

ATLANTIC CAPE COMMUNICATOR

Atlantic Cape Community College's Information Source

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NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

Employee of the Quarter Nominations due July 24

It is time to nominate an employee of the quarter. Attached is the form. Please return it to Human Resources by Monday, July 24. Human Resources is looking for wide participation for this worthy honor. Please take the time to nominate a support staff colleague. The award is presented to members of support staff who make ACCC a place where students and visitors feel comfortable and welcomed. Winners work hard and are especially pleasant and helpful.

Honorees receive a complimentary dinner for two at Careme's Restaurant, reserved parking for the quarter, are invited to dine with trustees at a board meeting and have their photos on display on the Mays Landing Campus and Charles D. Worthington Atlantic City Center.

Mays Landing East Well Dries Up; Digging Begins



The well at ACCC's Mays Landing East location (Building T) dried up earlier this week. A new well is being drilled (see photo at left). The facility remains open.

CR Seeks Alumni Success Stories

If you received an associate's degree from ACCC during the last 40 years, or know someone who has, ACCC would like to hear from you. ACCC is celebrating its 40th anniversary this academic year and would like alumni to share personal and career highlights with the college by visiting www.atlantic.edu/alumni. Grads can also join the

Alumni Association and catch up on the latest news at their alma mater at www.atlantic.edu.

Arts, Crafts & Entertainment Online Auction Planned to Benefit Nursing Students

The ACCC Foundation is hosting a special virtual event this fall, the first Arts, Crafts & Entertainment Online Auction. Proceeds from this event will go to help second-year ACCC nursing students who were hit with an extraordinary increase in their fees this year (in order to help the program cover its costs). This is an opportunity for an artist/crafter to donate an item for the auction and for those of us who are not so creative to purchase a great gift for the coming holidays...especially for those "hard to buy for" relatives and friends.

The auction opens Oct. 30 and ends Nov. 17, but the "preview" of the Web site will open in mid-September so potential buyers can browse (and donate). The goal is to have some exciting and special items posted by Labor Day. If you have questions, contact **Sean Fischer**, ext. 5674. Thanks for helping our students in need.

ACCC Receives Last of the SmartStart Rebates for CMCC

ACCC received a check for \$9,276, the last of the SmartStart Rebates associated with the design and construction of the Cape May County Campus, from South Jersey Gas. “The final rebate was for the heat recovery wheels and the high efficiency boilers which were installed at CMCC,” said **Mark Streckenbein**, director, facilities planning and management.

Facilities Management was able to secure a total of \$60,972 in SmartStart Rebates from the utility companies toward the Cape May County Campus project. The department continues to explore potential SmartStart funds for completed and future qualifying projects.

Rutgers Open House July 25; Contract Signing Aug. 30

Beginning this September, local residents can pursue undergraduate and graduate degrees through Rutgers University at ACCC’s Mays Landing Campus. The partnership between ACCC and Rutgers allows students to continue their education while staying close to home.

Rutgers will offer an undergraduate degree in liberal studies and graduate courses in education at the Mays Landing Campus. Rutgers will expand courses it already offers in Mays Landing and at its Charles D. Worthington Atlantic City Center toward its master’s of business administration and bachelor’s in hospitality management. All courses will be held during evenings in order to accommodate working professionals and will be taught by Rutgers’ faculty.

There will be a ceremonial signing of an agreement with Dr. Mora and Dr. Richard McCormick, Rutgers University president, on Aug. 30.

An open house for individuals interested earning a Rutgers degree will be held from 5-7 p.m., Tuesday, July 25, in Building C on ACCC’s Mays Landing Campus. To register, or for more information, call ext. 4995 or visit <http://rutgersataccc.org>.

Literacy Volunteers Association Needs Volunteer Tutors

The Cape-Atlantic Literacy Volunteers Association is looking for volunteers to become a tutor. Classes are available for summer and fall adult literacy tutor training workshops. Registration is mandatory to hold your place in the training classes. Please visit www.lvacapeatlantic.org or call (609) 383-3377 for your registration packet.

Police Academy Graduates can Apply Training toward ACCC Degree

Recruits graduating from the Cape May County Police Academy can receive up to 16 credits toward an associate in applied science degree in criminal justice at ACCC under an articulation agreement. Recruits receive 16 tuition-free college credits if they enroll in ACCC’s criminal justice program, which will allow academy graduates to complete a degree at ACCC in a shorter time period. The credits represent courses that duplicate material, including: *Introduction to Criminal Justice, Criminal Law, Constitutional Law, Criminal Investigation, Police Operations and Concepts of Physical Fitness.*

Students must matriculate into a degree program at ACCC within 10 years after graduation from the police academy. For more information, call **Barbara Clark**, admissions, ext. 5006.

