

ATLANTIC CAPE COMMUNICATOR

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NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

Student Services, Business Offices Relocate While Renovations Under Way

ACCC offices that serve students on the Mays Landing Campus have moved to other locations while their offices are being renovated. The renovation project includes new ceiling tiles, carpeting, window replacement, entry doors and painting. Bathrooms will be refurbished as part of the project. The downstairs offices are expected to be completed in mid-August. Please note these temporary locations:

Admissions and Advisement, Cafeteria; **Business Office Cashiers**, Room 206; **Business Office Accounts Payable/Bursar**, Room 207; **Paula Davis and Aline Bennett**, Student Life Center; **Dean of Students**, Room 210; **Counseling**, Student Life Center; **Financial Aid**, Cafeteria B; **Enrollment Services**, Cafeteria B.

Time to Nominate ACCC's Next Employee of the Quarter

Do you work with someone who consistently goes above and beyond in customer service? Nominate him or her for the Employee of the Quarter award! Full-time support staff members with at least one year of service are eligible. A nomination form is attached to this issue. Deadline is Aug. 4.

Meet the Artists Reception Today, 4:30-7 p.m.; Support ACCC Art Gallery

The still life paintings of Jacqueline Boyd and landscape artistry of Judith Thomas are on display at the ACCC Art Gallery now through Wednesday, Aug. 20. A reception to meet the artists, which is free and open to the public, will be held today, 4:30-7 p.m.



Boyd, of Brigantine, works in oil. Her colorful paintings celebrate modern femininity, with depictions of everything from floral arrangements to flirty high heels and cocktail dresses. Judith Thomas, who also works in oils, is a resident of West Chester, Pa., who specializes in land and seascapes, as well as figure and still life paintings focusing on common objects, such as a cup left on a table.

ACCC Archery Star and Sister Hit the Big Time

ACCC archery team hotshot **Steve Gatto** of Hammonton is in the midst of winging his way across the world as he competes in various tournaments. He was off to Boe, France, in late June for the World Cup Stage Four archery championships. He recently returned from the 7th World University Archery Championship held in Taiwan, July 7-10. He's off to Colorado next month for another big tournament. Meanwhile, his sister, **Maria**, (also a member of the archery team) recently went "Hollywood" after landing a part as an extra in the upcoming movie "Transformers II." Maria was tapped to play a college student in a classroom scene filmed at Princeton University.

Special Needs Student Fulfills her Dream of Going to School

Despite having Down syndrome, 26-year-old Natalie Kuprianov of Wildwood had long dreamed of a career as a nurse. Although her disability precludes her from fulfilling that dream, she did get to explore what it might be like to work in the medical field by attending a continuing education class at Atlantic Cape Community College.

Natalie's brother, Alex, a technology instructor in the continuing education department, asked Associate Dean of Continuing Education Operations **Jean McAlister** if his sister could audit a class. McAlister arranged for Natalie to attend a week-long EKG class, during which this very special student was accompanied by her mom, Rose.



Natalie Kuprianov

"Natalie was glowing from ear to ear," McAlister said.

Natalie, who functions at an above average level, graduated from Wildwood High School. Although she can read, she has never mastered math.

"My brother and I went to college, and she felt left out," Alex said. "She had joked that she wanted to be a doctor. My mom was always trying to find something for her to do; Natalie did volunteer work for Easter Seals. So my mom asked me to talk to someone to see if we could get Natalie into a non-credit course."

Thus, Natalie got to sit in on a class at the Charles D. Worthington Atlantic City Campus taught by patient care technology instructor **Linda Karp**.

"The first few days, the teacher went over the anatomy and physiology of the heart," Natalie's mother, Rose, said. "The students practiced EKGs on each other. Natalie was very excited. Linda felt this was a good experience for the students because, in the real world, they will have to perform EKGs on people with Down syndrome. Linda was great."

At the end of the week, the teacher gave Natalie a special certificate. She also received something else: increased self-confidence.

"I got a thank you from her mother after the class," Dean McAlister said. "She said that Natalie now wants to go for her master's degree in nursing. I thought that was very cute."

Not surprisingly, Natalie and her family were thrilled for her to have this experience.

