



# ATLANTIC CAPE COMMUNICATOR

## Atlantic Cape Community College's Information Source

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### NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

#### **ACCC Team Gearing Up for Heart Walk, May 17, in Ocean City**

ACCC's team is gearing up for the American Heart Association's Heart Walk, planned for Saturday, May 17, on the Ocean City Boardwalk. ACCC's theme is "It's a Family Affair... You, Kids and Grandkids." Heart captains will recruit walkers beginning next week. Participants will be encouraged to begin exercising and walking in preparation for the May 17 event. Team T-shirt ideas will be on display the first week of April and the winning design will be announced on April 8.

On Wednesday, April 16, ACCC will hold a Walking at Work Day and a Heart Walk Pep Rally will be held during the college's Earth Day celebration, Tuesday, April 22. More information to come in a future *Atlantic Cape Communicator*.

For information on heart disease and stroke go to [www.americanheart.org](http://www.americanheart.org).

#### **Can't Spring \$100 for Gala Raffle Ticket? How About \$10 or \$20?**

ACCC employees interested in taking a chance on the Gala 50/50 raffle but who can't spring for a \$100 ticket can still get in on the deal. Group tickets will be available by sending \$10 (for a 10-way split ticket) or \$20 (for a five-way split ticket) to **Jo-Ann Volpe**, Advancement Office. There's no need to get your own group together, although you can do that also. She will make up the groups and give you your ticket number.

Only 500 tickets will be sold at \$100 each. Three cash prizes will be awarded, including: \$15,000, first prize; \$7,500, second prize; and \$2,500, third prize. Dollar amounts are based on all 500 tickets being sold. The winning tickets will be drawn at the Gala on April 3, at the Atlantic City Convention Center. Now in its 25th year, the Restaurant Gala has raised more than \$1.7 million for student scholarships. Winners do not need to be present to win.

Call Volpe, ext. 5653, or stop by and see her, second floor, J building, or send your checks via interoffice mail to her, room J-250, made payable to ACCC. Write "gala raffle" in the memo line.

#### **ACCC Talent Idol Contest Planned for March 28**

Tickets are now on sale for the ACCC Idol Talent Show, planned for Friday, March 28. Students will compete for the title at 6:30 p.m., in Walter Edge Theater. The contest is sponsored by the Black Student Alliance. Tickets are \$5 general admission, \$3 with college ID and \$2 for children 12 and under. Tickets can be purchased by calling **Lynette Ingram**, ext. 5097, or stopping in the Counseling office, first floor, J building. Tickets will also be available at the door.

## **ACCC to Host Eastern Community College Social Science Conference March 28**

ACCC will host the 34th Annual Eastern Community College Social Science Association's (ECCSSA) conference, Thursday, March 27-Saturday, March 29. Sixteen presenters from nine different colleges will be speaking on topics around this year's theme: "The Changing Role of the Social Sciences in a Global Community." Six presenters from ACCC include **Dr. Louise Kaplan, Heather Boone, Mike Bolicki, Carolyn Coulter, Avon Chapman** and **Charlotte Frederick**. Nearly 50 professionals are expected to attend.

For more information, visit the ECCSSA Web site at [www.eccssa.org](http://www.eccssa.org). **Donna Marie McElroy** and **Carolyn Coulter** are co-coordinators of the conference.

## **National Poetry Month Event Limited to First 20 Responders**

To celebrate National Poetry Month, **Otto Hernandez**, Professor of CIS and CIS Department Chair, will read and discuss Latin American poetry at 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 22, in J-245. Participants will receive a copy of the book and lunch. Space is limited to the first 20 responders. E-mail [Russell@atlantic.edu](mailto:Russell@atlantic.edu) if you plan to attend.

## **Auditions Continue, March 15, for 'Paint the Town Pink'**

ACCC's Performing Arts Club will hold auditions for its next production, "Paint the Town Pink," Saturday, 2:30-5:30 p.m., in Walter Edge Theater on the Mays Landing Campus. The show is a comedy about what can happen when students take over the school. Auditions were also held March 13, 6-9 p.m. Performers should prepare a monologue, and be able to do a cold reading. More than 20 roles are available for men and women. The show will be staged May 8-10. For more information, contact **Heather Boone**, Club Advisor, ext. 4934 or e-mail [hboone@atlantic.edu](mailto:hboone@atlantic.edu).