ACCC Archers Honored



Board of Trustees members and President Mora enjoyed a light luncheon with ACCC's award-winning archery team. Students gave an archery demo in the quad following the luncheon.

ACCC archers and coaches were honored at a light luncheon and reception yesterday. ACCC's men's archery team won a national title at the United States Intercollegiate Archery Championships in May. The men's recurve team placed first at the Los Angeles event, topping teams from Texas A&M and UCLA. Coach **Helen Bolnick** was named Coach of the Year.

Additionally, team member **Brett Lazaroff** of Absecon was named to the All-America team, and sophomore **Noah Patterson** of Egg Harbor and freshman **Steve Gatto** of Hammonton were named to the Academic All-America team.

ACCC has long been an achiever in archery. The team is led by **Dr. Helen Bolnick**, head coach. She has had more than 30 All-America archers. She is assisted by **Chad Affrunti**, **Leah Beverley** and **John Repnicki**.

Paralegal Studies/OST Open Houses July 24-25

ACCC's paralegal studies and office systems technology programs will host information sessions this month for those interested in learning more about those programs:

- 6:30-8 p.m., Monday, July 24, in the lobby at the Cape May County Campus
- 6:30-8 p.m., Tuesday, July 25, in B building on the Mays Landing Campus

If you know someone who cannot attend the events and would like more information about the paralegal program, transfer them to **Marilyn Malerba Keiner**, paralegal studies coordinator, ext. 4941 or e-mail keiner@atlantic.edu. For more information on the office systems technology program event, contact **JoAnne Barbieri**, ext. 4988, or e-mail barbieri@atlantic.edu.

HERE'S THE SCOOP

We were saddened to hear of the passing of former ACCCer **Barry Kramer**. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn and daughter, Ana. Donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 3 Eves Dr., Suite 310, Marlton, NJ 08053.

Geoff Pettifer, college marketing, will be starring as Rochefort in The Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts and the Midsummer Night Players production of the Alexandre Dumas classic *The Three Musketeers* on the grounds of the Historic Physick Estate in Cape May, Aug. 4, 5, 6, 12 & 13, 7:30 p.m. The story, adapted for the stage by the Midsummer Night Players, follows the young D'Artagnan on his adventures with the famous, swashbuckling trio, The Musketeers. The heroes encounter dangers, swordfights, villains and a lady spy as they try to thwart the plans of the evil Cardinal Richelieu. The Midsummer Night Players' interpretation of this classic tale promises to be an entertaining evening of swordplay, romance and adventure under the stars. Bring your beach chairs, blankets and picnic baskets and enjoy this fully-staged, costumed and choreographed adventure story. There's plenty of free parking at the Physick Estate. A concession stand will be available. For information or tickets, call 609-884-5404, or order online at www.capemaymac.org. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$5 for children.



Dr. Peter Mora and Dr. Theresa DeFranco with Bill Cosby at an area fundraiser.

ACCC President **Dr. Peter Mora** and his spouse, former ACCC Associate Dean Dr. Theresa DeFranco, attended a fundraising event in Avalon which featured well known TV actor and producer Bill Cosby. Proceeds from Cosby's show benefited several local charities that strive to have a positive affect on the lives of youngsters in and around Cape May County. Drs. DeFranco and Mora were the invited guests of Avalon Mayor Marty Pagliughi and his spouse, Lynda, who serves as president of the ACCC Foundation.



The newly-remodeled faculty/staff dining room on the Mays Landing Campus is now open. New flooring that looks like hardwood was installed and the walls are freshly-painted. The old bar was removed, making room for more tables. The wine barrels from the old bar are framed and decorate the walls. A whiteboard was installed for occasional group meetings. Stop in and see it when you get a chance! The room can be reserved through **Judy Niewender**, business services, ext. 5039.

Victoria Matt, daughter of Chef Educators **Dan Matt** and **Annmarie Chelius Matt**, was pictured in the Egg Harbor News playing the violin at her school's talent show. Victoria is a kindergarten student at St. Nicholas School in Egg Harbor City. She played "Twinkle, Twinkle, and Variations upon a Theme."

College relations welcomes **Joe D'Agostino** as senior manager, web systems and marketing, and instructional technology welcomes **Pat Kubaska** as program coordinator.

Get well wishes to **Marion Caccavale**, accounts payable, who is on medical leave.