"This was like a dream come true," Alex said. "What ACCC and Jean McAlister did was one of the best things that ever happened to our family."

Summer Sizzles with These Fun Noncredit Classes

ACCC continues to offer summer classes through August. Learn about designing and creating databases, organizing and setting field records and more with Access 2007, 5:30-8:30 p.m., two Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning Aug. 5 at CMCC. The new layout and functions of PowerPoint 2007 will be explored 5:30-8:30 p.m., two Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning Aug. 19 at the CMCC.

Powerboat and other watercraft operators will qualify for the mandatory certification after completing the Safe Boating and Personal Watercraft class, 7-10 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 13-14, at the MLC. The ACA continues its summer-long International Series with a Healthy Twist with an exploration of light American summer fare, 6-9 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 13. For more information, call ext. 4829.

Outgoing Foundation Board President Lynda Pagliughi Honored

Outgoing ACCC Foundation President **Lynda Pagliughi** was honored at the Board's June meeting. The Avalon resident, a retired economic development specialist with the South Jersey Transportation Authority, was named Board President in November 2004. She was the first female president of the foundation, which was established in 1978 as an independent 501(c)(3) non-profit organization to serve the mission of ACCC by providing financial support to the college and its students. Prior to this appointment, Pagliughi had served as a board member for five years, including two as Vice President. She also was a long-time member of the college's executive committee for the ACCC Restaurant Gala.



Outgoing Foundation President Lynda Pagliughi was honored at the June Foundation meeting for her years of service to the board. Presenting the award was Dr. Peter Mora. Looking on is Charles Pessagno, incoming Foundation President.

During the meeting, incoming Foundation President **Charles Pessagno** of Cape May praised Pagliughi for her numerous contributions to the foundation, including the increase in scholarships, higher special events net proceeds and more active members on the board that occurred during her presidency. In addition to the foundation members giving her flowers and an inscribed Tiffany bowl, ACCC President

Dr. Peter L. Mora presented Pagliughi with the college's first honorary lifetime membership in the ACCC Alumni Association.

HERE'S THE SCOOP

Our deepest sympathy to **Tom Giardina**, CCI Program Coordinator/Slot Specialist, on the passing of his father, Peter, who was 86. Expressions can be sent to Tom at 6324 Benson Ave., Mays Landing, NJ 08330.

Geoff Pettifer, Director of College Marketing, thanks all faculty and staff who assisted with the "ACCC – Learning for Life" TV commercial filming on May 29 and June 25. "It's amazing how many talented actors we have in the college community! The commercial is in production and will air during recruitment advertising campaigns in August and January," he said.

Deepest sympathy to **BettyAnn Inloes Hines**, Board Secretary, on the loss of her father. BettyAnn sent the following note: "I and my family thank the college community for their outpouring of support during the passing of my father. The cards, visits and personal remarks were comforting. The college's automatic support system is a blessing and helped me and my family get through a difficult time. Thank you so much."

Welcome aboard to **Lena McGowan**, Senior Clerk, Business Office. She is no relation to **Kathy McGowan** or **Michelle McGowan**, who are also not related!

A fond farewell to **Mitch Mischlich**, Security, who retired the end of June. We'll miss seeing you around, Mitch! Enjoy your retirement.

Welcome aboard to **Wen-Mei Lu** of Galloway, who joined Finance as a Junior Accountant on June 25.

Congratulations to **Patrice Leatherberry** who was named Program Coordinator, Learning Assistance Center, effective July 1. She served as Acting Coordinator since October.

Welcome aboard to **Tina Lashley**, Program Specialist, Continuing Education, who joined us June 25.

A fond farewell to **Marsha Patrick**, Assistant Professor of Allied Health and former ACA Chef Educator, who resigned to accept a position as Assistant Professor/Director of the Dietician Technology Department at Camden County College. She will continue teaching at ACCC as an Adjunct Instructor.

Congratulations to **Cheryl Ann Garwood**, Business Office, who was promoted to Specialist following the retirement of **Mary Lou Breitzman**.

Farewell to **Mike Ferrino**, Facilities, who retired the end of June. Good luck to you, Mike!

