

# ATLANTIC CAPE COMMUNICATOR

Atlantic Cape Community College's Information Source

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## NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

### Planned Summer Vacation Slips due Wednesday, June 10

If your vacation balance is above the allowed balance, you must submit a leave request form to the Human Resources office by Wednesday, June 10. Please mark "PSV" box on the leave request form. "Planned Summer Vacation" is designed for 12-month employees who, because of work responsibilities, may have difficulty using excess vacation hours before June 30. If you do not use excess time, it will automatically be deducted and you will lose it. Your balance is available on your check stub or you may call **Brenda Kuhar**, ext. 5604.

### Tuition Reimbursement Deadline is Soon

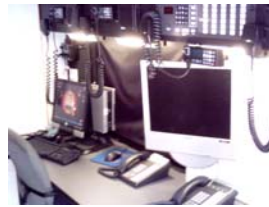
Tuition reimbursement deadline for summer courses is June 30. Support staff should fill out the application and submit it along with the cover page of the college catalog; a course description from the catalog; and registration form and payment proof (credit card bill or paid receipt with account number blacked out). If you haven't paid yet, you can send payment proof when you pay for the course. For more information contact **Kathy Fritz**, ext. 3744, or e-mail [kfritz@atlantic.edu](mailto:kfritz@atlantic.edu).

### Security Holds Emergency Drill during Graduation

ACCC's Security personnel conducted a special drill during the May 21 commencement ceremony to practice for potential serious events on campus.

ACCC Security and Public Safety Supervisor **Bill Keener** headed operations during the drill, while Night Security Sergeant **Charles Mettill** manned an off-campus command post. Additional officers

were on hand to ensure that the influx of incoming and outgoing traffic remained smooth. A great job was done by all!



### ACA Grad Michael Schlow to Compete on Bravo's 'Top Chef Masters'

Chef Michael Schlow, a 1987 graduate of the Academy of Culinary Arts at ACCC, will compete in the debut episode of "Top Chef Masters" at 10 p.m., June 10, on Bravo.

The new television series pits 24 world-renowned chefs against each other following the format of the network's popular "Top Chef" series.

Schlow received his professional training at the Academy and began his career with New York restaurateur Pino Luongo. He went on to become chef de cuisine at several Manhattan hot spots, eventually moving to Boston in 1995. Since then, he's opened several critically acclaimed



restaurants there, including Radius, Via Matta and Alta Strada. He has garnered numerous culinary distinctions, including winning the James Beard Award for “Best Chef in the Northeast” in 2000. Schlow authored a cookbook in 2005 called “It’s About Time,” and is a regular contributor to culinary publications and cooking shows. He returned to ACCC in 2005 when he was honored as an outstanding alum at the college’s annual Restaurant Gala.

In the first six episodes of “Top Chef Masters,” four chefs compete against each other to name one winner. These six winners meet up in the final weeks when one chef is eliminated each episode until a winner is crowned. The winning chef each week receives money for their designated charity, with the final winner’s charity receiving \$100,000.

Schlow will compete in the premiere episode against Hubert Keller (Fleur de Lys), Christopher Lee (Aureole) and Tim Love (The Lonesome Dove Western Bistro). They will re-create a classic “Top Chef” quickfire challenge – cooking up the most creative and delicious dessert they can.

Schlow is competing for the Cam Neely Foundation for Cancer Care.

### **Chef Educator Tree McCann Named to National Pastry Board**

ACA Chef Educator **Tree McCann** was recently appointed to the inaugural National Pastry Committee, a national board for pastry chefs, by the American Culinary Federation.

The new committee includes 12 pastry chefs from across the country who foster certification and professional opportunities for members, with an emphasis on the artistry and education component of the baking and pastry field. Tree is co-chair of the Northeast region.



In addition, she is founding a local chapter of the national Women Chefs & Restaurateurs organization. This will offer networking and education events for chefs in Atlantic, Cape May and Ocean counties and provide scholarship opportunities for Academy students.

For more information on joining the local WCR exchange, contact Tree at [mccann@atlantic.edu](mailto:mccann@atlantic.edu) or call ext. 5370.

