



ATLANTIC CAPE COMMUNICATOR

Atlantic Cape Community College's Information Source

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NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

W-2 Forms Mailed Shortly; Make Sure HR Has Your Correct Address Today

W-2's will be mailed no later than Monday, Jan. 31. Please be sure the college has your correct mailing address. Address updates must be submitted to human resources by today!

Medical Co-Pays Did NOT Increase on Jan. 1

For those of you enrolled in the managed care plans (NJ PLUS, HMO's), the co-pays for office visits **have not increased** for 2005. Our co-pay is still \$5. Doctors may try to charge a \$10 co-pay when they see you have State Health Benefits. The co-pay increased for state employees only. ACCC, school districts and other "local" employers had no increase.

Our prescription plan co-pays are still \$5 and \$1 (per 30-day supply). Your group number and ID number should give the providers the correct co-pay information, but make sure you tell them if you're charged the wrong amount. Any questions, call **Bart Musitano**, benefits, ext. 5611, or e-mail bmusitan@atlantic.edu.

Standard Mileage Rates Increased for 2005

The Internal Revenue Service recently announced a change in the standard business mileage rate to 40.5 cents a mile for business use of an automobile, up from 37.5 cents a mile, effective Jan. 1. This is a record-breaking three-cent increase over last year's rate. If you use your vehicle for college business (other than commuting), the college will reimburse you based at 40.5 cents a mile.

When traveling away from home on business, actual cost for meals, including tips, will be reimbursed up to the current IRS per diem rate (high-low method). No receipts are required. The allowance for partial days will be 15 percent for breakfast, 25 percent for lunch and 60 percent for dinner. High cost is \$46 per day. Low cost is \$36 per day. All travel reimbursements will be made in accordance with ACCC Procedures 602.4 and 602.5. These can be viewed from the ACCC home page under About ACCC, Policies and Procedures, Finance, Appropriated Resources.

Check Your Life Insurance Beneficiary for Employee Benefits

From time to time it is important for us to take stock and make sure our life insurance beneficiary information is up to date. If you need to make a change, complete the form and mail it to the Division of Pensions. If you are not sure your current information is accurate, it's best to complete a new form. Download the "Designation of Beneficiary" form from the Division of Pensions and Benefits Web site, <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/epbam/exhibits/pdf/eb214.pdf>. You will receive confirmation from Trenton when it is changed.

If you don't know your pension membership number, e-mail bmusitan@atlantic.edu or call **Bart Musitano**, benefits, ext. 5611. The life insurance for PERS members is three times the last year's salary; ABP and TPAF members have 3.5 times the last year's salary. If you'd like a copy of this in your benefits file, please send it to Bart in human resources.

Feb. 2 Boardwalk Bullies Game Benefits Ruth Williams Scholarship

Friday is the deadline to purchase tickets to see the A.C. Boardwalk Bullies play the Peoria Rivermen on Wednesday, Feb. 2. The ticket price of \$9 includes a donation to the Ruth Williams Memorial Scholarship. All checks should be made payable to ACCC. Purchase your tickets from **Bart Musitano**, benefits, ext. 5611.

Next CommuniCator Feb. 4

The next issue of the *Atlantic Cape CommuniCator* will be Feb. 4. Deadline is noon, Monday, Jan. 31. Information should be sent to mcgowan@atlantic.edu.

Special Valentine's Menu in Careme's Friday, Feb. 11

Careme's will offer a special Valentine menu on Friday, Feb. 11. The restaurant is closed for a private party on Feb. 14. Appetizers include Snails Maitre D'Hotel and puff pastry, oysters on the half shell with sauce mignonette or bacon wrapped shrimp with horseradish cream. Choose from Lover's Bisque (roasted tomatoes, shellfish broth and goat cheese quenelles) or Honeymoon Salad. Entrees include Beef Wellington with Sauce Madeira, chicken breast wrapped with bacon and stuffed with spinach and boursin cheese, Bouillabaisse or flounder stuffed with crab imperial. Desserts include Heart Shaped Queen Mother's Torts with fresh raspberries and Sauce Chambord or lemon meringue tarts. Call ext. 4940 now for reservations.