The Press of Atlantic City recently ran an editorial about the reprieve in the NJ STARS budget cut that would have limited the scholarship to students whose families earn less than \$100,000. The editorial opined that, along with tightening academic requirements, the program should be limited to graduating high school students who are in the top 15 or even 10 percent of their classes (as opposed to the current 20 percent) as a way to cut costs to this “cash-strapped state.” The editorial further stated that some lower income yet higher achieving students get less aid than NJ STARS students (many of whom are from wealthier families), and that many county colleges argue that this should remain a merit program.

Clennon “Skip” Roe, Building Services Working Foreman, performed a good deed following last month’s Board of Trustees meeting in Cape May County. **Kathy Corbalis**, College Relations, left her cell phone behind after the meeting and never missed it until she received a call at home that night from Skip. He brought the phone to the Security Office in Mays Landing and Kathy was reunited with her lifeline the next day. Thanks, Skip, for your prompt and thoughtful action!

Happy birthday to **Daniel Matt**, July 17; **Linda DeSantis**, July 18; **Mark Camma**, **Robert Townsend**, July 20; **Renee DeAngelo**, **Maryann McCall**, **Eileen Mick**, **Benjamin Ward**, July 21; **Debbie Ciarrocki**, July 22; **Cheryl Knowles-Harrigan**, July 23; **Barry Canty**, **Clennon Roe Jr.**, July 26; **Godfrey Barlatt**, July 27; **Gerri Black**, **Christine English-Martin**, July 28; **Michael Bolicki**, **Linda Hair**, **Shirley Shields**, **Joseph Sheridan**, July 30; **Kristen Grech**, **Sandi Greco**, July 31; **David Moderski**, Aug. 4; **Eric Stewart**, **Scott Conklin**, Aug. 5; **Susan DePhilippis**, **Horace Ross**, Aug. 9; **Myrna Morales-Keklak**, Aug. 12; **Michelle Bevan**, Aug. 13.

Adjunct birthdays: **Dolores Doherty**, July 19; **Cynthia Smith**, July 18; **Julianne Reinhardt**, **Brittine Ehrke**, July 21; **Tara Constantini**, July 23; **Craig Gras**, July 24; **James Travis**, July 26; **Harry Seward**, July 29; **Joseph Barrett**, Aug. 2; **Lawrence Ponzek**, **Benjamin Rau**, **Martin Coppola**, Aug. 5; **Alicia Laspina**, **John Pekich**, **Ed Peckiconis**, **Matthew Thoren**, Aug. 7; **Steve Loper**, Aug. 13.

NEWS FROM ACCC’S OTHER LOCATIONS

by **Daymis Alicea**

Summer Youth College was a big success at WACC. As you can see by the photo at right, a large group of children took part in the classes, Mad Scientist and Computer Champs. Since 2004, ACCC has hosted a Summer Youth College for disadvantaged school children in grades 3 and 4, and 5 through 8 where the



children get to attend four days of workshops. Scholarships are offered to students on the basis of select criteria, as determined by their teachers and school administrators. ACCC's Board of Trustees Diversity and Equity Committee spearheaded the program to expose children to the idea of attending college during the early years of their education.

We're halfway through the summer and I have not taken the kiddies to the beach. If I am found dead somewhere you will all know it was matricide. But, never fear, I am correcting this oversight this weekend.

I have found some new things for you all to try. Well, not new per se but probably untried. The Millville racetrack is up and running. Having never been to one of these venues before in my life I was quite surprised at how much fun I had. My kids really enjoyed it, plus in these economically tough times, it was good to go somewhere where kids under 12 years are free. Check out their next weekend of races in August 7-10, by visiting their Web site www.njmotorsportspark.com. Pack a cooler with drinks and food, grab your beach chairs and don't forget an umbrella and add some revvveed-up-zoooooommmmm to your weekends.



Well, from the track to the sky...Borgata Casino, Hotel & Spa is sponsoring the Blue Angels Air Show...over the Atlantic City Beaches "Thunder over the Boardwalk" on Wednesday, Aug. 20. This is a Free event and we are all for that this year. Again, pack your cooler, grab your kids (or significant other) and plan a day out in the city. Visit <http://www.atlanticcitynj.com/acairshow.asp> for more information.

