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NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

Presidential Interviews Complete; New President to Be Appointed Next Month

The Board of Trustees presidential search committee will convene at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 5, for final deliberations. The committee will present its recommendation to the full Board at a special trustee meeting slated for 7 p.m. The 7 p.m. meeting is an "executive session" and is expected to result in the naming of a new ACCC president.

U.S. Secretary of Commerce Announces \$1.2 Million Investment in ACCC

On March 14, U.S. Commerce Secretary Carlos M. Gutierrez and Congressman Frank LoBiondo announced a \$1.2 million Economic Development Administration (EDA) investment to Atlantic Cape Community College. The investment will help rehabilitate and expand the Worthington Atlantic City Center for use as a Health Professions Institute. The grant requires the college to provide \$800,000 through Chapter 12 capital funding to renovate the existing garage of the Worthington facility.

The Health Professions Institute will enhance opportunities for low income individuals to acquire skills needed to find employment in the health care industry. It is estimated that over the next five years, between 500 and 700 individuals will be trained. The Institute will occupy approximately 5,600 square feet of renovated space. The proposed renovation includes the development of a medical lab, lecture classrooms, and a computer center.

Upon completion, the *Health Professions Institute* will provide a dedicated space for the programs initiated by ACCC's continuing education division including medical foundation skills training for incumbent workers and new entrants to the workforce; surgical, dialysis, and sterilization technician training programs; medical office procedures; billing and coding; and allied health training.

Make Reservations Now for Dr. May's Retirement Party

Dr. John May, retiring ACCC president, will be honored at a retirement party, Thursday, May 19, at Historic Smithville Inn. Seating is limited to 200. If you plan to attend, call **Ellen Gregory** now to get on the list, ext. 4901.

City Center Security Staff Named Employees of the Quarter

Ernie Sandoz, Don Nigsch, Rick Collins, Serena Palmer and **Bill Smith** are ACCC's new Employees of the Quarter. They were recognized for going above and beyond the call of duty with the construction at the Worthington Atlantic City Center, all with smiles on their faces. Their bios will be in the next *Atlantic Cape Communicator*. Congratulations!

Former Governor Christine Todd Whitman to Speak at ACCC May 3

Former N. J. Governor and U.S. EPA Chief Christine Todd Whitman is the next speaker in the ACCC

Foundation's Martin L. Blatt Distinguished Speakers Series. She will speak about her new book, *It's My Party, Too: The Battle for the Heart of the GOP and the Future of America*.

She will appear at 8 p.m. in the Walter Edge Theater on the Mays Landing main campus. A book signing will follow. Tickets are free but reservations are required. Please contact **Anna Simmons**, ext. 4907 or e-mail simmons@atlantic.edu to reserve seats.

ACCC to Host Job Fair April 12

ACCC will host a Job Fair, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Tuesday, April 12, on the Mays Landing main campus. The event is a great opportunity for students and community members seeking a job. The Job Fair will be in J-building, the cafeteria and the M-building lobby. Approximately 30 employers will be on hand so attendees should dress for success and bring their resumes. For more information, call **Tammy DeFranco** in the Advisement Office at (609) 625-1111, ext. 5274.

Next CommuniCator April 1

The next issue of the *Atlantic Cape CommuniCator* will be April 1. Deadline is noon, Monday, March 28. Information should be sent to mcgowan@atlantic.edu.

Meet with TIAA-CREF Rep March 31

The next TIAA-CREF visit on campus will be Thursday, March 31, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., room H-127. To schedule a counseling session, call Joyce Trainer at (800) 842-8412 or visit their Web site: www.tiaa-cref.org/moc. Other dates are available (see Feb. 21 *Atlantic Cape CommuniCator* online at <http://www.atlantic.edu/whatsnew/commBackIssues.htm>)

More than 400 Enjoy 'Welcome Home Marian Anderson'