Free Dr. Martin Luther King Presentation in Outer Cafeteria Jan. 25

In celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, the college's International Education and Multicultural Awareness Committee will host a re-enactment of Dr. King's *I Have A Dream* speech, 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 25. The speech will be performed by The Reverend Ezekiel G. Bey, pastor of Union Baptist Temple in Atlantic City in the outer cafeteria in C building on the college's Mays Landing main campus. It is free and open to the public. For more information, call **Elinor Mattern**, club advisor and ESL instructor, ext. 4880.

Black History Events Planned for February

ACCC celebrates Black History Month with events all month long, including:

Feb. 1: 12:30-1:30 p.m., *From Slavery to Freedom*, a program featuring ACCC's PEACE Choir, the Atlantic City Dance Theater, and Barbara Yates and Company will kick off the Black History Month Celebration, Walter Edge Theater.

Feb. 1: 11:30 a.m., *Soul Food Lunch*, Mays Landing main campus cafeteria will feature a specially priced soul food buffet.

Feb.1-24: The paintings of Robert Threadgill and sculptures of Marilyn Winns Threadgill will be featured in ACCC's Art Gallery. Artist reception is Sunday, Feb. 13, from 1-4 p.m., in the Gallery, C-125.

Feb.1-17: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., African American Market Place in J hallway.

Feb. 3: 11 a.m., *The Legend of Sojourner Truth* performed by Washington Productions, Walter Edge Theater. This play will help you appreciate the great struggles in the lives of black people in the 19th

century.

Feb. 8: 10 a.m.-2 p.m., *Lest We Forget*, a private collection of slavery artifacts and Jim Crow memorabilia, outer cafeteria, Mays Landing main campus.

Feb. 10: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., African American Heritage Museum, a traveling museum of African American historical and cultural artifacts, outer cafeteria, Mays Landing main campus.

Feb. 13: 1-4 p.m., Reception to meet the artists, art gallery.

Feb. 15: 12:30 p.m., *Ella! The Song is You*, a high energy vocal performance celebrating the legacy of Ella Fitzgerald, performed by Jazz singer Vickie Smith, Walter Edge Theater.

Feb. 17: 12:30-1:30 p.m., *What Brothers Think, what Sistahs Know*, Authors Nick Chiles and Denene Millner, talk about their book that tells the real deal on love and relationships. They offer amazing insights to share with young American-Americans who are trying to find their way to successful loving relationships, outer cafeteria, Mays Landing main campus.

Feb. 22: 12:30-2 p.m., *Bak 2 Roots*, featuring the sights, sounds and history of Ghana through African drumming by Maxwell Kofi Donkor, Mays Landing main campus cafeteria. The performance brings toe tapping music to your ears and rhyme to your soul. This performer learned the skills essential to a drummer at his grandfather's knee in his native village of Otumni, in Ghana, West Africa.

Feb. 22: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., African American Market Place in J hallway.

Feb. 22: 6 p.m., EOF Advisory Board Scholarship Dinner, Careme's Gourmet Restaurant, Mays Landing main campus.

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

Italian Night Buffet Dinner Saturday, Feb. 26 to Benefit Scholarships

A dinner to raise scholarship funds in memory of former ACCC student Jamie Crescenzo will be held Saturday, Feb. 26, 4-8 p.m., at the Elks Lodge, Somers Point-Mays Landing Road, in Egg Harbor Township. Tickets for the Italian Night buffet 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. She was a graduate of Egg Harbor Township High School. The ACCC scholarship is awarded annually to a student majoring in criminal justice. Tickets may be purchased at the door or in advance by sending a check or money order and stamped, self-addressed envelope with number of tickets requested to the Remembering Jamie Foundation, P. O. Box 370, Somers Point, NJ 08244. For more information, call Jim or Margaret Crescenzo, (609) 653-2075.

National Wear Red Day for Women Feb. 4; Donate \$5 & Wear Blue Jeans

To create awareness and empower women to take charge of their heart health, the American Heart Association has declared Friday, Feb. 4, as *Go Red for Women* day. *Go Red for Women* is the national call for women to take charge of their heart health and live stronger, longer lives. On Feb. 4 all ACCCers are encouraged to wear red to bring attention to this matter. The AHA is also encouraging employees to make a \$5 donation to wear blue denim that day.