Finally, my last bit of sage fun advice, take out the ol' bikes. Trail-blaze through your neighborhood or pack them up and go to a beautiful bike trail (now called Greenways) in your area and enjoy the relaxing and healthy adventure. Added benefit...you don't have to fuel up your bike. Visit <http://www.trails.com> for more info on trails in your area.

Whatever you are up to this summer...I hope it is fun and energizing. With all the hoopla in the news it's easy to get our collective spirits down and not enjoy ourselves.

As always...have a great summer and I will c ya at the beach (kids in tow).

Greetings from the Cape May County Campus by Lisa Apel-Gendron

Diminutive students, 24 in all, took over CMCC this week. From July 14-17, we hosted the Summer Youth Program, an enrichment program for local children sponsored by the ACCC Community Affairs Office and several corporate sponsors. Youngsters spent the mornings learning about science or computer arts. They enjoyed lunch, cake and awards at the conclusion of class Thursday. Using smiles as a measure of fun and enrichment, we think all went well! Thanks to **John Feldbauer** and **Chris Vallese**, ITS, and **Kay Pandit**, Conferencing & Meeting Services, for all their time.



Eight CMCC employees were honored for perfect attendance on June 30 at the Rio Diner. Pictured, left to right: Curtis Fitzpatrick, Tim Cliggett, Denise O'Connor, Lisa Apel-Gendron, Joe Rossi. Unable to attend were: Tom Clark, Vince Chainey and Chris Vallese.

The Cape May County 4-H Fair runs July 17, 18 and 19 at the fairgrounds adjacent to CMCC. The ACCC

information table will be staffed from 3- 8 p.m. each day. It's not too late to volunteer. Just put on comfortable shoes and come on over!

Other events, including customized training for banking and insurance employees, legal depositions and academic appeal meetings are scheduled at CMCC during the rest of the month.

A new Smart Board resides in room 204, thanks to the efforts of **Roy Burnham** and **Tim Cliggett**, Facilities, and **Chris Vallese** and **Dereck Pruszinski**, ITS. This is the model where the instructor makes enhancements on the actual white board. If you're interested in learning more about Smart Board, call the CMCC Help Desk, ext. 4521.

The library's book cataloging system was down last week for an upgrade to the new Symphony system. For more information about CMCC library services, contact **Kathy Fritz**, ext. 3713.

Third summer session saw five new credit classes start at CMCC, bringing the summer total to 21 sections. We should also include the non-credit Subcode Official class as well, since it meets three hours a week all summer long. That popular class is taught by **Sal DeSimone**.

Writing and math tutoring is offered during the third summer session. For days and times, call the library, ext. 3713.

Congratulations to **Noel Kurtz**, '08, Tutor for Anatomy & Physiology and CISM, who will begin her nursing program at CMCC this fall. Noel's graduation story was featured on the college Web site as well as in local media. You go, Noel!

Ghyll Theurer, Program Coordinator, Health Professions Institute, still visits CMCC each Thursday to provide information to the public about health care career training. Please encourage prospective students to drop in any Thursday from 1- 3 p.m. at CMCC and ask for Ghyll. HPI will offer a new course at CMCC starting this fall. A two-module course, Medical Billing and Coding, will be offered Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6-9 p.m., Sept. 29-Jan. 26, and Feb. 9-May 20. For more information, contact Ghyll, ext. 5652.

Have a worry-free weekend!

CONTINUING EDUCATION

by Sherwood Taylor

A note from **Tommy Giardina**: "I would like to thank the entire college community for your cards, gifts and kind words during the loss of my father. It is great to know that I belong to such a warm and caring community. Thank you very much." Tommy G.

Fall Career Training and Workshops: The Continuing Education fall schedule of career training programs and workshops is available on online. <http://www.atlantic.edu/conted/>. **Carol Fraone** and **DeNaira Butler**, Continuing Education Program Representatives, are available to speak with and meet potential career training students. Please forward any inquires to them. Carol (ext. 5650) is located at Mays Landing East (Building T) and DeNaira (ext. 4814) is located in the lobby area of the Worthington Atlantic City Campus.