More than 400 patrons enjoyed the performance of *Welcome Home, Marian Anderson* sponsored by Access to Arts, The Concerned Citizens of Whitesboro, and ACCC's Minority Affairs Committee at the Middle Township Performing Arts Center on March 12. Special guests in attendance included N.J. Senator Nick Asselta, Atlantic City Mayor Lorenzo Langford, ACCC President **Dr. John May**, **Dr. Peter Mora**, vice president for Cape May and continuing education; and **Lynn Baumgardner**, a member of ACCC's board of trustees and chairperson of the minority affairs committee. The production provided an anthology of wonderful music performed by Ms. Vanessa Shaw with the inclusion of short stories about the racial struggles that Anderson had to overcome during her extensive travels in Europe and upon her return to the United States.

Support 'ACCC Idol' Talent Show April 5 for Tower Scholarship

Singers, musicians and dancers will compete in the first ACCC Idol Talent Show to be held 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 5. The event will be held in Walter Edge Theater on the college's Mays Landing main campus to benefit the **Mary Tower** Scholarship fund. Prizes will be awarded. Admission is \$3. The Mary Tower Scholarship is awarded annually in memory of Prof. Tower who died in April 2003 after a long battle with breast cancer. She was a favorite of students.

Please support this scholarship fundraiser. The scholarship committee is seeking to raise another \$5,000 to create an endowment. To contribute to the fund or for more information, call **Judy Matsunobu**, professor, ESL, ext. 4884, or **Elinor Mattern**, instructor, ESL, ext. 4880.

Wanted: Faculty & Staff to Model Their Spring Fashions in Fundraiser

The **Pink Ladies Association** student club is looking for faculty and staff to model in the formal wear category of their Spring Fashion Show, to be held at 6 p.m., Tuesday, April 5. You are asked to provide your own attire. If you would like to participate, please contact club advisors **Shilon Carter**, ext. 5646, or

Kauna Kalenga, ext. 5614. Tickets are \$7 in advance, \$10 at the door. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Atlantic County Women's Center.

ACCC Plans Administrative Professionals Event April 28

ACCC will celebrate Administrative Professionals Week with an event sponsored by Administrative Office Procedures students in the Office Systems Technology program. The evening is co-sponsored by the FAA Technical Center's Chapter of the International Association of Administrative Professionals. The event will be held from 5:30-7 p.m., Thursday, April 28, in the cafeteria at ACCC's Mays Landing main campus.

The evening will include exhibits, refreshments and a lecture at 6 p.m., titled "Nutrition and Fitness for the Office Professional," presented by JoAnne A. Barbieri, a certified fitness nutritionist and personal trainer and daughter of **Prof. JoAnne Barbieri**.

Administrative professionals are handling a wider variety of duties beyond strictly clerical roles in management and technology for businesses, corporations, government and public and private organizations.

The event is open to the public. For more information, contact Prof. Barbieri, ext. 4988, or e-mail barbieri@atlantic.edu.

Still Time to Join Tilton Fitness for \$1

If you missed their visit to campus, there's still time to join Tilton Fitness for just \$1. Now through March 31, you can join any Tilton Fitness for only \$1, a savings of \$199. Call (609) FITNESS to find out more about the programs available or visit [www.TiltonFitness.com/\\$1](http://www.TiltonFitness.com/$1).

Max Slusher, research, reports he is on his way home from Iraq. "My unit, Mobile Air Cargo Handler Team Two has been properly relieved by Mobile Air Cargo Handler Team Three in support of the Marine Air Wing in western Iraq. My unit moved out of Iraq on 12 March, and we are going through all required evolutions to return to the United States, which should be sometime in the next week. The 3rd Marine Air Wing and Mobile Air Cargo Handling Team Two have been nominated for a "Presidential Unit Commendation" for our efforts in Fallujah and during the elections. During our time here, my unit took no combat casualties, but as expected of the more mature members of the reserves, we managed to get several sprains, strains and a couple of torn muscles. We know that we have been very lucky, and we are all ready to come home." Can't wait to see you, Max. We're glad you're safe!