## **Economic Summit Planned, April 25, at ACCC; Register Now**

"Shaping the Regional Economy," a regional economic development summit, is planned for Friday, April 25, in Walter Edge Theater. The day will begin with continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m. The fee is \$30 and includes breakfast and lunch. The forum will feature economists, industry leaders and architects of the past era for an interactive discussion on how to shape the South Jersey regional economy over the next five years.

Attendees will learn about the emerging trends in job creation, health services, housing, education and transportation that will affect businesses, growth communities and public agencies. Participate in discussions that will generate action from local government and learn more about how some resources will be allocated in the region.

Those who should attend include business owners, executives, elected officials, planning consultants, real estate developers, teachers, engineers and interested citizens.

For more information or to register, visit <http://economicsummit.atlanticapewib.info>.

## **American Red Cross Blood Drive, March 31**

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday, March 31, in the gymnasium on the Mays Landing Campus. To register for the drive, call **Sara Turner**, ext. 5112.

## **Nursing Program Information Session Planned for March 31**

A nursing program information session for those interested in pursuing a career as a registered nurse will be held 5:30 p.m., Monday, March 31, in H-116. Call **Glenda Stogel**, ext. 5048, for more information.

## NJ STARS Enrollment Jumps 32 Percent Statewide

Statewide enrollment of New Jersey Student Tuition Assistance Rewards Scholarship (NJ STARS) students at the Garden state's 19 community colleges increased by 32 percent compared to last year, according to a recent New Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA) survey released by the New Jersey Council of County Colleges.

According to HESAA, the state authority that coordinates all state-sponsored merit- and need-based financial aid programs, 4,126 NJ STARS students enrolled in community colleges during the fall 2007 semester. In fall 2006, 3,121 NJ STARS students attended.

The number of students taking advantage of the NJ STARS scholarship has more than quadrupled since the program began in fall 2004, when 933 students enrolled in community colleges throughout the state.

NJ STARS covers the cost of tuition and approved fees at community colleges. Students who graduate in the top 20 percent of their high school classes are eligible. The scholarship covers up to five semesters of tuition and approved fees for full-time students. To receive the scholarship in their sophomore year at a community college, students must finish their freshmen years with a 3.0 grade point average.

## HERE'S THE SCOOP

**Richard Kalman**, Assistant Professor of Computer Information Systems, sent this note, "Thanks to the college community for their kind thoughts, prayers, cards and the support during this period of recuperation." The doctor said he can return on March 24. It will be good to see you, Richard!

Congratulations to **Sandi Guenther**, ITS, who became **Sandi Greco** on Feb. 26 in Antigua. Her husband, Lee Greco, no relation to Lou Greco, the college attorney, is a software developer with Thomson Financial. The honeymooners spent a week in the Caribbean after saying their vows on the beach. They live in Erial. Her e-mail is now [sgreco@atlantic.edu](mailto:sgreco@atlantic.edu). Please change it in your e-mail address book.

*Lee and Sandi Greco*



Deepest sympathy to **Marge Battistelli**, Academic Support Services, on the passing of her mother, Florence Cartwright. She was 93 and resided in Maryland. Expressions can be sent to Marge at 6351 Beech Lane, Mays Landing, NJ 08330.

Deepest sympathy to retirees **Phil and Janet DeCicco**, and their daughter, **Susan Lee**, WACC Administrative Services, on the passing of Janet's father, Stephen Lucas. He was 93. Expressions can be sent to Janet and Phil at 5909 Sixth St., Mays Landing, NJ 08330 and to Susan, 6010 Second St., Mays Landing, NJ 08330. Susan sent this note: "On behalf of my parents and myself, thanks to everyone for their condolences. We were so very moved by the kind words and prayers on the death of my grandfather. Thank you all."



ACCC staff enjoyed a luncheon prepared by students in the continuing education culinary class last week. The students of Chef **Jon Davies** prepared a scrumptious buffet. We heard the food was delicious!

*Continuing Education culinary students prepared and served lunch to ACCCers.*

Adjunct Instructor **JoAnne Barbieri**, daughter of **JoAnne DeCicco Barbieri**, OSTM, is participating in a Team in Training marathon in June in San Diego to raise funds for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Her goal is to raise \$4,600 to help cure blood cancers. The younger JoAnne teaches HPED and previously taught nutrition at ACCC. Tax deductible donations can be made at: <http://www.active.com/donate/tntsonj/tntsonjBarbie1>. Your support is appreciated.

