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Atlantic Cape Community College's Information Source

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NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

Black History Month Events Begin Feb. 3 at ACCC

ACCC will celebrate Black History Month with various fun, educational activities throughout February at all three campuses. All activities are free and open to the public.

The celebration begins at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 3, with an Opening Day Ceremony in the second floor student lounge of WACC. There will be a performance by the award-winning 40-voice Oakcrest High School Chorus and storytelling by international speaker Michelle Washington Wilson.

The J-Building lobby of the Mays Landing Campus will be the site of the African-American Market Place, with vendors selling African-American art, books, jewelry and other collectibles, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Tuesdays through Thursdays, Feb. 3-19.

On Tuesday, Feb. 10, the cafeteria of the Mays Landing Campus will come alive with the African-inspired drumming, stories and dance of the acclaimed Kofi & Sankofa Drum and Dance Ensemble, performing at 12:30 p.m. The Folkloric Heritage Drum and Dance Ensemble bring their Afro-Caribbean rhythms to the cafeteria at 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 17.

The Cape May County Campus will host inspirational speaker George D. Arnold, who will present "Echoes of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.," and the Charter-Tech High School of Somers Point Choir Ensemble in Room 212 at 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 17.

Historian Ralph Hunter will present artifacts from the African American Heritage Museum's Traveling Exhibit in the Mays Landing Campus Cafeteria B, 12:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 19.

The works of self-taught Atlantic City artist Tyrone L. Hart will be on display in the student lounge of the Atlantic City Campus, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 19.

For questions about events in Mays Landing, call **Cynthia Correa** at ext. 5089, or **Patricia Gandy** at ext. 4827 for events at the Atlantic City and Cape May campuses.

National 'Go Red for Women' Day is Feb. 6

On Friday, Feb. 6, the College is participating in "Go Red for Women," the American Heart Association's nationwide movement that celebrates the energy, passion and power we have to band together and wipe out heart disease. Check out the Web site www.goredforwomen.org.

Employees are encouraged to wear red and jeans and donate \$5 to AHA. Donations support research into

the causes, diagnosis and treatment of heart disease and stroke. Group photos will be taken on all three campuses. The group with the largest, most creative participants will be chosen as the Go Red Champions. The location and time for the photos will be announced.

Please give your donations to the following campus coordinators: Mays Landing – **Charita McClain**, CMCC – **Denise O'Connor**, and WACC – **Mike Kammer**.

Contact Facilities When Booking Space

Space and buildings are scheduled based on occupancy schedules submitted to the Facilities Office. In an effort to conserve energy, heating and air conditioning is turned down when areas are not in use. Therefore, any areas/buildings which are utilized and not on the initial occupancy schedules submitted to Facilities may not have heating and air conditioning in place for the event. Please make an effort in advance of your event, if not previously submitted on the occupancy schedules, to contact Facilities and advise them of the following: place (building, area, and room), time (start to finish) and any additional set ups that may be required.

Casino Career Institute Plans Jan. 30 Slot Technician Opportunity

The Casino Career Institute is offering a unique opportunity for students who complete its next slot technician class. Students who successfully meet all program requirements are guaranteed an interview with Advanced Gaming Associates for jobs as traveling slot technicians. Classes are forming now.

CCI will host information sessions at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., today at WACC. Information on careers in slot technology and at Advanced Gaming Associates will be available.

To register for the information session, call **DeNaira Butler** at ext. 4814.

Student History Intern Sought to Schedule Veteran Interviews

The Atlantic Heritage Center has received grant funding to hire a part-time student intern to schedule oral interviews with area veterans. The internship runs through July 30, and pays \$10 per hour for 3-6 hours a week. History students are encouraged to apply for the internship. The Atlantic Heritage Center is a partner-archive with the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress to collect and preserve the personal narrative and memoirs of area veterans. For more information or to apply for the internship, contact **Keith Carson**, Senior Adjunct, History.

Time is Running Out to Review W-4 Withholdings, Submit New Forms

Now is a good time to review your W-4 status. The IRS Web site, www.irs.gov/individuals, has a Withholding Calculator for help in determining how many withholding allowances to claim on your Form W-4. Please file a new Form W-4 if your filing status or number of withholding allowances has changed.