Culinary Career Day Brings Future Chefs to ACA

A prospective ACA student won a knife set worth \$200 from Just Knives at the ACA's Culinary Career Day on March 2. More than 100 students and educators from vocational-technical schools across New Jersey participated in hands-on culinary workshops and feasted at a gourmet lunch buffet at the event. Just Knives representative Paul Caola presented the set.

HERE'S THE SCOOP

Get well wishes to **Henry Spier**, English adjunct, who was in a car accident on the Longport Bridge on Feb. 24. He suffered abrasions and contusions, but luckily escaped broken bones. His truck was totaled. He will be out the rest of the semester. Cards can be sent to 19 N. Mansfield Avenue, Margate, NJ 08402.

Welcome aboard to **Brandi Johnson**, part-time admissions representative for Worthington Atlantic City Center; **Lorraine Donohoe**, part-time admissions representative for Mays Landing main campus; **Irvin Cruz**, part-time custodian; and **Keisha Johnson**, part-time parking guard for Worthington Atlantic City Center; and **Joanne Burst**, part-time, cashier/registration for administrative services at the Worthington Atlantic City Center.

Electra Stulak, counseling and support services, is proud of her oldest son, “Dr.” John M. Stulak, who is nearing completion of his surgery residency at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota. Before he even had the chance to apply to universities for a fellowship in his chosen field, cardiac-thoracic surgery, the Mayo Clinic offered him a fellowship position, which he accepted. He’ll now move from his townhouse into a house, with a fenced-in yard for his Siberian Husky, Luna, who he rescued from the shelter for abused dogs. Says proud mom, Electra, “John continues to amaze me daily...he is all heart, in and out of the operating room!” Congratulations!

Marion Caccavale, accounts payable, is recovering from hand surgery. She sent this note: “I would like to thank everyone within my ACCC family for the cards, fruit baskets and flowers as well as the thoughts and prayers. A special thank you to **Nancy Hand** for the kindness and compassion she has shown me and for doing all my work so when I come back I will be all caught up.”

The retirement party for **Helen** and **Bill Hughes** was a wonderful event. Helen sent this note: “If I live to be 100 (it could happen), I will never forget the great send off for Billy and me on Friday night. I am still on a high and at the moment I don't think I will ever come down. I really felt like “Queen for a Day” (Night). Your wonderful committee really outdid themselves - the enormous amount of planning and delivering the end result was overwhelming. Many, many hours went into sending us off in style. I can only say “Thank You” from the bottom of my heart. The gifts took my breath away - so very generous of everyone...another “Thank You.” I have said many times that I am blessed with a wonderful, loving family as well as a wonderful extended family at ACCC.”



Above: Helen poses with a display of ACCC and family pictures.



At left, Helen was presented with a DVD recorder/VCR and a gift certificate for more than \$900 in travel from her friends and colleagues.

At right: Bill proudly accepted the retirement of his mail cart full of Eagles goodies. He cried tears of joy when he was presented with the cart.



Below: Helen was shocked to see son, John, who flew in from Colorado to surprise her.

Birthdays: **Kathy Landau**, March 18; **Rachel Wettstein**, March 20; **Thomas Celandine**, **Frank Branca**, March 22; **Geralyn Michelfelder**, March 23; **Lisa Pollard**, **Kathy McGowan**, March 25; **George Duboff**, **Mariann Sozio**, **Denise O'Connor**, March 28; **Nicholas Donato**, March 29; **Paula Demarest**, **Lucille McGlynn**, **John Stratton**, March 30; **Taffy Peterson**, March 31. Adjunct birthdays: **Alvin Kaplan**, **Wayne Whelan**, March 22; **Lawrence Stroud**, March 26; **Alan Mann**, March 27; **Joan Dillon**, March 30.

NEWS FROM ACCC'S EXTENSION CENTERS

Greetings from Charles D. Worthington Atlantic City Center

By **Brittany Williams**

Spring break and the living's easy...well, not quite. While many of City Center's credit students were not present this week, the campus was still a flurry of activity with CCI, continuing education and testing batting a thousand.