### **Sail Into Summer with Safe Boating Classes**

Boaters and sailors can obtain the mandatory state certification for operating watercraft at ACCC, with classes offered each month at the main campus throughout the summer. The two-day workshops, taking place June through September, are conducted by the nationally approved Coast Boating School. The course covers rules, laws and safety practices for individuals who operate any type of personal watercraft. All materials are included, and certification through the course is approved for insurance discounts. The course is suitable for adults and children 10 or older.

Classes are 7-10 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday, June 24-25; Monday and Tuesday, July 13-14; Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 19-20; and Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 21-22. For more information or to register, call ext. 4829, or visit [www.atlantic.edu/conted](http://www.atlantic.edu/conted).

### **Three Exciting New Credit Courses Added for the Fall Semester**

ACCC is offering three interesting new credit courses this fall. Introduction to Geographic Information Systems (GIS) explores how maps are used to collect, analyze, display and evaluate facts and ideas for solving problems in various applications. The course will help students prepare for careers in many

diverse fields, from criminal justice to social work and hospitality management. Introduction to Islam delves into the origins, roles of women and rituals of the second largest religion in the world, and its remarkable growth since the seventh century. Sociology of Gender is a study of traditional and post-modern gender roles and their impact on family, politics and society in general. Don't forget...fall classes begin Monday, Aug. 31.

## **Soak Up Some Knowledge this Summer with New Continuing Ed Classes**

ACCC will feature a bunch of new noncredit classes for professional and personal enrichment this summer.

Certified nurse aides can now expand their career horizons with the Certified Home Health Aide for CNAs. There's also Certified Nurse Aide Recertification, for those who wish to renew their Certified Nurse Aide in Long Term Care certification.

Learn how to ride out the current economic storm with two timely stock market and investment workshops: "Preparing for the Unpredictable: The Benefits of Diversification," 6-8 p.m., Monday, July 20, and "Navigating Stormy Seas: How to Handle Volatile Markets," 6-8 p.m., Tuesday, July 28.

Personal enrichment classes include "Got an Idea? Develop Your Invention!" 6-9 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 5. This fun, informative class shows would-be inventors how to patent their ideas, with tips on ways to safeguard your idea and how to profit from an invention.

Classes are at the HPI, ISE and CMCC. For more information, call ext. 4829, or visit [www.atlantic.edu/conted](http://www.atlantic.edu/conted).

## **Boogie Your Way to Fitness with Zumba**

Get into great shape by shaking your booty with the upcoming Zumba Gold for Beginners and Seniors exercise classes, 6-7 p.m. six Tuesdays beginning July 7 at the Mays Landing Campus. Based on the hot new exercise craze that combines lively Latin dance moves with aerobics, this class is for older folks, those with limited mobility or those who haven't worked out in a while. But everyone is welcome. Be sure to bring a towel and bottled water. For more info, call ext. 4829.

## **HERE'S THE SCOOP**

There's still time to donate to the retirement gift for **Joanne Gleason**. She will be honored at a retirement party, 5:30 p.m., Thursday, June 11, at Cousin Mario's, Route 40, Mays Landing. See **Barbara Clark**, Admissions; **Taffy Peterson**, Division Office; **Kathleen Denice**, CMCC Testing; or **Carmen Cabrera**, WACC Admissions. If you made your reservation for her party, see you there!

Welcome aboard to **Margarita Pabon**, CMCC Housekeeper I. **Michael Matulewicz**, Office Coordinator, will join Academic Support on July 1 as successor to **Marge Battistelli**, who retires June 25.

As a Mother's Day gift to herself, **Leslie Atherholt**, Business Office, adopted a three-year-old beagle. He was a stray, originally from a Tennessee shelter and was brought up to SOS Beagle rescue in Atco. Leslie said, "Jack is the sweetest, most energetic little dog." Congratulations!



We were saddened to hear of the passing of former ACCCer **Annette Thorpe**, who passed last Thursday. Annette was Office Coordinator in Counseling and Support Services for many years before she took a position at Stockton. A viewing will be held 9-11 a.m., Friday, June 5, at Light of the World Chapel, 3113

Wharton St., Philadelphia, PA 19146. Services will be held 11 a.m. Her son, **Joshua Thorpe**, is enrolled in ACCC's culinary program. Condolences can be sent to her husband, Cornelius, and family, 413 Irving Avenue, Millville, NJ 08332.