Employees who wish to continue claiming exemption from withholding must submit a new Form W-4 by Feb. 15. Forms W-4 should be sent to **Ronnie Devine**, Payroll. Please call Ronnie, ext. 5265, or **Leslie Jamison**, ext. 5004, with any questions.

Counseling Appointments Still Available With TIAA-CREF Consultant

TIAA-CREF Individual Consultant Benjamin Venturo will visit the Mays Landing Campus Tuesday, Feb. 3; Thursday, March 12; and Tuesday, April 14. Individual counseling appointments are available 9 a.m.-4 p.m., room J-207. Call (800) 842-8412 to make an appointment or register online at www.tiaa-cref.org/moc.

Still Time to Make Your Mammography Appointment

If you didn't make your mammogram appointment yet, there's still time. The RNS Mobile Mammography Van is taking appointments for these visits:

- Mays Landing Campus, Tuesday, Feb. 10
- Cape May County Campus, Tuesday, Feb. 17

Appointments are available 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. To schedule an appointment, call (800) 246-2404. Once appointments are made, RNS will send a reminder with registration and history forms. Most insurance plans are accepted.

Support Staff Tuition Reimbursement Deadline Nears

The deadline for Support Staff tuition reimbursement for spring 2009 is Feb. 1. Please send all forms to **Kathy Fritz**, CMCC library. Call Kathy with questions at ext. 3744.

Tickets for Gala, 50-50 Raffle on Sale Now

The ACCC Restaurant Gala moves to Bally's Atlantic City for the 26th annual event, Thursday, March 12. Guests will "board" a cruise ship ready to set sail for the Caribbean. Once on board, guests will be able to enjoy a true "Taste of Paradise," sampling the cuisine from more than 40 of the area's premier restaurants in a one-of-a-kind dining experience, with the cocktail reception catered by the chef educators and students of the Academy of Culinary Arts.

Tickets are \$200 each and available through **Sean Fischer** at sfischer@atlantic.edu or ext. 5674.

The ACCC Restaurant Gala 50-50 Raffle supports general scholarships and emergency funding for students. Tickets cost \$100 each and can be purchased individually or by groups. First prize will be \$15,000, second prize will be \$7,500, and third prize will be \$2,500, based on 500 tickets being sold. If you are interested in buying a ticket, contact **Sean Fischer** at sfischer@atlantic.edu or ext. 5674, **Jo-Ann Volpe** at volpe@atlantic.edu or ext. 5653, or in Cape May **Jennifer Martucci** at jmartucc@atlantic.edu or ext. 4511.

Next College-wide Book Selected

The College-wide Book facilitators, **Stephanie Natale-Boianelli** and **Leila Crawford**, are pleased to announce the 2009-2010 College-wide Book will be *Listening Is an Act of Love: A Celebration of American Life from the StoryCorps Project*, a collection of interviews that read like personal essays. More information about the StoryCorps Project and the book can be found at the StoryCorps' Web site and the StoryCorps site on NPR's Web site: <http://www.storycorps.net/about> and <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=4516989>.

Copies of this book are on reserve at all three campus libraries for faculty interested in reading the book. Please take the opportunity to review the book so that you can see how you might incorporate it into your fall classes. Don't forget that if you are interested in using the book, free copies of the book will be available for your students *if* you reserve them. Later this semester, we will begin collecting fall orders for this book and host a faculty discussion of *Listening Is an Act of Love*.

In the meantime, we continue our year with this year's College-wide Book, *The Glass Castle*. Stay tuned for information on spring College-wide Book events, including a volunteer day at The Community FoodBank of NJ—Southern Branch.

Tickets Available for Feb. 26 South Jersey Men 'R Cookin

South Jersey Men 'R Cookin, the fundraising event for the Boys and Girls Club of Atlantic City, will feature 75 area amateur and professional chefs as well as wines, frozen cocktails and more. ACA students and Director of Culinary Operations **Bruce Johns** are participating in the Feb. 26 event. **Jeff Wenzel** and **Dharmesh Dave**, Continuing Education, are also helping out. Tickets are \$50, with nearly 100 percent of proceeds going to the club. For tickets, contact **Jean McAlister** at ext. 5688 or mcaliste@atlantic.edu.