Aline Bennett, student activities, sent this note on the loss of her son. "My family and I would like to thank everyone for your sincere expressions of sympathy. All acts of kindness expressed during our bereavement are greatly appreciated. Words can not express how blessed I am to have a family like you. God Bless you all and see you soon."

Happy birthday to: **Mark Camma**, July 20; **Renee DeAngelo**, **Maryann McCall**, **Benjamin Ward**, July 21; **Debbie Ciarrocki**, July 22; **Cheryl Knowles-Harrigan**, July 23; **Clennon Roe Jr.**, July 26; **Becky Snyder**; **Godfrey Barlatt**, July 27; **Gerri Black**, July 28; **Michael Bolicki**, **Linda Hair**, **Shirley Shields**, July 30; **Kristen Grech**, **Jack Hufty**, **Sandi Welsler**, July 31; **Eric Stewart**, Aug. 5; **Susan DePhillippis**, **Horace Ross**, Aug. 9; **Myrna Morales-Keklak**, Aug. 12; **Michelle Bevan**, Aug. 13; **Rita Michalenko**,

Aug. 16. Adjunct birthdays: **Tara Constantini**, July 23; **Craig Gras**, July 24; **Walt Bernacki**, July 25; **James Travis**, July 26; **Harry Seward**, July 29; **Kate Selfridge**, Aug. 1; **Joseph Barrett**, Aug. 2; **Lawrence Ponzek**, **Benjamin Rau**, **Martin Coppola**, Aug. 5; **Vivian Morrissey**, Aug. 6; **Edmund Peckiconis**, **Matthew Thoren**, Aug. 7; **Steve Loper**, Aug. 13; **Peter Nahaczewski**, Aug. 14; **Diane Holtzman**, **Damon Smith**, Aug. 15; **Carol Plum-Ucci**, Aug. 16.

NEWS FROM ACCC'S OTHER LOCATIONS

Greetings from Charles D. Worthington Atlantic City Center

by Daymis Alicea



Congratulations to **Lynette Ingram**, financial aid advisor, on completing her masters of science degree in human services, specialization in counseling on June 30. We are proud of you and your hard work. We are especially proud that you have persevered against odds to reach your academic goals and personal benchmarks. So, here's to you, Lynette, and to your continued success from your extended family in student services and WACC.

We are having OPEN rehearsals for the WACCy BAND. That's right, we are BACK BABY! We have been pressed into service again for a surprise event. Oh, the fame of it! Open calls for sax players, ukulele, mandolin, and banjo players...all other instruments are also welcome. This is a non-union gig and we will be paying you in small denominations, namely pennies. To join the fun and eat a slice of cake, please call "El Maestro" **Josie Chivalette**, ext. 4804. P.S. Those who were in the band previously, you've been rehired, congratulations!

We extend our warm WACCy sort of welcome to the new hires at the administrative office: **Jacqueline "Jackie" Spalding-Ess**, **Tonya Jerkins**, and **Jennifer Giardina** who are all part-timers joining us forever or so we hope, since Josie is tired of throwing farewell parties.

Kids College is successfully underway in the city and little feet are now underfoot. Congratulations to all those who put in the hard work behind the scenes.



Happy first birthday to my daughter, Dayani Lee Alicea. She turned ONE on July 19. Ain't she cute!!!

A mess no more? That is the new motto for the garage in the city. It's spring cleaning in there and by the end of July it will be just clean concrete floors waiting for the new additional classrooms for the Health Professions Institute.

Greetings from the Cape May County Campus

by Lisa Apel-Gendron

From *Hyper Peppy Robots* to *Medieval Times*, the 7- to 14-year-old crowd is enjoying the first week of Kids College at CMCC. Our kids were treated to breakfast Wednesday, compliments of Cape Savings Bank. The local bank provided scholarships for some of the children attending this week. Thanks to **Jeff Wenzel**, **Susan Lee** and our onsite coordinator, **Shannon Ridgeway**, for all their support in getting the first week – eight classes – off the ground.

We are assisting our neighbors, Rutgers Cooperative Extension and 4-H, with parking for the annual 4-H Fair, Thursday-Saturday. Our lot will house 4-H staff, volunteers and vendors during the three-day event. ACCC's booth at the fair is being staffed by **Linda McLeod**, **Sue McNamara**, **Sherwood Taylor** and **Cheryl Ann Bartello**, with breaks being provided by **Karen Morelli**, **Tim Cliggett**, **Valerie Troupe**, **Peggy Cummings**, **Thom Partin**, **Denise O'Connor**, **Fran Rauscher**, **Dr. George Dailey**, **Keiko Schrottke** and **Linda Hair**. **Marion Pool** and I will give building tours, 3-8 p.m., Thursday and Friday.