Happy birthday to: **Timothy Cliggett, Domenick DiPietro**, June 5; **Cathie Skinner**, June 6; **Bill Banks, William Smith**, June 9; **Svetlana Marzelli**, June 12; **Patrice Leatherberry**, June 11; **Thom Partin, Donna Vassallo**, June 15; **Michael McHale**, June 16; **Tak-Shun Chung, Megan Gargiulo**, June 18; **Sandy Morris**, June 22; **Valerie Weller**, June 24; **Angel Eguaras**, June 25; **John Feldbauer**, June 27; **Trent Jones**, June 30. Adjunct birthdays: **Brandi Scollins-Mantha**, June 6; **Lacy Montelione**, June 11; **Lydia Fecteau**, June 14; **JoAnne A. Barbieri**, June 16; **David Murphy**, June 18; **Francis Tomlinson**, June 20; **Margaret Nocito**, June 22; **Helen McCaffrey**, June 25; **Jane Jaworski, Devon Pizzino**, June 26; **Wayne Richter**, June 27; **Karla Carmichael**, July 1.

## NEWS FROM ACCC'S OTHER LOCATIONS

### Greetings from the Charles D. Worthington Atlantic City Campus

by **Janet Brenner** (filling in for **Daymis Alicea**)

Congratulations to new grandmom **Patricia Gandy**, WACC, and her husband, John, on the birth of their third grandchild on May 11. Daughter La Shonine and her husband, Alexander, welcomed Camille Alexis Smith at 2:09 p.m., weighing 7 lbs. 1 oz. and measuring 20" long. Big brother and sister Alexander II and Zyla-Rae were all smiles and making an easy adjustment to the new addition.



The dean's area is in contact with **Dean Bobby Royal** daily, but miss his smiling face. The good news is that his recuperation from hip replacement surgery is progressing well. We hope to have him back at WACC soon!

Meanwhile, we are busy planning for the Summer Youth College. It will take place at the Worthington Atlantic City Campus from July 6-9 and at the Cape May County Campus from July 13-16. The program has expanded this year and there are many different classes and activities in the works for students from fourth to eighth grades. The program is for students who are recommended by their teachers only. See the next issue of the *Atlantic Cape CommuniCator* for more details!

We were sorry to see **Sue DePhilippis** leave WACC after serving as ESL Chair for the spring semester. A hearty welcome back to **Christina Cavage**, who returned from sabbatical leave.

### Greetings from the Cape May County Campus

by **Lisa Apel-Gendron**

Happy summer schedule to everyone!

The first week of June at CMCC brought a modicum of additional activity. On June 4, we hosted our Open House for prospective students as well as the Institute for Community Development annual meeting. Both events ran smoothly and efficiently, thanks to a concerted effort by the CMCC team, coordinated by **Denise O'Connor**.

An Open House, co-coordinated by **Linda McLeod** of Admissions, will be held June 4 at ACCC, featuring information and representatives from credit faculty and continuing education, admissions, financial aid, testing, academic advising, counseling, business office and library, complemented by campus tours. We offer a sincere thank you to those who help to make the event a success.

On June 9, CMCC will host the Cape May County Chamber of Commerce's ongoing Business, Bagels

and Banter series. Also that day, we'll host ACCESS scholarship interviews.

June 11 brings the monthly Joint Insurance Fund (JIF) lunch meeting to CMCC. This group has been with us each month for several years now.

The CMCC parking lot will be put to productive use Saturday, June 20, serving as a rest stop for a bike-a-thon to support research for ALS, more commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease. **Kay Pandit**, Conference and Meeting Services, is handling the arrangements.

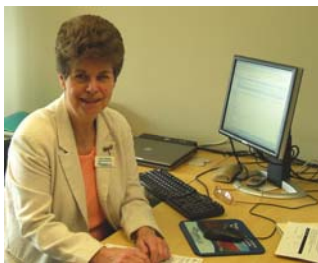
Later in June, we'll again host a criminal justice career exploration program for high school students as part of the Tech Prep grant. **Tom Innocente**, Criminal Justice, will keep the youngsters engrossed in the workings of this fascinating field during the week of June 22.

Congratulations to ACCC grad and admissions part-time employee **Nari Kovalski** on the June completion of her BA degree in psychology from Thomas Edison State College. Nari will begin her master's degree in education through Capella University over the summer. Nari also holds a BA degree in physical therapy from her native South Korea. I guess you could call Nari a true lifelong learner!