Adjunct instructors are invited to participate in an adjunct reception and talent showcase at the Mays Landing Country Club on March 28. Contact **Avon Chapman**, ext. 5608, for details.

The ACCC Idol Talent Showcase will be held at 6:30 p.m., March 28, in Walter Edge Theater. Call **Lynette Ingram**, ext. 5097, for tickets or more information.

**Cheryl Garwood**, Business Office, who is recovering from surgery, sends this note: “Thanks to everyone for the beautiful flowers, cards and phone calls. I am doing so much better and I look forward to coming back to work soon. Thank you so much.” Glad to hear you’re feeling better, Cheryl!

Happy birthday to **Vincent Chainey**, **Deanne Gipple**, March 14; **Judy Niewender**, March 17; **Kathy Landau**, **Carol Melkonian**, March 18; **Al Jou**, March 20; **Tom Celandine**, March 21; **Frank Branca**, March 22; **Geralyn Michelfelder**, March 23; **Lisa Pollard**, **Kathy McGowan**, March 25. Adjunct birthdays: **Therese Halschied**, March 14; **James Joseph Cavalieri**, March 19; **Alvin Kaplan**, March 22; **Marilyn Hughes**, March 24; **Lawrence Stroud**, March 26; **Alan Mann**, March 27.

## NEWS FROM ACCC’S OTHER LOCATIONS

by **Daymis Alicea**

So it’s been quiet here these two weeks...oh, maybe except for the coughing and hacking. We all seem to be on a lovely merry-go-round of viruses and germs...no unicorns for us! On the bright side, it seems to be abating; it’s possible we have finally succeeded in passing the ride onto a neighboring campus! Mays Landing did a fine job passing it on to us.

WACC hosted a Job Fair on March 11. A variety of employers met with students, ranging from Home Depot to the U.S. Coast Guard to the Borgata Hotel, Casino and Spa. The students always react well when we host events for them, but this time I have to say that there was excitement in the air... as you all know, employment is hard to come by and the cost of living is way up! It feels good to host something beneficial in the long term for the student body.

ACCC celebrated Family Week at the Theatre on March 9 with a performance of “Dear America” by The Pushcart Players. This was Community Affairs’ first experience with this annual event and they were extremely pleased with the results. Nearly 60 people enjoyed a noon performance at the Middle Township Performing Arts Center and more than 160 people gathered at the Walter Edge Theater in Mays Landing for the 4 p.m. show. Many thanks to **Anna Simmons**, College Relations, for her initial help and to **David Capelli**, Theater Manager, and his assistant, **Glenn Ford**, for their presence at both shows.



*The Pushcart Players presented ‘Dear America’ as part of N.J. Theatre Alliance’s Family Week at the Theatre.*

Happy St. Patty’s Day! On March 13, the City Campus hosted “It Feels Good to be Green St. Patty’s Day Party.”

The Margarita Man machine served up “mock”tails for alcohol awareness. Green pencils, green beads and green light bulbs gave us that “luck of the Irish” feeling as we sang songs and raised our clover mugs and sang “**Erin go bragh.**” (*Ireland forever*).

ACCC’s Diversity and Equity Committee and the Community Affairs Program presented “The Last, The Very Last...Butterfly” at the Walter Edge Theater on March 11. This was the 25th Annual Holocaust Awareness Program, offered by ACCC in conjunction with the Richard Stockton College. More than 160 students from the Richard M. Teitelman Middle School, Lower Cape May, and 55 from the Fannie Rittenberg School, Egg Harbor City, were bused to ACCC and were joined by members of the College

family and members of the community to witness the unique play performed by the Pushcart Players. The program was well received and was followed by a question and answer session.

Many thanks to Dean **Bobby Royal** and **Janet Brenner** of Community Affairs, and to **Patricia Gandy**, **Cynthia Correa** and work study students **Shaneara Price** and **Mary Elizabeth Couch** for their support.

On March 12, 11 attendees of the St. James Choices Program at the Worthington Atlantic City Campus and three of their mentors were guests at the 11th Annual Nonviolence Event at the United Nations: *Achieving Peace and Security through Nonviolence*. The invitations were issued through the Season for Nonviolence Community Peace Movement and were coordinated through **Janet Brenner** of Community Affairs, a member of the movement. This was an exceptional experience for the teenagers who will report on it at a later date.