Continuing Education was the recipient of a \$481,950 training grant from the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development. This grant will provide a wide array of training programs to thousands of casino workers at Harrah's Entertainment, The Borgata Casino, Hotel and Spa, Tropicana and Trump Entertainment.

Continuing Education is expanding programs for adults 55+. We already offer courses for adults 55+ in Atlantic and Cape May counties and our plan includes additional programs for spring 2009. **Jean McAlister** invites the college community to help identify new programs for this audience. Please join us for a meeting on, **Tuesday, Aug. 5, 9 a.m., East Campus** to discuss new programs. Your participation is welcomed and appreciated. If you are unable to attend, please forward your ideas to Jean, ext. 5688, or e-mail mcaliste@atlantic.edu.

Continuing Education Operations, under the coordination of **Esther Gandica**, continues to provide exceptional service and quality training programs to the financial services sector in Cape May County and Heist Insurance Agency. In addition, literacy classes are currently being conducted at Trump properties, Borgata and Harrah's.

Pat Gentile, Jean McAlister and **Carol Drea** attended the Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at The Water Club on June 27. Since the Borgata is one of our biggest supporters, ACCCers were there to celebrate the opening along with many government officials and community representatives.

Sherwood Taylor and **Carol Drea** gave a presentation to the Lower Township Chamber of Commerce on ACCC's services and programs for the business community. The presentation included information about the New Jersey Business and Industry grant that provides training opportunities for small businesses.

Carol Drea attended the New York Gaming Summit in Saratoga Springs on June 24-25. The Summit provided an opportunity to meet gaming operators and manufacturers who could become clients of CCI.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Emily Wexler won the American College Dance Festival/Dance Magazine national award for outstanding student choreographer. Emily earned her bachelor's degree in 2004 and will complete her MFA at Hollins University in Roanoke, Va. Wexler was honored for her original production, "Navy Blue," chosen from more than 150 works presented at the Southeastern American College Dance Regional Conference in Gainesville, Fla., in March. Wexler's choreography was cited for "its sophisticated exploration of structure, stage space and use of props; its reinvention of social dance through the juxtaposition of social dance movement vocabulary from one era with social dance music from another era; and for its sense of urgency and wit." Proud parents are **Art Wexler**, Senior Dean of Academic Affairs, and his wife, Angela.

Carol Plum-Ucci, English Adjunct, was featured in a photo and story on her latest novel, "Streams of Babel." She was inspired to write the teen novel, which revolves around a local town whose water is poisoned by terrorists, after the Sept. 11, 2001 World Trade Center attacks. The story is told through five narrators. Her goal with her novels is to take readers on a ride. "I'm not trying to teach them about morals, they have teachers and parents for that," she explained. She is best known for her 2000 "The Body of Christopher Creed," a mystery about the disappearance of a high school outcast. The book won a Michael J. Printz honor Book Award and has been on teen reading lists since. She is editing the unnamed sequel to that book and expects it to be on bookstore shelves in about a year.

Carolyn Coulter, Assistant Professor of Sociology, and **Loretta Dicker**, Assistant Professor of Computer Information Systems, attended the Southern Regional Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Users Meeting in Cumberland County on July 1st. ESRI was the presenter and the focus was on the use of SDE & SQL in a GIS environment. Carolyn and Loretta also won GIS prizes courtesy of ESRI.

Jean McAlister, Associate Dean of Continuing Education Operations, and **Donna Vassallo**, Assistant Professor of Hospitality Management, served on the Noyes Museum planning committee for the Summer Garden Party 25th Annual Fundraising Event held July 13 at the Ram's Head Inn. The event featured

gourmet selections from Chef Luigi Baretto, a silent auction with high-end items, a jewelry raffle with donations from Serago Roberts and artist demonstration and raised money for the museum.

Keri Mikulski, English Adjunct at CMCC, wrote for Lance Armstrong's LiveStrong Web site – www.livestrong.com, in May and June. She wrote two articles for the Reader's Digest published Current Health 1 and 2 magazines (part of the Weekly Reader classroom series of magazines), and is working on the sequel for Screwball – Summer Slam, which will drop this winter or spring. Current Health 1 and 2

ACCC was rated number 10 by Community College Week in the top 50 associate degrees for multi-interdisciplinary studies. The ranking appeared in the June 16 issue.