We say hello and welcome to **Richard Benner**, who took over as chair of Arts and Humanities June 1. We look forward to working with you, Richard! And we say thank you to **Cheryl Knowles-Harrigan**, former chair. It was truly a pleasure to work with you, Cheryl! Don't be a stranger!

We also say goodbye to **Dr. Josette Katz**, Business, who is relocating her office to main campus from CMCC. She did much of the tedious packing and boxing last week. Without a doubt, we'll miss your smile, energy and wit, Josette. Tuesdays and Wednesdays just won't be the same without you! Come and see us once in a while.

We saw Continuing Education recruiter **Carol Fraone** at a May 21 ceremony that recognized GED recipients in Cape May County. The event, held at the Cape May County Technical School District, applauded the accomplishments of all Cape May County residents who earned the GED credential during the last academic year. Fourteen recipients of all ages and their family members enjoyed the celebration, and they were encouraged to meet with Carol after the ceremony to explore opportunities for additional education or training.



Speaking of Continuing Education, **Ghyll Theurer** of the Health Professions Institute (HPI) visits CMCC each Thursday, and she holds an open to the public, drop-in information session at 1 p.m. in room 103. Please encourage anyone interested in career training to visit with Ghyll any Thursday at 1 p.m. She has plenty of practical career training options for local residents to consider.

*Ghyll Theurer, HPI program coordinator, visits CMCC each Thursday to meet with local residents who need information about career training options.*

Have a worry-free weekend!

## CONTINUING EDUCATION NEWS

by Sherwood Taylor

**DID YOU KNOW** that the Institute for Service Excellence has a service industry resource room? ISE, located at the Hamilton Mall, provides access to job postings for open service-related positions. Schedule your appointment to use the ISE's Resource Room and review current job openings, update your resume,

complete paper and online applications. Contact the ISE, ext. 5600, to make an appointment.

**Continuing Education Meeting** – Mays Landing East was the site of the Continuing Education meeting held May 29. Team members were led in a fun exploration on time management and the effect on teams. **Donna Vassallo**, Assistant Professor of Hospitality Management and Business, and **Dr. Richard Perniciaro**, Dean of Facilities, Research and Planning reviewed what's new at ACCC; **Dr. Pat Gentile**, Dean of Continuing Education, Resource Development and CMCC Operations, and **Jean McAlister**, Associate Dean of Continuing Education, presented what's new in CE and the current state of CE. Jean provided the team with a status update on Datatel/Colleague. The day ended with a session on how to navigate through Word 2007 by **Paul Grossman**, Continuing Education Instructor.

**Continuing Education Information Sessions** – Career Training programs information sessions are held at our Mays Landing East location (building T), room 103, every Thursday at 1 p.m. and the Cape May County Campus, every Thursday at 1 p.m., Room 103 and the Worthington Atlantic City Campus, room 216A, the first and third Thursday at 6 p.m. Please encourage anyone interested in our programs to attend a session.

**New! Paramedic Certification** – This fall, the Health Professions Institute will offer a Paramedic Certification program. This program is designed to enhance career mobility for health care professionals by building upon students' prior EMT knowledge and experience. Once all program requirements are met, the candidate will be invited to participate in the paramedic program entry examination, consisting of a written exam, verification of practical skills and an interview. Direct inquiries to **Trudy Mills**, ext. 4814.

**CCI Topic at ACHLA Luncheon:** CCI's 30th anniversary was highlighted in the INNformed Newsletter for the Atlantic City Hotel and Motel Association. Workforce Training was the focus of the February meeting where **Dr. Mora** shared his thoughts on impact and contribution that CCI has made to the industry. "For 30 years, we've had a commitment to provide superior training," he said, "and we have. We're known worldwide for our customized training programs." Dr. Mora told the attendees that ACCC will continue to develop the CCI, as part of its plan to expand the college.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Congratulations to **Robbin Haynes**, Financial Aid, on earning a bachelor's degree in Graphics and Multimedia from Capella University.

**Maria Kellett**, Director of Major Gifts, has accepted the responsibility of Director-Elect for Region II of Council for Resource Development, an affiliate of the American Association of Community Colleges. She will assume the Regional Director duties in November.