ACCC Art Gallery Features 'The Reality of Abstraction' in February

ACCC's Art Gallery features the work of Clifford Maddox Feb. 2-27. The Pleasantville resident is mostly self-taught and shaped his perceptions by being a "keen observer and committed visionary."

The exhibit, "The Reality of Abstraction," will feature oil paintings, most exceeding six feet in size. A reception to meet the artist will be held 1-4 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 8. The reception and exhibit are free and open to the public. For gallery hours or information, contact **Buddy Jacobs**, Art Gallery Coordinator, at ext. 5346 or bjacobs@atlantic.edu. Visit the gallery online at: <http://www.atlantic.edu/artgal/artgal.html>.

ACA Serves Up Tasty Workshops for Home Chefs

From ethnic Latin flavorings to luscious chocolate treats, the ACA is offering nearly 20 cooking workshops this spring. The hands-on workshops are offered in the evening through the Continuing Education department.

Workshops include Beyond Uncle Ben's, Fat Tuesday, Cheese and Charcuterie Tasting, Cook West Young Man, Feast of the Fisherman, Beyond Burritos, From Boston to Williamsburg, Friday Night Dinner Club, Valentine Temptations and Irish Baking.

Additionally, the Academy is offering a "Too Busy to Cook" series for people who find it difficult to find time to prepare healthy and delicious meals. Participants can register for the whole series at a discount or each class individually. Workshops in the series include, Pasta Presto!, One-Dish Dinners, Dinner Tonight, Almost From Scratch, Main Dish Casseroles, Salad Suppers, Vegetarian Cooking and Sleepy Sundays.

All workshops are \$65 per person, except Friday Night Dinner Club, which is \$75 each. To register, call ext. 4829.

Deadline Near for 2009 Scholarship Applications

Time is of the essence for students who wish to apply for 2009 scholarships. Applications are due Friday, Feb. 13. ACCC awarded more than \$202,950 in scholarships to qualified students in 2008. Students need to complete an application form, write a short essay describing what part a scholarship will play in achieving their personal and professional goals, and submit at least two letters of recommendation. A minimum GPA of 2.5 is required. Late entries will not be considered.

Applications are available at the financial aid offices at all campuses and online. At the Mays Landing Campus, applications also are available at the William Spangler Library, the Division Office in A-128, the Student Life Center and the ACA. For more information or to download the scholarship application, visit www.atlantic.edu/scholarship or call ext. 5082.

Dell Discounts Available for College Employees

Now through Feb. 5, ACCC faculty and staff can receive 10 percent off call-in orders to Dell by mentioning the special Employee Purchase Promotion. For current deals, call 1-866-914-6076. ACCC's Member ID is US43900493.

HERE'S THE SCOOP

Kathy Corbalis and **Geoff Pettifer**, College Relations and Marketing, saw the World Series trophy up close at Chickie's and Pete's in Egg Harbor Township Jan. 15 as part of the its tour of the region. Kathy even got a hug from the Philly Phanatic! The World Series Trophy Tour schedule is available at Phillies.com.



Kathy Corbalis and Geoff Pettifer with the 2008 World Series Trophy.

Student Development is looking for a volunteer Women's Softball Club Advisor. The volunteer would oversee practice, arrange games and hold meetings. For more information, contact **Cynthia Correa** at ext. 5089.

Follett Bookstores at the Mays Landing, Atlantic City and Cape May County campuses will close Feb. 19-20 for inventory. In addition, the bookstore at the Mays Landing Campus now carries greeting cards for the convenience of students, faculty and staff.

Brandi Mantha, English adjunct, participated in the ACCC Star Fita Archery shoot this month. As the only shooter in her division, she took first place. It was a worthwhile visit to campus for Mantha, who only teaches online.

Get-well wishes for **Kathy McGowan**, College Relations, who is home recovering from surgery. We hope for a speedy return!