Monday, July 24, at 6:30 p.m. is the date and time for our OSTM and Paralegal Studies open houses, staffed by **JoAnne Barbieri** and **Marilyn Keiner**. Prospective students can meet with JoAnne and Marilyn in the CMCC lobby.

The Focus Users Group meets each Wednesday from 2:30-3:30 p.m. via ITV in Room 324, CMCC. If you're interested in learning more about Focus, why not stop in?



The building that housed CMEC in Rio Grande will soon be demolished and replaced by Miracles Fitness, which is owned by ACCC grad Dottie Drake, RN.

We understand that our former home, CMEC in Rio Grande, will soon be bought and demolished by an ACCC grad. The building that we rented for well over a decade will be razed to make room for a new and improved Miracles Fitness, owned and operated by **Dottie Drake**, RN, an ACCC nursing program grad. The current Miracles

Fitness is housed in a shopping center across the street from the venerable CMEC.

Our facilities team of **Roy Burnham** and **Tim Cliggett** has been busy installing sinks in our art rooms and supervising air conditioning work in our computer labs. **Chris Vallese** of ITS has been busy supporting their efforts in the PC labs. Thanks to all three gentlemen!

We will welcome a new team member soon. **Sonya Tardy**, an ACCC grad, will join us July 24. Sonya will handle financial aid and provide backup to our faculty support office. She earned her bachelor's degree from Old Dominion University, where she worked for a year in the financial aid office. Sonya will work the first week or so on the Mays Landing Campus with the financial aid team, and then settle in at CMCC. Welcome!

CMCCers are taking advantage of the facilities here to improve their health. **Thom Partin**, receiving, is walking four miles three nights a week after work on the bike trail adjacent to our building. **Electra Stulak**, counseling, is taking a non-credit yoga class at CMCC after work.

Math and reading/writing tutoring is available at CMCC during the summer. Call ext. 3713 for hours.

Are we having fun yet? Apparently so! **Denise O'Connor**, business office, and husband, Brian, just returned from Las Vegas, where Brian won first prize in a singing competition. **Kathleen Denice**, admissions, and husband, Michael, had a two-week break which they spent white water rafting in Penn. and touring *Falling Water*, Frank Lloyd Wright's home. **Marion Pool**, CMCC administration, enjoyed a nice trip southward, which included a stop in New Orleans.

Have a fun and safe weekend!

Continuing Education News

by Sherwood Taylor

ON THE MOVE AGAIN – My office location has moved. I can be located at Mays Landing East, Building T. My extension is the same 5689 and my new fax number is 5661.

Tommy Giardina, **Mike Wozniak**, **Darmash Dave** and other gaming professionals recently returned from Florida where they trained enforcement agents for the nascent pari-mutuel slot industry. This week long, Police Officers Gaming Seminar for Slots (POGS/SLOTS) provided instruction on slot cheats and other types of crimes possible with slot machines. Half a dozen slot machines were set up the training of agents who will patrol Broward County's four pari-mutuel slot facilities. The enforcement agents are

being trained to recognize suspicious behavior on the slot floor, and are being familiarized with cheating devices such as light beams used to fool the computers into paying off.

Spread the Word! Continuing Education is holding information sessions to provide valuable information on our Career Training programs. Topics covered at each session: *Benefits of ACCC Training, Admissions Requirements, Office and Technology Programs, The Health Professions Institute, Casino Career Institute, The Academy of Culinary Arts, Out of School Youth Programs, Paying for Your Training Program, Next Steps.*

The information sessions will be held at our Mays Landing Campus, every Thursday at 1 p.m., Mays Landing East, Building T, Room 103 and the Cape May County Campus, the 1st and 3rd Thursday at 1 p.m., Room 103. Please encourage anyone interested in our programs to attend a session.

Representatives from Delaware County Community College, Harrah's and Mars Electronics will be meeting this week with **Carol Drea** and **Tommy G.** to discuss taking the Slot Tech training program on the road—to Delaware County in Pennsylvania.

ACCC's Corporate Training Office is excited to offer the Seashore Customer Service Training Initiative, a free program funded through a grant from the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development. The Seashore Customer Service Initiative will help small to medium businesses focus on the importance of customer service. Help us spread the word. Refer anyone interested in this program to **Jacqueline Ess**, (609) 343-4848.

ALUMNI

Lauren Birdsong, '03, earned her B.A. in psychology from Thomas Edison State College in '04 and a certificate of eligibility to teach high school psychology, all before she turned 20 years old! She began graduate education at Western Governors University and has 25 graduate credits to date. In 2005, she earned a certificate of eligibility to teach elementary education. She works part-time in testing and as an online tutor. She also works part time for Literacy Volunteers Association as the student support specialist and substitute teaches, and tutors through ClubZ In-home tutoring services. She's looking for a full-time teaching position.

