

ATLANTIC CAPE COMMUNICATOR

Atlantic Cape Community College's Information Source

March 27, 2009

NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

Administrative Offices Closed, Classes in Session: Good Friday, April 10

Administrative offices will be closed on Good Friday, April 10. Classes are in session.

Carolyn Coulter Named Faculty Member of the Year

Carolyn Coulter, Associate Professor of Sociology and PTK Advisor, was named Faculty Member of the Year by the ACCC student body. Congratulations!



Carolyn Coulter

Nominations for Employee of the Quarter due April 13

It's time to nominate ACCC's next Employee of the Quarter. 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.

Nomination forms are due Monday, April 13. For more information, contact **Gorgianne Giordano**, Human Resources, ext. 4906, or e-mail ggiordan@atlantic.edu.

Employee Service Awards April 24; Make Reservations Now

Retirees and employees with 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 years of service will be honored at the annual Employee Service Awards, Friday, April 24. The event will be held at the Mays Landing Country Club beginning with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 5 p.m. Buffet dinner begins at 6 p.m.

Since there are so many honorees, only a few seats are left, so if you plan to attend, call Human Resources now, ext. 4906, and reserve your seat!

Honorees include:

10 Years: Richard Benner, Mark Camma, Crista Golden, Michael Kammer, Michael Mettille,

Caesar Niglio, Denise O'Connor, Nicasio Rabino, James Sacchinelli, Connie Walton, Barbara Warner

15 Years: Christina Cavage, Lisa Givens, Terri Hamby, Patricia Heller, Bud Ireland, Bruce Johns, Dorie Keener, Kathy Landau, Kenya Long, Jean McAlister, Anna Simmons, John Stratton

20 Years: Rick Collins, Renee DeAngelo, Tammy DeFranco, Paula Demarest, Jim Homan

25 Years: Marge Battistelli, Kathy Corbalis, Linda DeSantis, Norman McKiver, Tyrone McKiver, Barbara Mottola, George Richert

30 Years: Carlo Canale, Joanne Gleason, Connie Lamonaca, Ron McArthur, Taffy Peterson, Kip Rand, Ernie Sandoz

35 Years: JoAnne Barbieri, Millie Ciraolo, Gayle Edwards, Angel Eguaras, Gene LoPresti, Kathy McGowan, Gail Mischlich, Pete Mora, Bobby Royal, Terry Sampson

40 Years: Tom Boghosian, Joe Jaloway, Louise Kaplan, Jed Soifer

Retirees: Marge Battistelli, Renee DeAngelo, Joanne Gleason, Kathy McGowan, Sandra Meischker, Rafael Rivera

PTK Sponsors American Red Cross Blood Drive March 30

Phi Theta Kappa will sponsor an American Red Cross blood drive on ACCC's Mays Landing Campus, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday, March 30. Mark your calendar.

ACCCers to Speak at Best Practices April 23, 24 at Hudson CCC

Four ACCCers are scheduled to speak at the Best Practices Conference to be presented by the N.J. Council of County Colleges, April 23 and 24. The event will begin with a cocktail reception at 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 23, with a keynote presentation titled, "Our Community College Journey from Good to Great in Challenging Times." On Friday, April 24, registration and continental breakfast will be held 9:45-10:15 a.m., with mini sessions going on at that time.

At 9:45 a.m., **Patricia A. Gentile**, Dean of Continuing Education and Resource Development, will speak on "Ensuring the American Dream of a College Education for All in New Jersey." **Michelle Bevan**, Director of Instructional Technology, will speak on "Stepping Out of the Traditional College 'Box' to Create a More Personal College Experience for the Online Student."

Donna Vassallo, Assistant Professor, Hospitality Management and Business, and **Dr. Josette Katz**, Professor of Hospitality Management, will speak on "Teaching Yesterday's Ethics in Today's Classroom: Is it About Doing the Right Thing for Others or Doing What's Right for Me?"

To register or for more information, visit www.njccc.org.

New Items Needed for Collegewide Flea Market to Benefit Heart Walk Team

The ACCC Heart Walk Team needs new, unused items to sell at a collegewide flea market, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Wednesday, April 22, during the Earth Day celebration. Please send or drop off items to **Jo-Ann Volpe**, Heart Walk Program Coordinator, in J-250, or call her, ext. 5653, to have items picked up. Clean out your closets and donate those gifts that just aren't you. Cash contributions are also accepted. Mark your calendar now for the flea market and tell your colleagues, friends and family members to stop

by to support our cause. Items will be priced to sell! All proceeds will go to the American Heart Association as part of ACCC's Team donation.