Former culinary student **Peter Fischbach** returned to the Academy July 14 to practice for the Great American Seafood Cook-Off, Aug. 2-3, in New Orleans. Peter, the executive chef and Food Service Director for Gourmet Dining Services at the New Jersey Institute of Technology in Newark, was the winner of the state Department of Agriculture's 2008 Jersey Seafood Challenge held in January at the Academy. ACA chefs and alumni critiqued Peter's preparation and final dish during his practice, which was covered by NBC40. Peter will prepare Pan-Seared Local Black Sea Bass when he competes with up to 20 chefs next month. The champion will be named King or Queen of American Seafood. The cook-off is televised by the Food Network and is part of the Louisiana Foodservice Expo.

Jay Ford, ACCC Foundation Board Member, was named to the Board of Directors for Federal Home Loan Bank of New York. Ford is President and CEO of Crest Savings Bank in Wildwood.

ACCC IN THE NEWS

ACCC Assistant Professor of Communication **Keith Forrest** had a column published in the Herald Times, about his summer job as "Mr. Mom"—caring for his four kids while his wife returns to work full time.

The Press of Atlantic City and Atlantic County Record contained articles about the bond ordinance approved by the Atlantic County Board of Chosen Freeholders which has been appropriated for renovations to the Mays Landing Campus.

President **Peter L. Mora** was quoted in an article in The Press of Atlantic City about ACCC being expected to match money allocated by Atlantic County for the proposed overhaul of the Mays Landing Campus.

ACCC Dean of Students **Carmen Royal** was quoted in The Press of Atlantic City in regard to the state's decision to drop a proposed income cap for the NJ STARS scholarships program.

A feature article about recent ACA continuing ed graduate **Suzanne Jeffries-Fox**, penned by College Relations writer **Alissa Wolf**, appeared in the Cape May County Herald.

ACCC was featured in an article about ice cream in The Press of Atlantic City. The article mentioned that Lindy Hops ice cream parlor in Galloway Township is now serving two flavors invented by ACA students who competed in the Lick Hunger Ice Cream Challenge. If you purchase Where's the Beach whipped up by **Nancy West** of Frenchtown or Lemon Pie by **Randi Wallace** of Cherry Hill, proceeds benefit the Community Food Bank of New Jersey-Southern Branch.

Adjunct Art Instructor **Ilona Sochynsky** was quoted in an article in The Press of Atlantic City about the difficulties artists face when trying to make a living.

ACCC students **Therese Spencer** of Vineland and **Lauryn Bianco** of Buena Vista Township, who were honored in Trenton at PTK Day in May, are featured in a video on the N.J. Council of County Colleges Web site: <http://www.njccc.org/PTK2008.htm>. The students were among 33 of New Jersey's best and brightest community college students and members of the N.J. All-State Academic Team for PTK, the international honor society for community college students.

Spencer, 18, was home schooled prior to enrolling in ACCC. She completed her associate degree in psychology at ACCC in December, earning a place on the Dean's List four times and the President's List twice. She was Vice President and Student Government Association representative of the Alpha Delta Mu chapter of PTK. She received the Outstanding Academic Achievement Award from the New Jersey Educational Opportunity Fund in March. Spencer has traveled the world participating in missionary work. Her goal is a career in the juvenile justice system to help troubled youth. She will attend The College of William and Mary in the fall.

Bianco, 20, completed her associate degree in general studies in December with a 4.0 grade point average. She transferred to Rowan University, where she majors in biological sciences. She served as Chapter Secretary for PTK and participated in numerous community and charitable activities, including arts and crafts teacher at a day camp for inner city children. Her goal is to become an emergency room physician.

ACCC nursing student **Aldrich Bernardo**, a native of the Philippines who lives in Egg Harbor Township, was prominently featured in an article in The Press of Atlantic City, about the Filipino custom of sending boxes of hard-to-find items to relatives in his home country.

Dr. Peter Mora, ACCC president and chairman of the N.J. Community College Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development, was quoted in NJ Business magazine on a \$1.3 million state grant for Basic Skills Workforce Training. Mora had high praise for the program, saying state Labor Commissioner David Socolow has "broken new ground in finding a way to effectively use public resources to provide workforce training to improve the skills of New Jersey workers."

