be given an American Heart Association "Go Red" pin to show their support of this worthy cause. Your \$5 donation will go the American Heart Association to support vital research and education efforts and help save women's lives.

The day is to raise awareness that heart disease is the number one killer of women. A group picture of all participants will be taken in the lobby. To donate your \$5, contact the heart captain in your area:

**BettyAnn Hines**, team leader; **Michael Kammer**, co-chairperson; **Pat Kubaska**, co-chairperson; **Charita McClain**, co-chairperson; **Leslie Atherholt**, **Aline Bennett**, **Tom Borucki**, **Marge Mettelle**, **Dominick DiPietro**, **Pat Heller**, **Sue Jones**, and **Gail Mischlich**.

## **Submit Events, Meetings, Other Info to New Database Calendar on Web**

All employees are encouraged to submit listings for the database-driven calendar on ACCC's new Web site. It's easy to do. Just open your browser to [www.atlantic.edu](http://www.atlantic.edu) and at the top right, click on Calendars. The calendar is best viewed with your browser text size set to medium. Select the view menu at the top left of your screen, select text size, medium.

To add an event, scroll down and under Suggest an Event, select Add Event Form and fill in the fields. Then submit. Your e-mail will be approved and posted shortly after you've submitted it. Make sure you check all fields, including audience, since visitors can sort by different fields. You don't want your event to be left out when they sort by type!

If you need help completing the form, contact **Kathy McGowan**, ext. 4923.

Thanks to **Mark Corbalis**, academic computing, for creating the database.

## **ITS Message: Make Sure You Download and Install Microsoft Updates**

Periodically, Microsoft releases updates and patches to its software. It is imperative that all college users perform these updates for security and stability reasons.

Please check your taskbar (where your clock is, bottom right corner) for a picture of a globe. If you have this globe, please click on it. The globe will either prompt you to "start downloading" or "install" software. Please click the appropriate button.

You must do this every time you see the globe in your taskbar. The software may prompt you to restart your computer when the updates are complete, please save your work before clicking "yes" to restart. You can continue to work while these updates are installing but be sure to save your work frequently to avoid any loss of data. If you require assistance, please call your appropriate help desk.

## **Volunteers Needed for Restaurant Gala**

The Press of Atlantic City Restaurant Gala is the largest scholarship fundraising event for Atlantic Cape Community College's Foundation. We have always been very fortunate to have a group of committed volunteers who can be counted on prior to the event and for assistance during the Gala itself. This year's event will be held on the evening of Thursday, March 23. Assistance will be needed for:

**Gift Bag Stuffing** at the Atlantic City Convention Center, Hall A, 9-11:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 21. Twelve people needed to stuff 650 bags for gala attendees.

**Chair Covering** at the Atlantic City Convention Center, Hall A, 9 a.m.-noon, Wednesday, March 22. Fifteen-20 people needed to cover 1,000 chairs.

**The Night of the Gala** volunteers are needed for check in, to be positioned at various entrances, and for raffle ticket sales. Volunteers need to arrive at 5 p.m. in black tie attire (tuxedo rental assistance is being worked on).

Please e-mail **Sean Fischer**, advancement office, [sfischer@atlantic.edu](mailto:sfischer@atlantic.edu) by **Feb. 15** if you are interested in helping. He will send you a letter of confirmation by Feb. 28. Questions? Call Sean, ext. 5674.

## **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. Mammography is one of the best medical screenings for women besides the monthly

breast exam. Women, age 40 and above, should have a mammogram annually. Women 18 and above should learn how to perform monthly breast exams. Men in families with family histories of breast cancer should learn about the disease and be screened for it. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-246-2404.

### **Buckle Your Seat Belt before Pulling Out of Parking Space**

The South Jersey Traffic Alliance held a site survey during the end of the fall semester. The program manager counted the seat belt usage of each vehicle leaving the Cape May County Campus and the Mays Landing Campus.

The survey showed that 69.7 percent of those leaving the Mays Landing Campus had their seat belts fastened. Of those, 78% were female and 61% were male.

On the Cape May County Campus, only 54 percent had their seat belts fastened. Of those, 52% were female and 60% were male.