During the next two weeks, **BettyAnn Hines, Pat Kubaska, Mike Kammer** and **Charita McClain**, Heart Walk chairpersons, will be distributing *Go Red for Women* pins, literature and collecting donations to help support AHA's life saving mission. Please show your support.

Heart disease and stroke are the No. 1 and No. 3 killers of women. They are two of the many cardiovascular diseases that kill nearly 500,000 women each year. That's more than the next seven causes of death combined, including all forms of cancer. Fortunately, you can do a lot to prevent these killers. *Go Red for Women* helps you discover unique lifesaving power by learning about heart disease and stroke and taking positive action to reduce your risk of both.

Be Aware of Fraudulent E-mail Requesting Personal Information or Updates

There are many messages coming through our college e-mail which seem legitimate, but are actually fraudulent. Many ask for your personal information and sometimes even use logos from legitimate companies, making it look even more realistic. They may appear to come from your bank or mortgage company. You can check out the authenticity of many of these scams at such Web sites as:

<http://www.fraudwatchinternational.com/> or www.snopes.com. NEVER, NEVER give out personal information in response to these requests.

Encourage Students to Apply for ACCC's 2005 Scholarships; Deadline Feb. 18

Applications for ACCC's 2005 Scholarships are available on the Mays Landing main campus, at the financial aid office, William Spangler Library, Division Office in A-128, Student Life Center, cafeteria and Academy of Culinary Arts. Applications are also available at the Charles D. Worthington Atlantic City Center, the Cape May County Extension Center, and the Mays Landing East location.

ACCC awarded nearly \$100,000 in scholarships to qualified students in 2004. The deadline for applications is Feb. 18. Faculty may be asked for letters of recommendation. Please submit letters by the deadline or students will not be considered for scholarships.

Student Development Workshops for Next Two Weeks

Student Development will offer the following workshops in the next few weeks:

Jan. 24	TBA	Applying for Scholarships	CMCEC Rm.1
Jan. 25	12:30 p.m.	Math Anxiety	ML Counseling J128
Jan. 26	12:30 p.m.	Applying for Scholarships	ML Counseling J128
Jan. 26	3 p.m.	Applying for Scholarships	WACC Cafeteria
Feb. 2	12:30 p.m.	Time Management	ML Counseling J128

A Few Tickets Available for Jan. 27 'Taste of the Gala'

Experience the culinary delights of several chefs from *The Press of Atlantic City* Restaurant Gala and ACA chefs at "Taste of the Gala," 6 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 27. This is the third of four cooking demonstrations and wine tastings the ACA will host leading up to the 22nd Annual Press of Atlantic City Restaurant Gala. The Jan. 27 "Taste" will feature the specialties of the Epic Grille, Joseph's Restaurant at Renault Winery, Sails Restaurant, and ACA chef educators. Ireland Coffee will provide flavored coffees.

Cost is \$25 per person. Proceeds benefit the ACA through the ACCC Foundation. Space is limited and reservations are required. Call **Stacey Clapp**, ext. 5632, for reservations or more information. The demonstrations will serve as teasers to the Restaurant Gala to be held Wednesday, April 20. The Gala previews offer participating restaurants the opportunity to showcase their talents to a new audience in a venue that is synonymous with gourmet food.

HERE'S THE SCOOP

Our thoughts and prayers are with **Donna** and **Dr. Ron McArthur**, business services and history department chair, respectively, who were in an automobile accident in December. Donna is recovering from a broken collar bone. Ron is in Atlantic City Medical Center with very serious injuries. He was in the trauma unit for several weeks and was recently moved to a treatment room. He has a long road to recovery. The focus now is on respiratory therapy. The cast is off of his wrist. Being immobile for so long has helped the healing of his pelvis. Doctors have him sitting up for tolerable amounts of time. He is medicated and in a sleep state for much of the time. Overall, the prognosis looks more optimistic than pessimistic, however, from day-to-day, things can still change. Ron has smiled and squeezed the hand of a family friend, but is still not up for visitors. We wish him well.

Welcome back to friend and former colleague **Dr. Tom Chelius**. Tom will be filling in for **Dr. Ron McArthur** as acting chair of the arts, ESL and humanities department. Tom served the college from September 1969 until his retirement in June 2001. He was professor of history and political science and performed a variety of administrative jobs including serving as chair of the history and government department and humanities coordinator. Tom served as acting director of the Cape May County Extension Center in 1993. His is occupying Ron's office. His extension is 5675.