We look forward with a wonderful sigh at the upcoming spring break week. We are thankful for the quiet days ahead to prepare for the rush of last minute ESL registrations for the session starting March 24 and the upcoming summer and fall registrations.

Well, that's all for now and if anyone needs tissues...or DayQuil, feel free to call me. I bought stock and can interoffice!!

With sniffles... 'till next time, ACCCHHOOOO!

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

And we thought spring break would be peaceful. Not so! The Web calendar is to the top with meetings, customized training, focus groups, special events and workshops during spring break at CMCC. In fact, several organizations have scheduled training during spring break specifically to take advantage of classrooms that are normally unavailable during the work week. Some highlights include:

- 4-H public presentation competition March 14-20
- Customized computer training for a banking consortium
- Team building training for the Thomas Heist Agency
- Cape May County Chamber of Commerce focus groups
- Grant Writers' boot camp with **Linda Dolan**
- The Cape May County Human Relations Commission monthly meeting

A meeting for counselors doing Jump Start in the high schools is set for Thursday, March 20, at 9:30 a.m. in room 113. This meeting is being televised to all campuses. For more information, contact **Spike Edwards**, ext. 5024.

If you haven't RSVP'd to **Avon Chapman** regarding the March 28 adjunct reception and talent showcase, now is the time to do so! Reliable sources report that history and government adjunct **Helen McCaffrey** is planning to perform her Constitution rap, perhaps with **Deanne Gipple**, Chemical Compliance, backing her up. Clearly, this is a must see event!

We're happy to welcome **Nari Kovalski** to the Admissions office at CMCC. Nari, who holds a bachelor's degree in physical therapy from her native South Korea, will finish her ACCC degree this May. She is working part time in Admissions at ext. 3958.

Also settling in nicely are **Maria Kellett**, Major Gifts, and **Jennifer Martucci**, Senior Manager, Advancement. Maria is located in Room 340, ext. 3670, and Jen can be reached at ext. 4511.

Thanks to all of our evening employees who keep the campus humming along nicely during our full roster of evening classes: **Dereck Pruszinski**, ITS; **Denise O'Connor**, Customer Service; **Thandi Hannah**, Faculty Support; **Fred Wiser**, **Vince Chainey**, **Bill Buoro** and **Nick Rabino**, Security; and **Curtis Fitzpatrick**, Facilities. On the overnight shift we have **Tom Clark**, Security, and **Trish Wickham** and **Matt Liggins**, Facilities. They all help make the campus a safe and inviting place for students, faculty and visitors.

Students appreciated the March 12 career fair sponsored by Student Services. More than a dozen employers exhibited at CMCC in the hope of hiring CMCC students. Thanks to **Dr. Alice Rainey** and **Di Alicea** for facilitating the event.

CMCC Heart Walk captains **Kathy Fritz**, Library, and **Denise O'Connor**, Customer Service, recently attended the kickoff meeting. Please support them if you can. The Heart Walk is Saturday, May 17. Sounds like a fine way to celebrate the end of the semester!

Two of our employees, **Terri Hamby**, Science Lab Manager, and **Deanne Gipple**, Chemical Compliance, were interviewed by the Herald newspaper for a front page story, March 12. The article featured Deanne and Terri as women who chose careers in science.

**Joanne Golden** of CMCC's Follett bookstore reminds us that plush animals are now 25 percent off – and faculty and staff always enjoy a 10 percent discount.

The summer tabloids are here. That's a valid sign that winter is finally over!

Have a worry-free weekend, and enjoy spring break...even if you're working. ☺

## **The Engr's Corner**

### **Air Flow and Your Filters**

Forced hot air furnace heating and cooling...Have you ever noticed how air from your vents and registers seem to have less force than you remembered?! How often have you thought or asked about it? Check out your hair dryer. Does the little screen have a buildup of fuzz on it? When you clean it off, does the air seem greater? If you'd like to learn more about the importance of keeping your vents and register clean, send an e-mail to [hvn228@yahoo.com](mailto:hvn228@yahoo.com) and type "Engr's Corner" in the subject; I will be happy to send an article from Home Energy Archive publications by mail. Please include your mailing address.