Kids College registrations are pouring in! Some of the new offerings include *Spanish*, *Candy-making* and *Game Show Challenges*. Don't we all want children who are bilingual, sweet-toothed Ken Jennings'? Did you know that full-time ACCC employees receive 20% off Kids College tuition? Did you also know that if you register before April 15, you can get a \$10 tuition discount? But, ACCCers, it is one or the other, not both.

Also, **Jeff Wenzel** would like to add that *More Social and Swing Dancing* will begin March 24, so register now to get in the swing of things for those summer weddings!

Congratulations again to City Center Security staff on receiving the employee of the quarter awards! We are all so proud of you and thankful for your hard work.

Student Services hosted a St. Patrick's event replete with Irish coffee, donuts and potatoes (just kidding about the Irish coffee). Thanks to **Angela Wang** and **Brittany Williams** who assisted the Student Services staff with the event.

Welcome aboard to **Brandi Johnson**, city center's new Admissions representative! Brandi can be reached at ext 4878. She brings with her a Kean College education and a background in customer service within the hospitality industry.

Brittany Williams recently presented at the Atlantic City Headstart center on Mediterranean Avenue. The presentation included an introduction to the academic programs available to students, financial aid and testing information.

A luncheon in honor of **Helen Hughes'** birthday will be held on April 8 at noon. If you wish to attend please contact **Ann McClaskey**, ext.4874. A \$2 donation is optional.

Josie Chivalette was pleased to win the door prize at the South Jersey Men R Cooking event. She went home that evening with a lovely hand-painted scarf. Josie was also recently spotted at the King Of Prussia Mall with her granddaughter Brittany. For Brittany's sweet 16, Josie treated her to a shopping spree. Brittany bought some goodies for her upcoming National Victory Cheerleading Tournament in Florida with the Mainland HS cheerleading squad.

Heather Oliver reports that planning is in full swing for the Press of Atlantic City Restaurant Gala. Tickets for the event and the 50/50 raffle can be purchased from Heather, ext. 4802, or **Ellen Gregory** at the Mays Landing main campus, ext. 4901.

Hello from Rio Grande, the Cape May County Technical High School and the US Coast Guard Training Center – Cape May!

by **Lisa Apel-Gendron**

It's spring break, but it's not quiet at CMCEC. Customized Training, under **Carol Drea's** leadership, is taking advantage of the vacant computer labs this week to offer training in Word and Excel to employees of Snow Foods/Doxsee. This Cape May firm processes and cans many of the clams you see in grocery stores throughout the country. **Svetlana Marzelli** is teaching the classes. Thanks to **Mike Hadrava** and **Dereck Pruszinski** for making sure hardware and software were in perfect working order for the four-day training marathon.

Math adjunct **Andre Scholler** happily reports that 100% of his MATH 073 students passed the second test last week. We're hearing a lot of positive reports like Andre's this semester. Great job math instructors, tutors and students!

Don't forget our four transfer events at CMCEC:

March 23: Julie Punchello of Thomas Edison State College visits from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. No appointment necessary.

April 4: Nancy Fiedler of Stockton's teacher education department hosts a workshop at 10 a.m. Reservations are required. Dial ext. 4100.

April 6: Steve Phillips of Stockton's admissions department visits from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Appointments are suggested. Dial ext. 4100.

April 13: Dr. Luci Nurkowski of Rowan's admissions department visits from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Appointments are suggested. Dial ext. 4100.

How do you engage students when lecturing about key theorists covered in PSYC 101? You do what **Dr. Art Wexler** does...bring action figures of the major theorists to class! We're not kidding. Last week he brought the Sigmund Freud action figure, complete with delightfully clever text on the packaging, to class at CMCEC. His collection also includes figures of B.F. Skinner and Carl Rogers. Can Stanley Milgram be far behind? Seriously, in a world dominated by pseudo-heroes, isn't it refreshing and encouraging that someone thought to elevate great thinkers to action figure status? And kudos to Art for finding them! And where the heck *did* you find them? I want a set of my own. You have to love working in higher ed! You just don't see this type of workday fun in the corporate world.