Deepest sympathy to **Tammy DeFranco**, student development, and **Dr. Theresa DeFranco**, former advancement director, on the death of their sister, Toni DeFranco-Moore on Christmas Eve. Toni died unexpectedly from an apparent heart attack. She was 49. Tammy sent this note, "My family and I would like to thank everyone for having us in their thoughts and prayers and also for the cards, flowers, gifts, and for just being there. It is comforting to know that we have many people around to help us through this sad and tragic time on the loss of our sister, Toni, who will be missed dearly. I always say that a healthy way to live your life is to get up everyday and be thankful for what you are given and to love those around you and to have the strength to carry on." Expressions can be sent to Tammy at 28 E. Jim Leeds Road, Galloway, N.J. 08205. Theresa can be reached at 3 Evio John Court, Palermo, N.J. 08223. Donations may be made in memory of Toni DeFranco-Moore to AtlantiCare Behavioral Health, 2511 Fire Road, Suite D-10, Egg Harbor Township, N.J. 08234.

Our thoughts and prayers are with **Leon Weisfeld**, City Center admin services, who is recovering from a heart attack suffered on Dec. 29. Cards and letters can be sent to his home: 119 N. Adams Ave., Margate, N.J. 08402.

Welcome aboard to **Becky Norton**, Rowan University student and ACCC graduate '02, who is working as an intern this semester in college relations.

We extend our sympathies to the family of former ACCC adjunct instructor **Janet DiLacqua Green** who passed away Jan. 7. She was 54. Ms. Green joined the college in September 2001 and taught reading/writing I and 2, along with composition 2. A former Brigantine resident, she relocated to Bradenton, Fla., in November. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association, 525 Plymouth Road, Suite 403, Plymouth Meeting, Pa., 19462. Expressions can be sent to her husband, Thomas M. Green, at 18 Horizon Lane, Brigantine, N.J. 08203.

If you'd like to donate to tsunami relief efforts, you can make checks payable to the International Response Fund and donate them to the Atlantic/Cumberland chapter of the American Red Cross. Their address is 850 N. Franklin Blvd., Pleasantville, NJ 08232. You can also make contributions online at www.redcross.org or www.national.unitedway.org/tsunamiresponse.

Get well wishes to **Phaedra Peyton**, instruction, who suffered a back injury in an automobile accident.

Glad to hear that **Helen Hughes**, continuing education, is feeling better after a bout with the flu. She's off to England to visit her grandchildren. Mark March 4 on your calendar for Helen and Billy's retirement party at Mays Landing Country Club. They have a combined 65+ years of service to ACCC! Details to come.

Glad to hear that **Marion Pool**, continuing education, is on the mend. She hopes to return in early February.

Welcome aboard to: **Charles Schaefer**, representative for retail skills training; **Linda Hubbard**, part-time office support for continuing education literacy contracts; **Marian Carlino**, career coach for continuing education's allied health youth training program; and **Miriam Tanguay**, career coach for youth retail training.

Congratulations to Ben and **Michelle Bevan**, instructional technology, on the birth of their son, Matthew Edward. He arrived at 10:54 a.m. on Jan. 6. Matthew weighed in at 7 lbs., 7 oz. and measured 20 inches. Big brothers Benjamin and Joshua are excited. Proud grandmom is **Diane Damask**, and proud aunt is **Sue DeNick**, human resources.

Birthdays: **Rob Lyons**, Jan. 22; **Carol Drea**, Jan. 23; **Diane Damask**, **Suzanne Feye**, Jan. 24; **Angela Stewart**, Jan. 25; **Karen Morelli**, **Larry Reber**, Jan. 26; **Michael Sargente**, Jan. 30; **Marge Battistelli**, **Liriana Samuel**, Jan. 31. **Doris Hunt**, Feb. 1; **Elizabeth Franchetti**, **Patricia Gandy**, **Paula Hamilton**, **Ronald McArthur**, Feb. 3. Adjunct birthdays: **Janet Brown**, Jan. 25; **Cathleen Cocuzza**, Jan. 27; **Joyce Simon**, Jan. 30; **Joanne Thomas**, Feb. 3.