All are invited to join ACCC's Heart Walk Team for the Southern New Jersey Spring Heart Walk on Saturday, May 16, at the Sports & Civic Center, 6th Street off the Boardwalk in Ocean City. More information to follow.

Panel Discussion on the Repercussions of Drunk Driving April 21

A panel discussion on the Repercussions of Drunk Driving will be held 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 21, in the college cafeteria on the Mays Landing Campus. The free event is sponsored by SGA.

The Honorable **H. Robert Switzer**, ACCC's Beacons by the Sea Visiting Professor, will lead the discussion. Other panelists will include a public defender and prosecuting attorney. A question and answer period will follow.

For more information, contact **Cynthia Correa**, Student Life Center, ext. 5089.

Vote for the Professor Who Must Dye Hair Pink, Yellow or Green!

All are invited to cast a vote(s) for the professor who must dye his/her hair pink, yellow or green for the day. Proceeds will help Phi Theta Kappa members attend the PTK International Convention in Texas, April 16-19.

Votes can be cast through April 6. The "winner" will dye his/her hair for the next working day, according to his/her schedule.

PTK students collect votes across from the bookstore in J building on the Mays Landing Campus during activity hours and will visit some classrooms to collect votes.

Those agreeing to dye their hair for a day include: Professor **Mark Camma**, Assistant Professor of Accounting and Business; **Marcia Kleinz**, Assistant Professor of Mathematics; **Tom Celandine**, Assistant Professor of Social Science and Developmental English; **Claude Fortune**, Assistant Professor of Mathematics; and **Effie Russell**, Professor of English. Cast your vote today!



Mark Camma



Tom Celandine



Claude Fortune



Marsha Kleinz



Effie Russell

Make Reservations Now for IRC Political Poetry Discussion April 30

The Instructional Resource Committee will hold a poetry discussion, 12:30 p.m., Thursday, April 30, room J-202 on the Mays Landing Campus. Assistant Professors of English **Elinor Mattern** and **Vickie Melograno** will lead the discussion on Political Poetry. They'll look at poetry that was composed for and read at Presidential inaugurations, as well as other poems with a political theme or that allude to political circumstances. Participation is limited, so make your reservation today. Contact Melograno, ext. 4987, or e-mail vmelogra@atlantic.edu.

Learn about Nursing, Health Careers with ACCC Information Sessions

ACCC will hold two information sessions in April for those interested in learning about health care and nursing careers.

A Nursing Program Information Session will be held 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 14, in M-129, on the Mays Landing Campus. The session focuses on ACCC's registered nurse program, including the selection process and methods to prepare for the entrance exam. It will include a question and answer period.

A Health Career Planning Session will be held 6 p.m., Tuesday, April 28, in C Building, Cafeteria B, at the Mays Landing Campus. The session will provide information on various health career options, as well as academic support, training options and alternative career routes for various health professions—including those available through certificate or non-degree programs.

Attendees should arrive 15 minutes in advance to sign in and collect handout literature. The sessions are free. For more information, call Health Careers Recruiter **Glenda Stogel**, ext. 5048, or visit www.atlantic.edu/program/academic/nursing/healthCareers.htm.

Support CSA Tuna Drive for Community FoodBank of NJ

The Culinary Student Association Tuna Fish drive continues through April 9. The drive benefits the Community FoodBank of New Jersey—Southern Branch. Donations can be placed in the green boxes in M-building and J-building. Your support is appreciated.



Women Share Stories March 31 to Close Out Women's History Month

ACCC's Women's History Month celebration concludes with an event on the Mays Landing Campus on Tuesday, March 31. Those who posted names on the "Silhouettes of Influential Women" bulletin board in the cafeteria are invited to share the story of the woman who influenced their lives. The event will be held in cafeteria B. For more information, call **Cynthia Correa**, ext. 5089 or e-mail ccorrea@atlantic.edu.

ACCC and Academy of Culinary Arts Host Open Houses

The Academy of Culinary Arts will host open houses 9-10:15 a.m., Friday, April 17, and 5-7 p.m., Thursday, April 23. The April 23 event is in conjunction with a collegewide open house. For more information, call **Linda McLeod**, Assistant Director of College Recruitment, ext. 5009, or e-mail mcleod@atlantic.edu.