The state has completed the survey and has painted “Buckle-Up” on all the exits of both campuses. This survey can only remind and reinforce all of us that we need to buckle-up. “It’s the law...”

### **Café Series Celebrates 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with Joseph Parsons Performance**

The Careme’s Café Series will mark 10 years of pairing fine food and fine music when it kicks off the spring 2006 line-up with the performer who started it all in 1996.

Joseph Parsons, a singer-songwriter with a deep, powerful voice, will return on Thursday, Feb.16. The evening begins with a four-course gourmet dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by the 8:15 p.m. show. Since his debut with the Café Series in April 1996, Parsons has performed in cafes and concert venues, and sometimes on the street, throughout Germany, France, Russia, and across America as well, eventually prompting “Rolling Stone” to wonder at the “fragile soul trips” on which his songs embark. He has released nine albums, including his latest, *The Vagabond Tales*.

The series will continue with Kerri Powers, an alternative country songwriter from Massachusetts, taking the stage on April 6 and local favorite Patty Blee rounding out the spring series on May 11.

Tickets are \$30 and can be ordered by calling (609) 343-4907 or e-mailing **Anna Simmons** at [simmons@atlantic.edu](mailto:simmons@atlantic.edu). Reservations are required.

### **Can’t Spring \$100 for Gala Raffle Ticket? How Does \$10 Sound?**

ACCC employees interested in taking a chance on the Gala 50/50 Raffle but who can’t spring for a \$100 ticket can now get in on the deal. Group tickets will be available by sending \$10 to **Jo-Ann Volpe**, advancement office. There’s no need to get your own group together, although you can do that also. Jo-Ann will make up the groups and give you your ticket number.

Only 750 tickets will be sold at \$100 each. Five cash prizes will be awarded, including: \$22,500, first prize; \$7,500, second prize; and \$2,500 third, fourth and fifth prizes. Dollar amounts are based on all 750 tickets being sold. Proceeds benefit student scholarships at ACCC.

The winning tickets will be drawn at the Gala on Thursday, March 23, at the Atlantic City Convention Center. Winners do not need to be present to win. The winners will be announced on the college Web site on March 24. Call Jo-Ann, ext. 5653 or stop by and see her, second floor, J building or send your checks interoffice mail to her, room J-250, made payable to ACCC. Write “gala raffle” in the memo line.

## **Faculty: Encourage Your Students to Apply for Scholarships Now**

Faculty is asked to encourage students to apply for scholarships. The deadline is Feb. 17. Applications are available online at [www.atlantic.edu/scholarship](http://www.atlantic.edu/scholarship).

## **Chef Educators to Lead New Non-credit Culinary Workshops This Spring**

This spring, for the first time, chef educators at ACCC's Academy of Culinary Arts will teach non-credit culinary workshops at the Cape May County Campus and the Mays Landing Campus. Some workshops are demonstrations, others are hands on. Workshops will be held in the ACA's professional kitchens at the Mays Landing Campus or the seminar dining room of the Cape May County Campus.

Workshops include:

- **Soup 101**, an interactive presentation of a basic hot food concept: cooking isn't about memorizing recipes when using stock. Offered from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 28, Mays Landing.
- **Flavorful Stews**, which teaches the basics of making savory stews with economic cuts of meat and hearty root vegetables, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 4, at the Cape May County Campus.
- **Secrets from Mama's Kitchen**, a hands on workshop in making pasta from scratch and cooking with Italian ingredients to produce simple Italian menu classics from 6-9 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 15, at Mays Landing.
- **Floral Centerpieces Made from Vegetables**. Watch the chef use ordinary veggies to produce extraordinary arrangements and learn how to present common dishes uncommonly, 6-9 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 28, at Mays Landing.
- **Country French Cooking**, taught by the Academy's native French educator, the workshop will cover classic dishes like chicken chasseur. Bon appetit. From 6-9 p.m., Wednesday, March 8, Cape May County Campus.
- **Sensuous Seafood** goes into identifying local and exotic seafood, its availability, how to judge its quality and, perhaps most importantly, how to prepare it at home, from 6-9 p.m., Tuesday, March 21, at Mays Landing.
- **Figures, Flowers and Unique Decorations**, all made from marzipan, the succulent confection that is almond paste, is a hands-on workshop in creating edible table decorations, 6-9 p.m., Wednesday, April 5, at the Cape May County Campus.
- **Creating Artisan Bread**, the secrets of preparing old world bread dough, 6-9 p.m., Tuesday, April 11, at Mays Landing.
- **Meals on the Run** delves into using simple ingredients in planning healthful meals that can be cooked in less than one hour, 6-9 p.m., Tuesday, April 25, at Mays Landing.
- **The Wonderful World of Chocolate**, probably the world's most tempting edible, demonstrates the art of preparing various truffles and other chocolate treats at home, 6-9 p.m., Wednesday, May 3, at the Cape May County Campus.