A farewell dinner will be held for **Renee DeAngelo** at Careme's Restaurant, Monday, March 2, at 6:30 p.m. Renee is retiring after 25 years at ACCC. To RSVP, contact **Spike Edwards** at ext. 5024, **Joanne Gleason** at ext. 4916, or **Barbara Clark** at ext. 5006. Cost is \$30, including gift.



Peter and Myrna Keklak celebrate Thanksgiving with their twin granddaughters.

Assistant Professor of Nursing **Myrna Morales Keklak** and her husband, Peter, became grandparents for the first time Oct. 8, when their daughter Melissa and son-in-law Maudo Rodriguez had twin girls. The girls were born one month early, but weighed over 5 ½ pounds each. The girls are now 3 months old and are growing very fast. Rebecca Ileana was born first and is very smiley and lively. Her sister, Emma Amelia, is very calm and sweet. Aunt Julia Keklak is a great help to all as she loves to babysit the babies.

Belated birthday wishes to **Maria Kellett**, Resource Development, who celebrated her birthday Jan. 24. Hope it was a great one!

Happy birthday to: **Michael Sargente**, Jan. 30; **Marge Battistelli**, **Liriana Samuel**, Jan. 31; **Elizabeth Franchetti**, **Patricia Gandy**, **Paula Hamilton**, **Ronald McArthur**, Feb. 3; **Robbin Haynes**, Feb. 4; **Gayle Edwards**, Feb. 5; **Michael Huber**, **Angela Wang**, Feb. 7; **Otto Hernandez**, Feb. 10; **Curtis Francz**, Feb. 11. Adjunct birthdays: **Michaele Ely**, **Susan Palmer**, Feb. 4; **Edward Beck**, **Tricia Ciliberto**; Feb. 5; **Joy Russomano**, Feb 6; **Nancy Swec**, Feb. 7; **Sandra Adams**, Feb. 11.

NEWS FROM ACCC'S OTHER LOCATIONS

Greetings from the Charles D. Worthington Atlantic City Campus by Daymis Alicea

It's busy, busy...and finally the first snow comes down, but not the buckets we feared (hoped for). Still, classes were canceled, traffic was slushy and work started late. That said, here are some goings-on at WACC.

On Jan. 29, the ESL Department welcomed an Atlantic City High School student group. The students enjoyed tours of the building, snacks, a presentation and “playing” with the ESL listening lab. Thanks to the staff who participated by giving of their time to do a small presentation.

Please join us Feb. 3 and hear the awe-inspiring vocal performance of the Oakcrest High School Chorus led by Charles Bass, musical director. This well-traveled, award-winning, 40-voice choir has a repertoire encompassing classical to Broadway, and beyond.

Also Feb. 3, inspirational speaker Michelle Washington Wilson, a renowned storyteller, will bring her innovative style of entertainment to our campus. Her audience will leave touched by the character-building stories and songs that tell of triumphant moments in the lives of folks from around the world. Stories are not just for children. Michelle uses a holistic, humorous approach to character education. Come enjoy this auditory journey.

Then come back Feb. 19 to enjoy the art of Tyrone L. Hart Sr., a self-taught artist and native of Atlantic City. Tyrone’s medium is acrylic, including working with oil, clay, wood and glass. He has exhibited his artwork at many different venues throughout the United States and England.

We will also celebrate Valentine’s Day with hidden Hershey’s Kisses throughout campus. Find one and help yourself to the sweet treat, compliments of Student Services.

That’s all for now folks. C’ya next time.

Greetings from the Cape May County Campus

by Lisa Apel-Gendron

Spring semester is humming along nicely, with CMCC enjoying a 10.2 percent growth in credits as of this writing. Hallways are noisy, the bookstore is crowded and the rhythmic sounds of ping pong have returned. It’s great having our students and faculty back!

We added quite a few classes at the last minute due to high demand. They are all running, including our first ever Saturday class, Composition II, taught by **Dr. Ben Rau**. Thank you, department chairs, for not hanging up on us when we called to request more sections! Denise Coulter, English, gets the award for the most calls nagging her for more sections, and she always had a supportive response.