ACCC Welcomes Spring with a Variety of Continuing Education Classes

ACCC will offer a bevy of diverse noncredit classes in April.

Career Training courses are Network + Certification and the new Cisco Certified Network Associate.

General computer courses include: eBay: Buying, Selling and Collecting; Word 2007; Excel 2007; Advanced Excel; Advanced Access; Excel: Creating Dynamic Charts and Graphs; QuickBooks for Contractors; PC Repair and Upgrades; and Cascading Style Sheets (CSS) and Web Standards. Digital Design classes are Adobe Creative Suite; Desktop Publishing Certificate; and Intro to Photoshop CS II.

The **Health Professions Institute** will hold CPR Recertification, Certified Nurse Aide and Medical Assistant classes.

As part of its **Professional Development** series, ACCC is offering Certificate in Project Management, Plumbing Inspector I.C.S., Spanish for Managers, Introduction to Grant Writing and Sports Nutrition Consultant Certification.

Personal Enrichment classes include Exploring Digital Photography, Ballroom Dancing, Safe Boating and Personal Watercraft, Beginning Spanish: A Conversational Approach, and Spanish II.

For class locations, dates and times, and to register, call ext. 4829, or visit www.atlantic.edu/conted.

Sensible Approach to Retirement Workshop Offered by Metlife at ACCC March 31

Are you paying too much income tax?

Are you planning on retiring soon but don't know if you can afford to?

Do you fully understand your retirement benefits?

What is the difference between PERS and ABP?

How much money will you need to retire?

What is a TSA and where can you learn more?

Do you have an "old MetLife account" and have questions?

Are you a current Travelers/MetLife client and want a review?

To find out the answers to these and other questions you may have, attend the Sensible Approach to Retirement Workshop planned by Metlife Resources, Tuesday, March 31, in room J-207 on ACCC's Mays Landing Campus. Two sessions are available: noon-1 p.m. or 1-2 p.m. You must make a reservation to attend.

Join Keith Bermeo, CFP® OR Randy Warren from Metlife Resources (formerly Citistreet/Travelers), an approved N.J. retirement vendor, as they discuss the importance of retirement planning and the many ways you can prepare now. Please confirm your attendance by calling Keith Bermeo, 800-492-3553, ext. 28036, or e-mail kbermeo@metlife.com, or Randy Warren, ext. 28393, or e-mail Rwarren3@metlife.com.

Shakespeare Play Enjoyed by Many

March 22 was Family Theatre Day for ACCC. Shakespeare's A Midsummer's Night Dream was performed by the Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey's Shakespeare Live! Touring Company for a group of nearly 100 at noon in the Middle Township Performing Arts Center in Cape May Court House. The theatrical troupe then repeated the delightful program to more than 250 at the 4 p.m. performance in the Walter Edge Theatre on ACCC's Mays Landing Campus. After each performance, the cast sat on stage and answered questions from the children. Judging from the laughter and smiling faces, both performances were thoroughly enjoyed.



The free performances were hosted by ACCC's Community Affairs Program and sponsored by the N.J. Theatre Alliance, the NJ State Council on the Arts/Department of State, and several state foundations.

HERE'S THE SCOOP

Welcome aboard to **William Ice**, Housekeeper, Facilities, Mays Landing Campus.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of former ACCCer **Dr. Adolphus "Andy" Andrews**, who passed Oct. 27. He was Dean of Administration from 1989-1997. Interment was at Arlington National Cemetery. He is survived by his wife, Ruby; son, Adolphus; daughter, Dawn; and four grandchildren. Cards may be sent to Mrs. Andrews, 356 Cork Elm Trail, Beavercreek, OH 45440.

Dodge Ball Team Forming--The Student Government Association invites faculty and staff to form teams for a Dodge Ball tournament on Friday, April 3. Six players are needed to form each team. Playing time is 11 a.m.-4 p.m. The cost for this fundraiser is \$32 per team and will help SGA officers attend leadership

training. So far, SGA has four or five groups registered to play. You must get approval from your supervisor and take leave time to play. Contact **Cynthia Correa** for more information, ext. 5089.

Student vs. Faculty Volleyball--The Student Government Association is interested in holding a Student vs. Faculty Volleyball game on Earth Day, Wednesday, April 22. If enough people sign up to make a team, the game will begin at 12:30 p.m. in the quad on the Mays Landing Campus. Any faculty, staff or administrator interested in playing should contact **Cynthia Correa**, Student Life Center, ext. 5089, or e-mail ccorrea@atlantic.edu. The student team will most likely be composed of SGA members and SGA representatives.