## **Continuing Education News**

**by Sherwood Taylor**

**Carol Fraone** and **DeNaira Butler** have been reassigned to Continuing Education Marketing as Continuing Education Program Representatives. The part-time position reports to the Director of Continuing Education Marketing and the Institute for Service Excellence and will focus on providing complete, accurate and inspiring information to potential participants about continuing education programs. They will act as the liaison for participants to continuing education programs and will represent our programs at career fairs, job fairs, expos and other community outreach programs. Carol (ext. 5650) will be located at Mays Landing East and DeNaira (ext. 4814) will be in the lobby area of the Worthington Atlantic City Campus.

**FREE! Retail, Sales and Service Training:** The Institute for Service Excellence (ISE) is recruiting for its April, May and June classes. Classes are being held at the ISE in the Hamilton Mall and the Cape May County Campus. The training is provided through an agreement with the Atlantic Cape Workforce Investment Board. For additional information on the program or to refer interested participants, call the

ISE, ext. 5600.

**Youth Career Advancement Program:** ACCC, in conjunction with Job Connection, a partner of the Atlantic County One Stop System and the Youth Investment Council of the Atlantic-Cape May Workforce Investment Board, will train eligible 18- to 21-year-olds looking for entry-level positions in health and office careers. The training will be held in Atlantic and Cape May counties and is completely free. Participants are paid for their time in the classroom, and the program provides some assistance with child care expenses. Please refer anyone who is interested to **Erica Hoskins**, ext. 5682.



**Information Sessions:** Continuing Education has expanded the offering of its information sessions on Career Training programs 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. Two additional locations were added: Worthington Atlantic City Campus, room 216A, the first and third Thursday at 6 p.m., and the Institute for Service Excellence, Hamilton Mall, room 122, the second and fourth Saturday at 1 p.m. Please encourage anyone interested in our programs to attend a session.

**Grant Opportunity for Local Businesses!** New Jersey Business and Industry Association (NJBIA) members, New Jersey Chamber members, private-sector companies and non-profit 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, as well as math and measurement courses. For more information or to forward inquiries, call ext. 5680.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**Mike Bolicki**, Assistant Professor of Educational Psychology, recently observed his students at the Cape May County Campus demonstrating mastery of the affective curriculum. On March 3, he learned that a student in his general psychology class suffered a skiing accident, leaving her with a concussion and other injuries. News of the incident traveled quickly around the closely-knit campus. By the time his class met on Wednesday, two of the injured student's classmates came to class with a 36-by-24-inch poster board "Get Well Card" for all to sign, including other students and college staff. The card's creators were prepared with an assortment of colored markers for get well wishers to use. Of special note is the fact that these three students did not attend the same high school, but developed their friendship at ACCC.

ACA grad **Richard J. Morgan**, '87, celebrated the grand opening of his Morgana's Pizzeria and Restaurant at 1207 Route 35, Middletown. Morgan previously worked as chef at various eateries, has appeared on the Food Network's "Bobby Flay Show" and has won numerous culinary awards.

ACA grad **Julie Pearce**, '07, is manager and decorator at the acclaimed Cake Lady Bakery in Marmora. The upscale bakery is known for its exquisite cakes for weddings and other special occasions.

ACA grad **James Moran**, '07, is the sous chef at the newly opened Pinziminizio Trattoria restaurant in Brighton Beach.

**Christopher "Kip" Rand**, Associate Professor of Psychology, Education and College Skills, is happy to announce that his daughter, Heather McGinty, recently opened a gourmet store called COOK in Somers Point. The store, at 41 Bethel Road, carries everything from kitchenware to small appliances, gadgets and specialty foods. Heather's partner is sister-in-law **Jackie McGinty**, a 1996 graduate of ACA.

## ACCC IN THE NEWS

**Brittany Williams**, Executive Assistant to the President and Director of Board Services, was featured in the Top 40 under 40 feature in Atlantic City Weekly, honoring the region's best and brightest young leaders. The annual roundup lists area movers and shakers under the age of 40. Brittany's picture appeared on the cover and her various accomplishments were included.

ACCC Senior Adjunct Art Instructor **Cheryl Crews** was mentioned in articles in the Cape May County Gazette in regard to her participation in the Upper Cape May Branch Library's educational series.

ACCC was featured in stories in The Press of Atlantic City about the effect Gov. Jon Corzine's state budget cuts will have on the NJ STARS scholarship program.

The 6.5 percent increase in tuition at ACCC was the subject of an article in The Press of Atlantic City.

The Cape May County Herald ran a story about the concurrent enrollment program at ACCC, which enables high school students to get a jump on higher education by attending college classes here during their study hall time.