The two very active student clubs at CMCC have set their spring semester meeting schedules. Campus Ambassadors and Fine Arts Club meet on alternating Thursdays at 2 p.m. in room 215. For information on Ambassadors, contact lapelgen@atlantic.edu, and for the Fine Arts Club contact **Fran Rauscher** at frausche@atlantic.edu. For information about ping pong tournaments, contact **Nari Kovalski** at nkovalsk@atlantic.edu.

Campus Ambassadors are currently sponsoring a supply drive to support military personnel deployed overseas. We are collecting personal care items like lip moisturizer, deodorant and hand sanitizer, as well as snacks including beef jerky, powdered drink mixes, microwave popcorn, trail mix, cereal bars and crackers. A drop-off box is located on the second floor, near the top of the stairs. We’re accepting donations via interoffice as well. Just send c/o **Lisa Apel-Gendron**.

The Fine Arts Club, under the guidance of **Fran Rauscher**, English, toured the Brandywine Museum Jan. 14. Fran tells us the students greatly enjoyed the museum, different architectures, the Brandywine area and, certainly, lunch. Collectively, the group agreed to buy from their funds a very fine book of Andrew Wyeth’s artwork that includes his explanation of his process. The club’s intention is to give the book to the CMCC library so that art students and the entire campus community can enjoy it. That

evening, Andrew Wyeth died in his sleep.

The evening refreshment kiosk is again open for business from 5-8 p.m. at the top of the stairs on the second floor. Snacks and hot and cold drinks are available Monday through Thursday evenings.

Curtis Fitzpatrick, Facilities, is quite proud of his daughter Jacqueline Fitzpatrick, who finished the RN program at the County College of Morris Jan. 9. Jacqueline, an adult learner, decided to pursue a nursing career after working as a lab technician for years. Curtis and his wife attended commencement ceremonies. Congratulations!

Security Officer **Scott Conklin** reports that his twin boys are home from the hospital and doing particularly well. They're gaining weight and developing personalities, and of course they're keeping Scott and his wife busy with feedings and diaper changes.



Students take time to view the Inauguration in the CMCC dining room the first day of class.

CMCC continues to host special events sponsored by the College and external organizations. This month we've hosted the Cape May County Chamber of Commerce and the Cape May County 4-H/Rutgers Cooperative Extension. And customized training for local businesses resumes in early February, covering topics like Conflict and Decision Making and Accountability and Emotional Intelligence. Interesting topics!

The RNS mobile mammography van visits CMCC Tuesday, Feb. 17. Don't be chicken; make your appointment now by calling 1-800-246-2404. Students, employees/spouses and the community are welcome to take advantage of this convenience. Funds are available to assist women without insurance.

The CMCC employee food drive continues. We are collecting all types of non-expired, non-perishable food items to support food pantries in Cape May County.

Have a worry-free weekend!

CONTINUING EDUCATION NEWS

by **Sherwood Taylor**

Did You Know? Continuing Education has two Program Representatives to help students with registering for our career training programs. **Carol Fraone** (ext. 5650) is located at Mays Landing East, Building T, and **DeNaira Butler** (ext. 4814) is located at the Worthington Atlantic City Campus. Please direct anyone interested in career training programs to either Carol or DeNaira.

ACCC's Corporate Training department will provide training at many of the Atlantic City casinos. Classes are on site and all materials are shipped in boxes. If you have empty computer paper boxes, please send them to **Melissa Greener**, Mays Landing East, as soon as you get them. Thanks!

New Jersey Business and Industry Association (NJBIA) members, New Jersey Chamber members, private-sector businesses and nonprofit organizations may be eligible for training classes through a grant to the NJBIA funded by the NJ Department of Labor. Available courses include: English as a Second Language, Basic Computer Skills, Verbal and Written Communication Skills, Customer Service and Math and Measurement. For more information, or to forward inquiries, call **DeNaira Butler**, ext. 4814.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Grant Wilinski, Associate Dean, Academic Support Services; **Cheryl Kirby**, Librarian, Cape May and Atlantic City; **Mike Sargente**, Program Coordinator, LAC, Cape May and Atlantic City; and **Ellen Parker**, Librarian, Mays Landing, attended the 10th Annual Conference of VAEnj—Virtual Academic Library Environment of New Jersey, held at Rutgers Busch Campus in Piscataway on Jan. 9. The conference featured workshops on such key issues as assessment and increased collaboration among academic libraries. Ellen also co-presented a poster session on library instruction and contributed to a presentation by NJIT librarians on standardized assessment for information literacy.