CLASSIFIED AD



Scooter. Like new condition, barely used. Seat separates from base to use as a chair. Steering column folds flat to base frame. Chair can be folded and entire scooter will fit in a car trunk or back of a mini-van. Separate battery and charger included. Speed control dial, reverse/forward lever, easy to operate. Ideal for person who cannot walk long distances. Original cost \$3,500. Will sell for \$1,500. Call (609) 927-6572 or (610) 431-2573.

NEWS FROM ACCC'S EXTENSION CENTERS

Greetings from Charles D. Worthington Atlantic City Center

by **Brittany Williams**

Things are in full swing at City Center! Kudos to all of the City Center employees who pitched in to ensure a smooth registration.

FYI, are you looking for **Gina Skinner**, **Linda McLeod**, **Linda DeSantis**, **Paula Davis**, **Heather Peterson** or **Carmen Royal**? Well, come on over to City Center to find them. A visiting director program has commenced at City Center and will continue through the next few weeks. Their office is located in the lobby while they are in town.

Bookstore hours at City Center will be 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. and 5-7 p.m., Monday-Thursday. Please remind students, however, that their book checks must be obtained at the Mays Landing main campus. The bookstore has resumed its original location adjacent to administrative services.

Congratulations go out to **Daymis Alicea** and her family! Di is pregnant and the baby is due Aug. 2.

Welcome back to **Kay Pandit**! Kay will be helping out in administrative services for the next few weeks. Welcome on board to **Jeff Smith** who has been hired for evenings.

CCI resumed classes this month. Renovations to the CCI floor are finished and students and staff can look forward to monthly offerings of *Intro to Casino Games, Blackjack, Craps, Poker, Roulette, PG Poker, PG tiles, Baccarat, Carnival* and *Slot Technician*. For program info, contact **Angela Wang**, ext. 4853.

Ever write poetry, short stories, or anything else? Well, if you like to put pen to paper and would also like to join a group of fellow writers, contact **Elinor Mattern**, ext. 4880. The writer's group meets often and is open to any ACCC faculty and staff. Coming soon to the writer's group is an online community to post messages, events, advice and recommended reading.

Have you seen the new Continuing Education and Health Professions Institute publications? Well, they are out and curricula is available in *Spanish for Health Care Workers, Phlebotomy Technician, Certified Nursing Assistant, EKG Skills, Certified Bookkeeper* and more... Contact **Jeff Wenzel** to register, ext. 4839. Registration of these courses is also available on *Web4Students*.

Construction Corner: YAHOOO...Phase I is complete. All classes and staff have been moved to the completed side of the building. The roof is three-fourths completed. Weather permitting, the roof should be completed by the end of January, or early February. Administrative Services and Student Services are expected to move back to their original locations sometime in late January, or early February. A brand new fence was installed and looks great around our building. Duct work is being demoed and replaced in Phase II on the second floor. All work is taking place behind a secured area located past the lobby. There is working heat in the lobby for the first time in many years, and the air quality is better than ever in the completed area.

A special thanks to all those folks to have helped to make this project a successful one. If it wasn't for these hardworking people, none of this would be possible: From the grounds department: **Tommy DiPietro, Ben Ward, and Joe Kozmalski**. From facilities: **Mike McHale, Dominick DiPietro and Jack Bitting**. From housekeeping: **Phil DeCicco, Kenya Long, Todd Ford, Karina Mercado, and Virgil Wray**. An overdue thank you to **Mike Ferrino** from Mays Landing for getting the boiler up and running...what a job.

Thank you also to **Nick Ganaway**, ITS, for moving all the phones here, there and everywhere, and to our in-house tech crew **Nelson Bugas, Al Ebinger and Mike Buoncuore**. Security did an excellent job moving cars around the parking lot and moving people up and down the stairs: **Ernie Sandoz, Don Nigsch, Rick Collins, Serena Palmer** and our parking lot attendant, **Maria Ramirez**.

Many thanks to all who continue to help us with the moving of furniture, equipment and staff during this construction period.

We wish you a Happy and Healthy New Year. If you have any questions regarding the construction, please contact **Jean McAlister**, ext. 4801.

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

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

by **Lisa Apel-Gendron**

Welcome aboard to **Ron Howe**, the new security/maintenance clerk for Cape May County Extension Center.