A feature story on how a Restaurant Gala scholarship helped ACA student **Kimberly Graham**, the ACA Restaurant Gala and the ACA appeared in South Jersey Magazine online. See the full article: <http://southjersey.com/articles/index.cfm?articleID=18394>.

ACCC Archer **Steve Gatto** was featured in the Hammonton News for winning the open flight at the World Archery Festival held in Las Vegas. The archer fell ill at the tournament, but still took top prize. He also fell ill while shooting in Venezuela. ACCC hosts the U.S. Intercollegiate Archery Championship FITA, May 15-18 and the Spring SITA on May 3. Coach **Helen Bolnick** was quoted in the article.

A story on a partnership with ACCC and Vineland Public Schools which allows interns from continuing education's computer systems support program to get experience working in the field ran in the Vineland Daily Journal. Stephen Dantine, supervisor of instruction for Vineland's Public Schools said he tried to create a partnership with Cumberland County College, where he teaches technology classes, but it never took off. **Stephen Bowers**, a 51-year-old ACCC intern finished his 370 classroom hours and started the first of 90 internship hours working in Vineland High School computer labs. "Basically everything we went over in class, I see it working," he said of the internship. According to the article, Bowers said he recommends the opportunity to younger students because of how helpful the internship has been for him in just a month.

### ACA's Lick Hunger Ice Cream Challenge Names Winners

Spring is nearly here, and students at the Academy of Culinary Arts are thinking about their favorite warm-weather treat—ice cream. Nine students competed in the first Lick Hunger Ice Cream Challenge, March 5, creating 11 original flavors in two categories. The winner in the adult flavor category was Lemon Meringue Pie by **Randi Wallace** of Cherry Hill. The winning children's flavor was Where's the Beach, a concoction of Creamsicle swirl, salt water taffy bits and orange jelly candies created by **Nancy West** of Frenchtown.



The winning Lick Hunger flavors will be identified as ACA original flavors and sold this spring at Lindy Hops Ice Cream locations in South Jersey, including 401 Pitney Road, Galloway; 900 12th St., Hammonton; and 88 Hartford Road, Delran. Net proceeds from the sale of these flavors will go to the Community FoodBank of New Jersey—Southern Branch.

Students were encouraged to create exotic and unique flavors and had more than a month to perfect their creations. The partnership with Lindy Hops allowed students to apply what they learned in the classroom to a real-world challenge. Finalists included Hot Apple Pie by **Candy Franza** of Medford, Jewish Apple Cake by **Martin Connors** of Egg Harbor Township, Wasabi Pignoli by **Stephanie Jakel** of Woodbine, Chocolate Covered Strawberry by **Sara Hutchinson** of Ocean City, Pick-Me-Up (Tiramisu) by **Ryan Budd** of Seaville, So-Co and Key Lime Pie by **Robert Mustardo** of Ventnor, Apple Caramel Ripple by **Karen Tharp** of Millville, Bodacious Blueberry by West and Fluffer Nutter Surprise by Mustardo. “This was a great learning experience for the students. They had to conduct research and development to create their final products and factor in marketability of the flavors,” said **Kelly McClay**, ACA Dean.

“The whole process was fantastic. I have excitement with ice cream, and to see that reflected in the students and the judges was great,” said Linda L’Erario, owner of Lindy Hops.

Judges for the event included: **Evelyn Benton** ’89 ACA, director, Community FoodBank of New Jersey—Southern Branch; Ed Jones of Lindy Hops Ice Cream; L’Erario of Lindy Hops Ice Cream; **Deborah Pellegrino** ’91 ACA, executive pastry chef, Harrah’s/Showboat; **Geoffrey Pettifer**, Director of College Marketing, ACCC; and Dan Skeldon, meteorologist, NBC 40. Child judges included Carigan Kerley of Linwood, Matthew McClay of Mays Landing and Aneecia Morales of Seaville.

“We were thrilled to be considered the beneficiary of this event,” Benton said. “Ice cream is an indulgence for most of us, and some people don’t have the benefit of that luxury. So we’re grateful this event will provide support for those people.”

To learn more about the Lick Hunger Ice Cream Challenge, visit [www.atlantic.edu/lickhunger](http://www.atlantic.edu/lickhunger).