The fee for each culinary workshop is \$49. Bring an apron, hand towel, sharp knife, and notepad and pen. To register, call ext. 4829 or visit [www.atlantic.edu/conted](http://www.atlantic.edu/conted).

## **ACCC Celebrates Black History Month with Events**

ACCC celebrates Black History Month in February with a series of events. Most are free and open to the public.

Tuesdays-Thursdays, Feb. 1-23, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., **African American Market Place**. Vendors specializing in African American art, books, jewelry and prints, J Bldg. Hallway, Mays Landing Campus.

Thursday, Feb. 2, noon, **Kijana, The Griot**. Kijana, as The Griot, takes you on a time trip back to the dawn of existence while portraying many different types of women in history: an African maiden, slave,

gospel choir director, preacher, toddler, jazz, vaudeville rock and even opera singer-- celebrating our common ancestral musical heritage. Celebrate the unity of mankind, Walter Edge Theater.

Monday, Feb. 6-Friday, March 3, **Ed Lea Photographs**, ACCC Art Gallery.

Tuesday, Feb. 7, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. **Lest We Forget**, a private collection of slavery artifacts and Jim Crow memorabilia, with a lecture by the curator, Worthington Atlantic City Center.

Tuesday, Feb. 7, 6 p.m., **Mom Wake Up**, a realistic tale of drug addiction, written by Michael Bailey and performed by the Atlantic City Theater Guild, Walter Edge Theater.

Tuesday, Feb. 14, noon, **Let No Man Pull You Down So Low**, a performance by the Pleasantech Shining Stars of the Pleasantech Academy Charter School, Walter Edge Theater.

Thursday, Feb. 16, 11 a.m., **The Souls of Black Baseball**, voices from the Field of Dreams Deferred, an oral history project by Dr. Bob Allen, Mays Landing Campus outer cafeteria.

Tuesday, Feb. 21, 12:30 p.m., **Power on Earth**, a one-man show featuring the vivid portrayals of some of history's most important and influential African American figures. Van Leer transforms into eight characters, beginning with former slave Nat Turner and eventually evolving into former Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall. Walter Edge Theater, Mays Landing Campus.

Tuesday, Feb. 21, 6:30 p.m., **Educational Opportunity Fund Scholarship Dinner**, sponsored by the EOF Advisory Board, Careme's. For ticket information contact **Shilon Carter**, ext. 5646.

Wednesday, Feb. 22, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., **The African American Heritage Museum Traveling Exhibit**, a private collection of historical and cultural artifacts, Cape May County Campus.

Most events are free. For additional information please contact **Lisa Givens**, ext. 5010.

### **Atlantic County Kids Series Kicks Off Jan. 21**

The first of three performances designed for young audiences and families will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 21, as part of the annual Kidshows series presented by the Atlantic County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

The MUM Puppet Theatre of Philadelphia will present *The Velveteen Rabbit*, the classic children's tale by Margery Williams about a well-loved and well-worn toy rabbit, in ACCC's Walter Edge Theater. *The Velveteen Rabbit* is performed with rod puppets, hand puppets, shadows and masks. Tickets are \$3 at the door. Future performances include:

On Saturday, Feb. 18, Nai-Ni Chen and company present *Dragon's Tale*, an assortment of dances from well-known Chinese festivals that includes colorful swirling ribbons and martial arts displays.