ALUMNI

ACA grad **Michael England** '99, who's now Executive Chef at the Atlantic City Palm, whipped up one of his signature dishes at the "Chefs at the Shore V" fundraiser, held at the Atlantic City Aquarium in Gardner's Basin on June 19. The American Culinary Association's Professional Chefs Association of South Jersey created this event to further its commitment to culinary training, education and humanitarian efforts in Atlantic City. His featured dish was Veal Scaloppini Martini.

ACA graduate **Jeffrey C. Lolli** '84 of Erial is a lecturer at Widener University. Lolli earned a master's in Human Resource Management and bachelor's in Hospitality Management from Widener. He has more than 18 years of experience in the hotel and gaming segments of the hospitality industry, with companies such as Wyndham Hotels, Sands Casino Hotel and Harrah's Entertainment. Lolli held positions in both food and beverage and hotel operations. He is working toward completion of his doctorate in education. He is a member of the Professional Convention Management Association, CHRIE and is co-advisor of Widener University's PCMA Student Chapter. He teaches Introduction to Hospitality Management, Lodging Systems, Resort and Timeshare Management, Facilities Management and Human Resources at Widener and is a Certified ServSafe Food Safety instructor.

Meghan Lombardo '05, is engaged to Matthew Riess. After earning an education degree from ACCC, Lombardo earned her bachelor's degree in psychology from Stockton College. She is a peer group case manager for Cape Counseling Services. Riess is a 2008 Stockton grad with a bachelor's degree in business management and is in the management training program for Sherwin Williams. A June 2009 wedding is planned.

Chef **Timothy Hand**, '93 ACA, was featured in an article in the Cape May County Gazette. Hand, who received a gold medal at graduation, recently turned a bait and tackle shop in Dennis Township into Capt. Tate's Seafood Takeout. This is Hand's first venture back in the kitchen in a number of years. A kitchen accident severely injured his arm nearly a decade ago and doctors didn't think he would be able to work in a restaurant again.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

Dr. Mora extends his thanks to the HR staff and Trustee **David Evans** for their support of the Perfect Attendance Breakfast. Congratulations to all who received recognition.

Dr. Helen Bolnick recently presented Dr. Mora with two plaques which are currently on display in the President's Office Display Cabinets. The plaques include the U.S. Intercollegiate Men's Team 2006 Award and the Margaret Klan Award for National Coach of the Year from the National Archery Association Collegiate Division.

The Board of Trustees 4th Biannual Retreat is scheduled for July 24. The topic is "ACCC—Fostering Community Leadership and Service." The Retreat will take place at the Worthington Atlantic City Campus. If you would like to check out the retreat agenda, you can do by visiting www.atlantic.edu/about/board/BoardDevelopmentOpportunities.htm.

Dr. Mora served as guest speaker at the recent South Jersey Freeholder's Association meeting. The topic was the Role of Community Colleges in New Jersey. Dr. Mora explained that the main challenge for community colleges is balancing access and excellence and identified the community college operational areas that need to be supported in order to maintain excellence. He also spoke about the working relationship the college has with the Freeholders on the institutional master plan, Blueprint 2020.

Welcome aboard to **Denise Steet**, part-time clerical assistant, who will be working with the Board office this summer.

Dr. Mora was recently recognized by the NJ Community College Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development. The Consortium presented Dr. Mora with a plaque in recognition of his "visionary leadership as a founding member of the Consortium's Board of Directors." The plaque also noted that Dr. Mora has served for four years as a member of the Consortium's Executive Committee and just completed a one-year term as Chairman of the Consortium.

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 Aug. 14

The *Atlantic Cape CommuniCator* is published once a month in the summer. The next issue will be Thursday, Aug. 14. Deadline is noon, Monday, Aug. 11. E-mail your submissions to mcgowan@atlantic.edu.

--Kathy McGowan, editor

Employee of the Quarter Award Summer 2008

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.

Name of Nominee _____ Dept. _____

I am nominating this support staff person because:

Name of Nominator _____ Dept. _____

Signature _____ Date _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO HUMAN RESOURCES BY Monday, Aug. 4, 2008.