Registration is crazy busy here and there's no time to write a column this week. See you next time!

ACCC IN THE NEWS

The Honorable 'Menschen' column in the *Jewish Times* quoted **Martin Berdinis**, senior adjunct, who is teaching a computer course at ACCC. He promoted the college's distance education program.

The *Cape May County Herald* newspapers published a photograph and story on the projected opening of the Cape May County campus planned for the fall.

A story titled ACCC narrowing presidential candidate field appeared in *The Press of Atlantic City* on Jan. 4. Interviews start in March "We're looking for the best available candidates," said **Dr. Joe Rossi**, interim vice president for administration and finance. "We're looking for someone with good foresight, someone who knows funding, someone who knows academics."

Pat Owens, continuing education, appeared on the Roger Gros *Casino Connection* show on NewsChannel 40 last weekend. She spoke about CCI's offerings and promoted upcoming classes.

The *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* referenced ACCC's Casino Career Institute in an article describing how the Pennsylvania Department of Education is working with CCI as it plans to implement slot technician training.

The *Philadelphia Inquirer* published a press release about the ACA's December graduation, where 42 new chefs and baking/pastry professionals received medals and certificates.

News releases about the accomplishments of several ACA grads and current students in a recent Baking Expo were printed in *The Press of Atlantic City*, *Atlantic County Record*, *Cape May County Herald*, and the *Mainland Journal*. **Denise Percoski** '97 ACA, '00 ACCC, won the first place medal in the Miniature Wedding Cake Division. She also won a gold medal in the wedding cake category at the International Hotel, Motel and Restaurant Show in New York City in November for her series of three miniature wedding cakes. **Ruth LaTorre**, who earned a Baking and Pastry certificate in 2002, won second place medals in the Miniature Wedding Cake and Soft Icing Wedding Cake divisions at the Baking Expo. Student **Leo Perez** won first place in the Wedding Cake division.

The Press of Atlantic City reported on the ACA's December awards ceremony and published several photos from the event, including a photo of class valedictorian **Vearl Harrington** shaking hands with Chef **Klaus Muller**, dean of the ACA.

ALUMNI

Adam Grohman, '97, and wife, Kendall, welcomed their son, Aidan Jack, on Dec. 11. He was 20 and a half inches long and 7 lbs., 9 oz. and looks like his daddy. Everyone is fine. Adam is the director of student conduct and community education at Long Island University/ C. W. Post Campus in Brookville, NY. Proud grandparents are **Dr. Joyce Grohman**, dean of instruction at ACCC, and **Dennis Grohman**, senior adjunct.

Jeff White '97 ACA is executive chef for Sheraton Hotels. He lives in Brick.

Michael Dalesandro '86 ACA was featured in an *Arlington Advocate* article about the chef's tasty homemade soup that draw dozens of diners on a daily basis to his Boston-area restaurant Geillios Café.

The Philadelphia Inquirer raved about Nectar, a new restaurant in Berwyn, Pa., that showcases the stylish Asian flair of Chef **Patrick Feury** '89 ACA. Nectar received an "excellent" rating, and Patrick was praised as "a seriously talented chef."

Patricia Nash '97 ACA was a member of the American Culinary Federation Team USA that won a gold medal at the 21st International Culinary Exhibition, held recently in Germany. A *Press of Atlantic City* news brief highlighted her accomplishment.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Seventeen ACCCers and a retiree were named to *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*. Students were requested to nominate the one teacher from their entire academic experience who made a difference in their lives by helping to share their values, inspire interest in a subject and challenge them to strive for excellence. ACCCers include **Richard Benner, Michael Bolicki, Mark Camma, Denise Coulter, Angel Eguaras, Dr. Ronald Jenkins, Robert Kahl, Dr. Louise Kaplan, Judy Matsunobu, Annmarie Chelius, Barbara Mottola, Helen McCaffrey, George Richert, John Stratton, Regina Van Epps, Susan Van Rossum** and **Dr. Barbara Warner**. Retiree **Dr. Jodi Handler** was also named.



'Sedona in Bloom' by ACCC art student
Sondra Zuckerman.