On Saturday, March 11, Fabulous Folktales presents *Out of Africa*. Performers become a living book as they lift words and actions right off the pages. *Out of Africa* features the stories *The Ghost of Moosha* about two children who meet the ghost of a slave and release the spirit of freedom and *The Wonderful Tree* that demonstrates the best way to succeed is slowly and carefully.

The Kidshows series is designed to nurture creative imaginations and develop future audiences for the arts. Each show lasts less than an hour. Performances are made possible in part through funding from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a partner of the National Endowment on the

Arts. For more information, call the Atlantic County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 625-2776, ext. 6314.

## **ACCC to Offer Free Computer Literacy Courses for Small Business Employees**

Beginning in March, ACCC will expand literacy courses for workers employed in small businesses thanks to a partnership with the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

“Specifically, the additional courses at ACCC will help train employees of small- and medium-sized transportation and distribution, health care, hospitality, landscaping, custodial and building services, food service, and maintenance and repair companies in Atlantic and Cape May counties,” said **Carol Drea**, director of corporate training.

Computer basics training will be offered at the Worthington Atlantic City Center, 6-9 p.m., Wednesdays March 8-May 17 and at the Cape May County Campus, 6-9 p.m., Tuesdays, March 7-May 16. This free computer basics training will provide participants with introductory skills in using Windows, the Internet, Microsoft Word and e-mail. Instructors are experienced in using state-of-the-art computer equipment.

“These courses will provide critical skill sets necessary to improve workers’ on-the-job performance and open up opportunities for them to advance on the job,” said **Dr. Peter L. Mora**, ACCC president. “In addition, the courses will help participants gain the literacy skills they need to enroll in any of the technical skill programs available at New Jersey’s 19 community colleges.”

Participants must be workers employed 30 hours or more per week by a business in Atlantic or Cape May County.

For more information, contact **Ron Penza**, corporate training, (609) 343-4871 or e-mail [rpenza@atlantic.edu](mailto:rpenza@atlantic.edu).

## **HERE’S THE SCOOP**

Welcome back to **John Atsu-Swanzy**, mathematics, who spent fall semester in full-time post-graduate studies at the University of Delaware.



Congratulations to **Keith Forrest**, communications, and his wife, Kristen, on the birth of twins on Dec. 16, a boy and a girl. Elijah Alden Forrest arrived at 9:11 p.m. weighing 7 ½ lbs. and measuring 19 ½ inches. Madeline Libby Forrest arrived at 9:16 p.m. weighing 6 ¼ lbs/ and measuring 19 inches. Libby was Keith’s late mother’s name. The twins join big brothers, Kameron, age 4, and Joshua, age 2.

Get well wishes to **Bobby Royal**, acting dean, WACC and community affairs, who is recovering from hip replacement surgery.

Welcome aboard to **Tasha Williams** and **Jose Cruz**, part-time clerical assistants for business administration at the Worthington Atlantic City Center.

Farewell to **Ann Marie Wagner-Fehn**, student support services, who left to pursue her master’s degree.

Happy birthday to: **Terry Kirkland**, Jan. 21; **Rob Lyons**, Jan. 22; **Carol Drea**, Jan. 23; **Diane Damask**, **Suzanne Feye**, Jan. 24; **Angela Stewart**, Jan. 25; **Susan Lee**, **Karen Morelli**, **Larry Reber**, Jan. 26; **Michael Sargente**, Jan. 30; **Marge Battistelli**, **Liriana Samuel**, Jan. 31. Adjunct birthdays: **Doris Hunt**, Feb. 1; **Janet Brown**, Jan. 25; **Cathleen Cocuzza**, Jan. 27; **Joyce Simon**, Jan. 30.

## **NEWS FROM ACCC'S OTHER LOCATIONS**

### **Greetings from Charles D. Worthington Atlantic City Center**

**By Daymis Alicia**

What a rush...but finally registration is over! (and so are those dreaded blackout days!) Snow is piling up and so are the lines for drop/add week. I know we could all use a vacation right about now...the one for the holidays is never long enough.

Many, many thanks to the Business Office staff for working so diligently throughout the registration period and making the student processing a seamless event.