Enjoy your weekend!

ACCC IN THE NEWS

Stacey Clapp, college relations, was quoted in a March 1 article in the Ocean County Observer on the ACA Culinary Career Day.

Dr. Peter Mora, vice president, Cape May and continuing education, was quoted in a Cape May County Herald article on the film and media technology degree program planned for the Cape May County campus.

Dr. Richard Perniciaro, Center for Regional and Business Research, was quoted in a Press of Atlantic City special report on former shore residents moving to the mainland. Second home buyers are making their second home their permanent residence. What they do will have a significant impact on the economy

of the region, Perniciaro said. He calls the second-home buying binge the beginning of a trend that has already had a profound impact on the region. This is all about baby boomers coming to the shore and buying second homes, he said.

The Administrative Office Professional Week event at ACCC sponsored by the OST program and the ACA were featured in The Press of Atlantic City's Career and Employment guide on March 13.

The \$1.2 million federal grant awarded to ACCC this week to build a Health Professions Institute at the Worthington Atlantic City Center was featured on NJ Network this week. **Pat Owens**, associate dean, continuing education operations, was interviewed in the piece.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Chef Educator **Michael Huber** and three culinary students visited a French class at Mainland Regional High School recently. Chef Huber shared his experiences in France and students **Rudy Correa**, **Alicia Ruggeri** and **Doug Zimorowicz** prepared Crepes Suzette for the 65 high school students. Doug and Rudy also talked about how they developed an interest in the culinary field while in high school.

Adjunct **Tony DeLuca**, music, provided seafaring music for the Ocean City Historical Museum's annual Children's Tea Party. The event provided a gala afternoon for a multitude of kids and their parents.

Donna Vassallo, hospitality management, was named one of the Top 40 Under 40 honorees. Chosen as the best and brightest of the Atlantic City area, honorees are nominated by the general public and selected by Atlantic City Weekly and the Greater Atlantic City Jaycees. Vassallo's students came to class armed with copies of last week's newspaper. "I walked into class on Thursday afternoon and they were yelling that my picture was in the paper. One had 10 copies." She said. "I've got wonderful students and they were so incredibly happy."

Keith Forrest, speech, wrote an entertaining commentary for the Philadelphia Inquirer titled *Unfinished projects document life's fullness*.

ACCC's Archery Team won a host of awards in the Collegiate Division of the U.S. Archery National Championship tournament in Harrisonburg, Va., March 11-13. In individual competition, **Noah Patterson** won second place in the East and third place in the U.S. **Desiree Sparano** took fourth in the East and 11th nationally. The men's recurve team won second place in the East and second in the U.S. Members are Patterson, **Brett Lazaroff** and **Tomas Wartownik**. The mixed recurve team won second place in the East, including Patterson, Lazaroff, Sparano and **Morgan Koeser**. Women's recurve team took third in the East, including Sparano, Koeser and **Lea Schmitt**. The compound men's team placed fourth in the East, including **Patrick Carney**, **Kristopher McDevitt** and **Mark Schiavo**. **Josh Coleman** placed 15th in the East and 39th nationally. Former ACCCer **Sagar Mistry**, placed 15th in the U.S. in the senior men's division. **Rachel Dieterly** and **Carlos Villas** also competed. Nationally, in individual competition, McDevitt placed 14th, Carney placed 25th, Schiavo placed 29th, Coleman placed 39th, Koeser placed 35th, and Schmitt placed 38th. **Rachel Dieterly** and **Carlos Villa** also competed. More than 200 students competed in the Collegiate division.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The calendar is updated regularly at www.atlantic.edu/about/monthlycal.shtml.

Editor's note: The *Atlantic Cape CommuniCator* is available online at www.atlantic.edu/~mcgowan/communicator/news.pdf

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