Cheryl Knowles-Harrigan, assistant professor, art, is very proud of her students who participated in Gallery 50's *Artists in the Making* student exhibition. Cheryl held two workshops for students to prepare work for exhibition. Her students were commended by gallery personnel for their professionalism.

One of Cheryl's fall 2004 Mixed Media Painting students, **Sondra Zuckerman**, had her mixed media collage *Sedona in Bloom* selected for the exhibition showcard. The showcard, designed by Feinstein Designs, was distributed regionally by Gallery 50 for publicity. Sondra's work was also slated to be published in the Gloucester County edition of the Sunday *Philadelphia Inquirer*.

Gallery 50's "Artists in the Making" student exhibition is on view through Jan. 28. Gallery 50 is located at 50 East Commerce St. in Bridgeton. Gallery hours are 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday.

Congratulations to laboratory program assistant **Terri-Lynn Hamby** on earning her bachelor of arts degree in natural sciences and mathematics from Thomas Edison State College.

Reach Out to Your Legislators to Help Your Community College

The New Jersey Council of County Colleges has created a new tool that students, alumni, faculty, staff, trustees and concerned citizens can use to advocate on behalf of New Jersey's 19 community colleges. The Council has created a Legislative Action Center on its Web site, www.njccc.org. The Legislative Action Center allows users to easily send e-mails to their local state legislators.

"The New Jersey Council of County Colleges welcomes the help of all community college students, alumni, employees, trustees and concerned citizens in telling their legislators how important community colleges are to them," said Dr. Lawrence A. Nespoli, Council president. "This new tool allows interested

community college stake holders to quickly send emails to their local state legislators, providing much needed feedback to important legislative decision makers at the state level.”

To use the new Legislative Action Center, point your Web browser to www.njccc.org. Once there, click the Legislative Action Center icon. Next, choose a community college issue that is important to you. Then, enter your name, address, email address, your community college and your affiliation to that college. The final step is to click send e-mail. The Web site will automatically identify and send e-mails to your representatives based on your street address and zip code.

For more information about the Council’s Legislative Action Center, please call Jacob Farbman at (609) 392-3434 or send e-mail to jfarbman@njccc.org.

MIDDLE STATES MATTERS

A major portion of the Middle States reaccreditation process is dialogue among the various groups of the college community with the purpose of determining whether the college is meeting Middle States standards. On Jan. 14, as part of ACCC’s Best Practices Conference, two student forums were held at which faculty had the opportunity to hear student input on teaching and learning at ACCC.

Seventeen students volunteered to participate. One group answered questions about their experience in the traditional classroom. Online students comprised the second group and shared their experiences with online education at ACCC. Among the questions posed were “What are some of the characteristics of the best/worst course you’ve ever taken? Do you find assignment and coursework in general challenging enough? What types of assignments facilitate your learning of course material (e.g., tests, papers, group assignments, etc.)? For a three credit course, how much time do you spend on coursework outside of class time?” Faculty also had the opportunity to ask questions.

The types of issues that were addressed are among the concerns of Subcommittee 8, led by **Otto Hernandez**, associate professor, computer information systems. This group will examine the institution’s curricula to ensure they are aligned to our mission and that they allow students to acquire essential skills. Members include **Richard Benner**, assistant professor, philosophy and religion; **Mark Camma**, assistant professor, accounting and business; **Paula Demarest**, manager, budget, curriculum, & publications; **Joe Jaloway**, associate professor, biology; **Dr. Josette Katz**, dean, academic resources; **Dr. Marty Marino**, professor, psychology; **Carol Mohrfeld**, assistant professor, nursing; **Heather Peterson**, registrar; **Electra Stulak**, counselor II; **Grant Wilinski**, director, library,

The group has two charges. The first is to examine Standard 11--Educational Offerings: *The institution’s educational offerings display academic content, rigor, and coherence that are appropriate to its higher education mission. The institution identifies student learning goals and objectives, including knowledge and skills, for its educational offerings.* In addition, subcommittee 8 will address Standard 12--General Education: *The institution’s curricula are designed so that students acquire and demonstrate college-level proficiency in general education and essential skills, including oral and written communication, scientific and quantitative reasoning, critical analysis and reasoning, technological competency, and information literacy.* The information from the student forums in addition to the findings of subcommittee 8 will be included on the Middle States Web site.

--Kathy McGowan, editor