We welcome your accomplishments. E-mail them to [mcgowan@atlantic.edu](mailto:mcgowan@atlantic.edu).

## ACCC IN THE NEWS

Articles about ACCC's plans to renovate its gymnasium to include a fitness center and the addition of new sports programs appeared in The Press of Atlantic City.

The Herald Times ran an article about ACCC's Communication Awards ceremony.

A feature story about the Atlantic City Hotel and Lodging Association Scholarship Foundation on the Earth Times news Web site mentioned the awards it made to Academy of Culinary Arts and hospitality students.

A Morning Call (Pa.) news story titled, “Job seekers find gaming is a class act,” quoted **Carol Drea**, Director of Corporate Training and CCI. The economy has directly contributed to the declining student enrollment at the institute, but she expects it to pick up as the economy recovers and more people have more cash to spend. “In Atlantic City, it’s also very cyclical,” Drea said. “Even now, we are seeing jobs that are being advertised as we get ready for the [summer] season.”

**Dr. Richard Perniciaro** was quoted in an article in the Camden Courier-Post about how the economy may affect summer business at the area’s casinos.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT’S OFFICE

**Joe D’Agostino**, Senior Manager, Web Systems and Marketing in College Relations, was honored as the College’s latest Employee of the Quarter at the Board of Trustees meeting May 26. **Brittany Williams**, Associate Dean of Human Resources, President and Board Services, and **Dr. Patricia Gentile**, Dean, Continuing Education, Resource Development and Cape May County Campus Operations, spoke about the award and Joe’s commitment to customer service. Gentile described him as “dedicated, creative and hardworking.”



*Dr. Mora, Vice Chairperson of the Board Dr. Elizabeth Dworsky, and Joe D’Agostino, Employee of the Quarter.*

Congratulations to **Carolyn Coulter**, Assistant Professor of Sociology, who was elected Faculty Member of the Year by the ACCC student body. Coulter has done outstanding work as advisor of the College’s Phi Theta Kappa chapter.



*Dr. Mora, Vice Chairperson of the Board Dr. Elizabeth Dworsky, and Carolyn Coulter, Faculty Member of the Year.*

Congratulations to student **Diana Valtierra**, who will have an essay published in the next edition of the textbook “Evergreen: A Guide to Reading with Writing.” Diana read her essay, and her instructor, **Jay Peterson**, Assistant Professor of English, explained how her essay was chosen for the book.



*Dr. Mora, Vice Chairperson of the Board Dr. Elizabeth Dworsky, student Diane Valtierra and Professor Jay Peterson.*

## 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](http://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 July 1; Note Summer Publication Schedule

The next issue of the *Atlantic Cape CommuniCator* will be Wednesday, July 1. Deadline is noon Thursday, June 25. Summer publication schedule is Thursday, July 30; Thursday, Aug. 13; and Thursday, Aug. 28. Please e-mail your submissions to **Kathy McGowan**, [mcgowan@atlantic.edu](mailto:mcgowan@atlantic.edu).

# American Heart Association Heart Walk

ACCC's Team raised funds at the American Heart Association Heart Walk last month. ACCC's Team had about 50 walkers including employees, their families and friends.



*Above left, John Mohr, Dr. Peter Mora, BettyAnn Inloes Hines and Sara Turner prepare for the walk. Center photo: Jessie and Tak-Shun Chung, Finance and Library, respectively, walked with their dog, Felicia. At right, Kim Oliveto, ITS, her husband, Gil, second from right, and their 14-year-old twin boys John and Matthew walked for the cause.*



*Left to right, Dottie Dunayer, and her husband, Barry, take a break. Brittany Williams, Hakima Morgan and BettyAnn Inloes Hines strike a pose. Hines' sister, Lavinia Thompson, flanked by her daughters, Amber and Ashley, did a little shopping after the walk. Far right: Hines and Thompson stopped at their father's gravesite wearing the ACCC Heart Walk Team's T-shirt which memorialized ACCC's loved ones who passed from heart disease. They walked in memory of their dad, Robert L. Jackson Jr. Below, Charita McClain walked with her son, Anthony (behind her), foster son, Charles, and nieces, Mimi and TeTe.*



--Kathy McGowan, editor