But there are rainbows to boast about...registration numbers are up and the campuses are buzzing with the sound of students going to and from classes. The vending machines will be restocked more regularly and the Student Services Office will start listing events for the students, staff and faculty to enjoy.

Some of those events could include a Chinese New Year's celebration, our annual Super Bowl party, black history month awareness, cultural awareness week, alcohol awareness event, our annual valentine card making day, women's history month events and many more (well, if the budget will stretch so far). We will also have our workshops, some hosted by Mays Landing at WACC and some by us. Keep a lookout for signage on the bulletin boards.

Talking about lookouts...heads-up to the faculty, the Student Services Office staff will be visiting the classrooms of development courses to encourage awareness of our facilities and services and do an in-class mini orientation for those new and often times lost students who just need a push in the right direction.

Also, there are some improvements on the horizon. We have new career materials in the Career and Transfer area, room 142, and students can come and sit with **Dr. Alice Rainey** for in-depth degree analysis and transfer possibilities.

The CCI area is abuzz with the sounds of learning. Classes are under way and the students report that they enjoy the instructors and the course material. Great going!!!

In other news...**John Mohr**, director of student services in Atlantic City and Cape May County, decided to play superman this past weekend. John tells me that "he took a flying leap off his icy top steps" and his foot, thinking this was a bad idea, decided to connect with a solid brick wall and then fractured quite suddenly. John then realized that he was flying, just as gravity decided to remind him that humans don't fly and he landed, quite spectacularly, on the last step. His body is now reminding him, quite painfully, why putting salt down on his top step is a good idea when snow starts piling up. John, we wish you a speedy recovery...love, your staff. Please send rock salt to John in lieu flowers to his home address.

Congratulations to **Phil** and **Janet DeCicco**, facilities management Atlantic City and Mays Landing, respectively, who celebrate 40 years of wedded bliss on Jan. 29. Just awesome!

P.S. I want you all to know that my home computer has decided to get sick and therefore I am unable to provide you all with my candid photo opportunities.

### **Greetings from the Cape May County Campus**

**by Lisa Apel-Gendron**

The new year brings some comings and goings at CMCC. We're happy to add two employees to our CMCC team. They are **Karen Morelli**, who'll be coordinating the testing office and helping out around

the building and **Susan Singleton**, who will work in admissions part time. Karen can be reached at ext. 3775 and Susan can be reached at ext. 3958. Susan joins **Kathleen Denice** to round out our awesome admissions team.

Now the sad news. We said good-bye to **Barbara Petty**, our cafeteria and catering manager, Jan. 13. Barb had an employment offer she just couldn't refuse. We will all miss her cooking, sense of humor, infectious laughter and kindness. If you need to order refreshments for an event at CMCC, please contact **Martha Lempcke** of All Seasons on main campus, e-mail [café@atlantic.edu](mailto:café@atlantic.edu)

Now back to good news...evening Division Office staffer **Jennifer Lauriello** accepted a marriage proposal Christmas Eve! Jen had wanted a pair of Uggs for Christmas, which she received. To her surprise, inside the Uggs was a sparkling diamond ring set in white gold. Jen and Patrick are planning a May 2007 wedding.

CMCC was the hub of activity Friday evening, Jan. 6, for the Board of Chosen Freeholders' annual reorganization meeting. A stage, sound and 150 chairs were set up in our lobby in preparation for the event, which attracted at least 150 members of the community. We appreciate the hard work of **Roy Burnham, Tim Cliggett, Thom Partin, Chris Vallese** and **Nick Ganaway**, who made the event work.

Our first ever Winter Term class was a definite success. MATH 074 taught by **Andre Scholler** had excellent attendance and a strong passing ratio. We'll plan to offer more Winter Term offerings next year. Special thanks to **Melissa Todd, Roy Burnham** and **Matt Bailey**, who volunteered to work Monday, Jan. 2, to support Winter Term.

We'll see some new faces this semester at CMCC. **Dr. Godfrey Barlatt** and **Marsha Kleinz** will be teaching here for the first time. I guess we'll be testing that emergency shower in the chemistry lab. Just kidding, Godfrey!