The 2009 Best Practices program has been selected, and it is a winner! The steering committee, including **Maria Kellett**, Resource Development, reviewed over 70 proposals from colleges throughout the state. This very competitive selection process has resulted in a great line-up of topics and speakers for April 23 and 24 at Hudson County Community College.

Topics include a keynote presentation by Dr. Idahlynn Karre, renowned international speaker, consultant and coach on “Our Community College Journey from Good to Great in Challenging Times,” and a presentation by Dr. Jon Larson, President of Ocean County College on “Entrepreneurial Perspectives: Bringing Entrepreneurial Perspectives to the Academy.” Other subjects include leadership development, technology, content-based instruction, ethics, communication, empowerment and shared governance, blogs, enrollment projections, student leadership and much more!

ACCC IN THE NEWS

Associate Dean of Continuing Education **Jean McAlister** was quoted in an article in The Press of Atlantic City about English illiteracy in New Jersey.

ACA graduate **Jim Newcomb** '84, who's now the chef at Yesterday's in Marmora, was the subject of a profile in Atlantic City Weekly.

The exhibit of art works by Hammonton High students displayed at the ACCC Art Gallery was featured in the Hammonton News.

Articles about the new articulation agreement to enable ACCC students to transfer into the Social Work program at Richard Stockton State College appeared in the Mainland Journal, the Atlantic County Record, the Egg Harbor News and The Current.

The ACCC Campus Ambassadors were featured in the Herald Times and Cape May County Gazette, in regard to their donation of school supplies to area school children.

Last year's ACA Lick Hunger Ice Cream Challenge was featured in The Current of Galloway.

Assistant Professor of College Skills/Sociology **Tom Celandine** and Adjunct **Terry Harris**, who are also an amateur thespians, appeared in an article in The Press of Atlantic City about auditions for a living history actor for the Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts in Cape May.

Richard Perniciaro, Dean of Facilities, Planning and Research, was quoted in an article in The Press of Atlantic City about the record unemployment rates in South Jersey.

Information about a \$1.25 million federal grant ACCC was awarded for job training programs focused on geospatial technology was reported in The Press of Atlantic City and the Salem Sunbeam.

Jeff Wenzel, Continuing Education, and his friends' journey to every White Castle restaurant in New Jersey last spring and their subsequent induction to the White Castle Hall of Fame in Columbus, Ohio, was chronicled in the Courier Post.

Former ACCC'er **Dr. Theresa DeFranco** was named superintendent of Margate schools, according to an article in The Press of Atlantic City.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

Dr. Mora was interviewed by Atlantic County Freeholder Jim Curcio for a segment on NJN News. Freeholder Curcio conducted the interview at WACC. Dr. Mora shared plans for a WACC expansion and progress on the College master plan, Blueprint 2020.

Dr. Mora participated in a meeting of the American Heart Association's Heart Walk Executive Cabinet Jan. 14. Feb. 6 is Go Red Day! Contact **BettyAnn Hines** for more information.

Dr. Mora made welcoming remarks at Faculty Development Day on Jan. 16 at the Mays Landing Country Club. The topic of the event was Academic Advising. Dr. Mora thanks and congratulates the planning team and attendees on another successful and informative event.

ASSESSMENT TIP OF THE MONTH

Empty Outline: Give students a partially completed outline of a class lecture. Have them fill in the blanks to complete the outline. This way, students learn to take better notes and the professor can see if the class is "catching" the main points of the lecture.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The calendar is updated regularly at <http://www.atlantic.edu/calendars/index.php>. Be sure to add your events. Go to www.atlantic.edu and at the top right, click on calendars. Scroll down and at the bottom left, select Add Event Form and submit your event!

Next CommuniCator Feb. 13

The next issue of the *Atlantic Cape CommuniCator* will be Friday, Feb. 13. Deadline is noon, Monday, Feb. 9. Please e-mail your submissions to **Stacey Clapp**, sclapp@atlantic.edu.

--Stacey Clapp, editor