Since graduating from ACCC with an AAS in business, **Caryn Lynn Rixey**, '04, has grown in her position as a bank officer. She earned her B.A. in business from Fairleigh-Dickinson University and plans to graduate with a master's in administrative sciences in May 2007 from FDU. "I never thought I would go this far in my education, but after graduating from ACCC, I had the motivation to pursue higher education. Returning to ACCC years ago was the best decision I could have made and the money spent to educate myself was a very worthwhile investment."

ACCC IN THE NEWS

Tom Giardina was pictured in the South Florida Sun Sentinel last month speaking about cashout receipts to a class in Miami for Florida Department of Law Enforcement analysts, agents and state auditors about crimes involving slot machines.

A news release on **Effie Russell**, English, winning the Lindback Distinguished Teaching Award and **Tom Innocente**, criminal justice, winning the Adjunct Teaching Award for Excellence, appeared in The Press.

Gina Skinner, admissions, was quoted in an article titled, *Summer courses get hot*, in The Press of Atlantic City. "Traditionally, it's mostly our own students in the summer, but especially online, we get students who take courses they can transfer to their four-year college."

More Photos from Perfect Attendance Awards Breakfast

The last issue of the *Atlantic Cape CommuniCator* featured a photo from the perfect attendance ceremony on June 21 and promised more photos. Here they are:



Top photo from left, Security staff: Charlie Mettelle, Rick Collins and Tom Clark.

Center photo: Finance staff Mike Kernan and Mary Lou Breitzman.

Top right photo, from left, Student Services staff: Sue Weisgerber, Sandy Morris, Darick Garrison, Barbara Clark, Eric Stewart and Carmen Cabrera.



Photo at right CE & Resource Development staff: Angela Wang, Carol Drea, Esther Gandica, Jeff Wenzel, Pat Owens, Dr. Mora (who presented the awards) and Anna Simmons.

At right, ITS Staff: Nick Ganaway, Moe Nagrod, Pat Sweeney, Maryann Ferrigno, Pat Heller.



At left, BettyAnn Hines and Dr. Mora.



At left, Business Services staff: Mike Mettelle, Frank Eastlack, Marge Mettelle, Dorie Keener.



At right., from left, ACA staff Judy DeSalvo, Danays Alvarado and Connie LaMonaca.



At left, Facilities Management staff: Frank Branca, Dean Rich Perniciaro, Janet DeCicco, Dominick DiPietro, Tom DiPietro.



At right, HR staff: Dean Joe Rossi, Charita McClain, Cindy DeFalco.



At right, WACC staff Ann McClaskey, Janet Brenner, Jean McAlister



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Dr. Pete Mora was named secretary for the New Jersey Community College Consortium for Workforce Economic Development.

Next CommuniCator August 17

The next issue of the *Atlantic Cape CommuniCator* will be Thursday, Aug. 17. The deadline is noon, Monday, Aug. 14. Submit articles by e-mail to **Kathy McGowan**, e-mail mcgowan@atlantic.edu.

Shore Advice

Eye Watch

by Sara Ryan

We remember to wear sunglasses during the warmer months, but did you know that we should wear eye protection year round? The damage from harmful UVA and UVB radiation is cumulative over a lifetime. Sun damage to the eyes can cause macular degeneration, and cataracts. Remember to protect your eyes and the eyes of your children. Young children can not filter out the sun as well as adults.

Fortunately, we have many choices in eye wear today. The best person to see to help you make a good choice in sunglasses is your optician. I know my own personal optician has a wall display full of protective and fashionable sunglasses. There are also photochromic lenses on the market today. These lenses will darken when exposed to light. Not all photochromic lenses block 100% UVA and UVB radiation. Again, ask your eye professional about them.

Our vision is very important to protect. Remember while outdoors to wear sunglasses even on cloudy days.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

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Furnished House For Rent: 123 North Wyoming Avenue, Ventnor (7000 block - three blocks to beach), two bedrooms, washer, dryer and dishwasher, new carpeting and kitchen, small garage for storage, \$800/month plus gas & electric, security. Call 856-547-3950.

--Kathy McGowan, editor

Employee of the Quarter Award

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

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

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

Name of Nominee _____ Dept. _____

I am nominating this support staff person because:

Name of Nominator _____ Dept. _____

Signature _____ Date _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO PERSONNEL BY MONDAY, July 24.