Working with Rutgers is becoming a habit here. Our first conference in this beautiful facility was Dec. 1. The topic was providing care for Alzheimer's patients in the community. Our second conference was Jan. 19. Again we worked with Rutgers, but this time the topic was pesticides and pest management. Variety is indeed the spice of any conferencing team's life. **Kay Pandit, Marion Pool** and **Jean McAlister**, our conferencing team, did their usual fine job of coordinating both events.

Kay, Jean and Marion will be busy coordinating our Board of Trustees meeting at CMCC on Tuesday, Jan. 24.

Plenty of activities are planned for this semester at CMCC. Next issue we'll update you on what's going on inside and outside the building.

Enjoy your weekend!

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**Chris Perillo**, assistant professor, business, assisted in a holiday party for disadvantaged children at the Special Services High School in Mount Holly in December. He is a trustee of the Burlington County Bar Foundation, the sponsor of the event.

**Mark Corbalis**, director of database administration, presented the results of an Artists' Space Study at a "Making Art Your Business" workshop sponsored by the South Jersey Cultural Alliance in Atlantic City. Mark was one of about a half dozen presenters from the worlds of exhibit and performance arts.

Retired Atlantic County Administrator **Helen Walsh** was named to ACCC's Board of Trustees. In recommending her appointment, Dennis Levinson, Atlantic County Executive, said, "Many people do not realize that prior to Helen's tenure with county government, she was an educator, first as a high school social studies teacher and later as a curriculum director for Boston area schools," Levinson said in a news release. "Her knowledge and experience are unequaled. She is extremely dedicated and committed to improving the lives of others. She will be a valuable asset to the board," he said. Walsh was nominated to fill a vacancy on the board created when Jeffree Fauntleroy resigned last year to move to Florida.

**Keith Forrest**, assistant professor of speech, will give a guest lecture and presentation at the University of Indiana's School of Journalism on April 3. Forrest, who has worked in almost all aspects of journalism, including radio, television and newspapers, will discuss "The Journalism of Creative Non-Fiction" to a class studying "hot topics of journalism." He also will meet with faculty and staff from IU's student newspaper.

## ALUMNI

Brooklyn-born, Jersey-reared, Academy of Culinary Arts-educated, **Michael Schlow**, '87, owner of three Boston area restaurants, Radius, Via Matta and Great Bay, was written up in the fall '05 issue of the hard-cover, slick culinary magazine, "art culinaire." The article included some of Schlow's favorite recipes (Hamachi with pickled lotus root and ponzu vinaigrette), and revealed that the chef is both a stickler for discipline in the kitchen and an inveterate party giver since he was a teenager. He says, "I get to throw one every night that I work in one of the restaurants."

**Matthew McElmoyl**, ACA '98, executive chef at Somers Point's expansive, upscale, bay front restaurant, Sails, recently revealed a secret in the "Let's Eat" column of the weekly "Current." After offering "tips and tidbits" for finishing soups and sauces, a chef's rub for seasoning wild game, and a recipe for French onion soup, McElmoyl bared that he rarely cooks at home, preferring the simplicity of a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, and eats out at local sub shops and pizzerias in and around his Ventnor home.

Seventy-five friends and kin turned out to honor and dine with **Eileen Fausey**, '89, liberal arts, at a banquet in Avalon where she was awarded the 14th annual Alice Stokes Paul Award for her devotion to public service, including a strong voice for ACCC's Cape May County Campus. Fausey's list of voluntarism and membership on boards and committees of civic and political organizations is extensive. A ceremony honoring her was also scheduled for the garden of the Alice Stokes Paul Institute, the Cape May County Gazette reported.

**John F. Ciotti**, '70, joined The Star Group in Cherry Hill as senior vice president of finance. Ciotti will oversee all Star Group financial operations, including the Wilmington office. He has 27 years of experience in agency financial operations, most recently as chief financial officer at Eisner Communications in Baltimore.