Kudos to Pettifer, who came up with the concept and helped plan the event along with **Stacey Clapp**, Public Relations Specialist; McClay, ACA Dean; and **Bruce Johns**, Director of Culinary Operations. Student participants were coached by Chef Educators **Phil Cragg**, **Tree McCann**, **Jim Usilton**, **Ellen Clark** and **Linda Wohlman**. **Donna Leeds**, Graphic Artist, created the event logo. See TV coverage of the judging: <http://www.nbc40.net/pages/videoplayer/video.php?vid=4783>.



Pettifer, Johns and the winning students went on the air at SoJo 104.9 radio earlier this week to promote the winning flavors and the school’s culinary program. Johns dropped ice cream off at NJ 101.5 and called in to promote the winning entries. Pettifer and Johns plan to visit other stations in the area.

*From left, Bruce Johns, Geoff Pettifer, Randi Wallace, SoJo’s DJ Marc Miller, Evelyn Benton and Nancy West.*

## FROM THE PRESIDENT’S OFFICE

The College’s annual Board of School Estimate meeting took place on March 10. Dr. Mora welcomed attendees and described the budget as a “quantitative expression of the college mission.” He highlighted ACCC’s commitment to superior instruction and services and noted that the budget is representative of that commitment. On a motion made by Freeholder Thomas Russo and seconded by Freeholder Ralph Bakely, the approval was passed unanimously.

The *Press of Atlantic City* presented ACCC with a certificate of appreciation for “supporting literacy, education and active citizenship” through the Newspapers in Education Program. ACCC hosted the *Press*’ Tri-County Spelling Bee, March 9. Dr. Mora thanks **Judy Niewender**, **Dave Capelli** and **Jay Peterson** who assisted with the event. Niewender commented, “I was told over and over how nice it was to have the event in the academic setting of a college, and the theater was perfect for the contestants to be

elevated on the stage so everyone could clearly see their kids, and it was also said that, participating in a place of higher learning was psychologically great for the kids.” The March 9 edition of *The Press* ran a cover story on the event.

ACCC was presented a senate resolution honoring the 2008 community college NJ STARS Student and Trustee Ambassadors at the Annual Ambassador Day hosted by the NJ Council of County Colleges at the State House in Trenton March 3. Trustee Chairperson **Robert Boyer**, Trustees **Elizabeth Dworsky**, **David Evans**, **Mary Long** and **Nicholas Talvacchia** serve as Trustee Ambassadors.



*Left to right, Larry Nespoli, NJCCC; Jane Oates, NJ Higher Education Commission; Maria Torres, ACCC Trustee; Henry Ramirez, NJ STAR, Hal Lugerner, ACCC Counselor; and Brittany Williams, President's Office.*

ACCC's NJ STARS student ambassadors include **Henry Ramirez** of Pleasantville and **Sandra Hurd** of Atlantic City. Ramirez joined **Hal Lugerner**, Trustee **Maria Torres** and **Brittany Williams** in Trenton where they accepted the resolution, lobbied legislators and networked with fellow community college STARS and Trustee Ambassadors.

Save the Date! The New Jersey Council of County Colleges will hold the 2008 Best Practices Conference at Ocean County College on April 24 and 25. Participating from ACCC are: **Megan Gargiulo**, presenting “Relationships That Work: Ongoing Collaboration Between Atlantic Cape Community College and Local Hospitals Improves Workforce Development Efforts in Atlantic and Cape May Counties;” **Donna Marie McElroy** and **Heather Boone**, presenting “Course Content and Civic Responsibility Come Alive through Service on Campus and in the Community.” To register, visit [www.njccc.org](http://www.njccc.org).

ACCC belongs to a number of professional organizations that work locally, regionally and nationally in support of the community college sector. One of these groups is the American Association of Community Colleges. AACC's membership benefits include promoting community college interests in Congress and House of Representatives policy making, links with the American Council on Education, the Department of Education and other federal departments, partnerships with businesses, networking and information sessions and conferences on topical concerns for community colleges. You can learn more about AACC member benefits by visiting [www.aacc.nche.edu](http://www.aacc.nche.edu).

## Assessment Tip of the Month

The Assessment Committee offers tips once a month in the *Atlantic Cape CommuniCator*. This month's tip: At the end of class, ask students to summarize in one sentence what they have learned.

## 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 March 28

The next *Atlantic Cape CommuniCator* will be Friday, March 28. Deadline is noon, Monday, March 24. E-mail your submissions to [mcgowan@atlantic.edu](mailto:mcgowan@atlantic.edu).

—Kathy McGowan, editor