An alumna, **Rosemary Ellis**, AA '78, BA, '82 (Glassboro, now Rowan) of Altoona, Pa., called in the other day inquiring how we found her after 15 years of mutual silence. We have our ways, we told her. She was responding to our latest mailing to alumni. Ellis, a former journalist (she was a feature writer with The Press of Atlantic City for 10 years), said she had written *The Bible Diet: Forty Days to Cleanliness* (2003, 200 pgs.) and wanted to know if Spangler Library had a section for books by alumni authors. No, but library staff was happy to accept her offer to donate a copy for the collection. The biblical diet is based on the vegetarian regimen of the Hebrew prophet Daniel, but also discusses Ellis's take on other issues like macrobiotics, food additives and healthful eating. Her Web page is [www.biblediet.us](http://www.biblediet.us).

## ACCC IN THE NEWS

ACCC's Casino Career Institute was featured as the cover story of Philadelphia Weekly's 2006 Education Supplement. Titled *Wages for Wagers*, the article said "With casinos coming to Philly, an Atlantic City career institute is ready to christen a new crop of dealers." The article featured interviews with dealer instructors **Mary Martinez**, **Joe Carchia** and their students.

**Pat Owens**, acting dean of continuing education and resource development, was quoted in an article in the Philadelphia Business Journal. The article, titled *Rolling the dice on slots jobs*, explained how ACCC is working with community colleges in the Philadelphia area to train people for casino careers. "The community colleges already have a leg up because they are already doing work force training and they are publicly funded," she said.

ACCC was mentioned in a recent article in The Daily Record, of Parsippany, as the community college with the fourth highest percentage increase in NJ STARS enrollment after CCs in Hudson, Cumberland, Raritan counties and before Warren and Morris counties.

ACCC student **Richard Neill**, 79, a student at CMCC through the SAGES program, was featured in the Cape May County Herald newspapers on Dec. 28. The Court House resident said that the image of him sitting in a classroom with a bottle of nitro spray hanging around his neck with "kids" less than half his age that might leave him in the academic dust made him uneasy. But with encouragement from family, classmates and his professor, **Effie Russell**, he just completed his first semester at CMCC. "I felt better as soon as I walked through the doors," Neill said. "The new college really is a state of the art piece of work." Of Prof. Russell, Neill said, "It was a great pleasure to be in her class. I had no problem hearing thanks to her clear diction and the acoustics in the new place."

A photo and story on the ACA graduation appeared in The Press.

Dr. Theresa DeFranco, supervisor of curriculum for the Middle Township School District, was pictured in the Dec. 21 issue of the Cape May County Herald newspapers, with Lee Robinson of Sturdy Savings Bank and **Andrew Melchiorre**, ACCC trustee, with a \$5,000 donation from Sturdy Savings to begin a fund to aid students in funding joint high school/ACCC credits while in high school.

ACCC was named one of the top 50 fastest-growing colleges in the U.S. by the U.S. Department of Education, according to an article in Community College Week. The college was listed as number 39 in growth, up 5.5% from fall 2003 to fall 2004.

Stories on NJ STARS II, providing free tuition to four-year colleges for those who finish high school in the top 20 percent of their classes and maintain a 3.0 GPA throughout their community college tenure, appeared in regional and local newspapers. A feature on the NJ STARS, interviewing **Carmen Royal**, dean of students, appeared in the Cape May County Herald newspapers.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The calendar is updated regularly at <http://www.atlantic.edu/calendars/index.php>.

Editor's note: The *Atlantic Cape CommuniCator* is available online at [www. http://www.atlantic.edu/about/whatsNew.php](http://www.atlantic.edu/about/whatsNew.php) and click on Atlantic Cape CommuniCator current issue.

**Kathy McGowan**, editor

## Employee of the Quarter Award

This award is for support staff members who have helped most to make ACCC a place where students are comfortable, where staff members are pleasant and efficient and where visitors feel welcomed. This award focuses on customer service.

The ideal candidate makes suggestions or performs in a way that creates a safer, more attractive, or more efficient environment for his/her area or for the college community, thereby promoting excellent customer service.

He/she demonstrates a positive attitude toward students, peers, faculty, administrators or campus visitors and makes every effort to be pleasant and helpful. To be eligible, a unit or exempt support staff employee must have been employed full time for at least one year. Any full-time college employee is permitted to nominate a candidate.

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Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. \_\_\_\_\_

I am nominating this support staff person because:

Name of Nominator \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO PERSONNEL BY MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2006.**