Bottle Caps Wanted: **Carmen Cabrera**, WACC Admissions, tells us that her daughter LeiVani's eighth grade class at Mullica Township School is collecting all types of plastic bottle caps to offset the cost of their yearbook. Please send your caps from water bottles, soda bottles, juice bottles, milk gallons, laundry detergent. etc., to Carmen at WACC. The drive runs through June. Thanks for your help!

While attending the NCMPR Conference in Kansas City, Mo., **Kathy Corbalis**, right, had a chance meeting with Dr. Temple Grandin, author of the best-seller, "The Way I See It: A Personal Look at Autism and Asperger's." Grandin, who is the most accomplished and well-known adult with autism in the world, talked with Kathy about her research on career fields offered by community colleges that are appropriate for those with Asperger's, a form of autism. Grandin, an expert on the humane treatment of animals and a professor at Colorado State University, was lecturing at a beef industry conference.



Happy birthday to: **Mariann Sozio**, **Denise O'Connor**, March 28; **Nicholas Donato**, March 29; **Paula Demarest**, **Lucille McGlynn**, **John Stratton**, March 30; **Taffy Peterson**, March 31; **Lynette Ingram**, April 1; **Dan Thoren**, **Howard Webb**, April 2; **Janet Brenner**, **Christine Gamboa**, April 3; **Joy Jones**, April 4; **Millie Ciraolo**, April 5; **Rhonda Petruzzi**, April 8; **Norman McKiver**, **Vickie Melograno**, April 9. Adjunct birthdays: **Lawrence Conti**, **Alan Mann**, March 27; **Terrence Monroe**, April 3; **Patricia Russell-Chapman**, **Christopher Leusner**, April 4; **Tom Chelius**, Apr. 5; **Ann Maselli**, **Earl Stein**, April 6.

NEWS FROM ACCC'S OTHER LOCATIONS

Greetings from the Charles D. Worthington Atlantic City Campus

by **Daymis Alicea**

A subtle start to spring with flowers and greenery sprouting everywhere and the promise of hot days, a kiss on the breeze and then wham...a torrent of snow and sleet and out of nowhere a horrible commute to work. Father winter had (hopefully) one last laugh at our expense, but at least the weekend was nice.

Here in the city you could hear a pin drop...it was so quiet I started talking to myself and those who know me realize that nothing good could ever come of that! I planned events, crossed checked things on my calendar, made flyers and became overly excited whenever a student happened to wander in.

I have news to report on the Gala...yup, I went with perfect dress on and beautiful, but painful, Nina shoes (ladies, you know) and I have to say the place was just Stunning (with a capital S). My hat goes off to the crew who puts it together and the harried, but still perfectly tailored, **Sean Fischer**, along with his boss, the beautifully clad in white, **Pat Gentile**. I love the Gala...it is always such a posh event and for such a good cause. The food was Fantabulous (as always) and the ambiance was



reminiscent of a wonderful sea cruise on its way to the Caribbean Isle (pick one). I just wish that, just once, I would win that darn raffle.

The Latin Experience Club experienced some culture this spring break when they traveled to Miami, Fla., to enjoy the cultural experience of the Calle Ocho Festival, the largest of its kind in the U.S. In addition, they enjoyed the Espanola Way Marketplace. An open air Latino marketplace during the day and a classy uptown dining experience at night, this place was not to be missed. The students stayed at the Miami International Hostel where they mingled with students traveling from all the corners of world. An enriching experience and great time overall...except for when the plane did not arrive to take us back to N.J. until four hours later than expected, but, hey, everything can't be perfect!



Back in the real world of work and more work... the ESL program started their mid-session on March 23, and it was a busy day with a super flow of students (just how we like it).

There have been some changes in our lobby. Security now shares counter space with Admissions and Continuing Education. A Welcome Center will be set up in security's old space in the center of the lobby.

Congratulations to **Rhonda Petruzzi**, Administrative Services, on her beautiful granddaughter, Cadence Joy Findeison. Mom is home and resting and enjoying the little bundle. Grandma is overjoyed.

Jason and Laura Findeison pose with baby Cadence.



Well, that's all folks and, until next time, I wish you spring time buds and an abundance of tulips and daffodils.

Greetings from the Cape May County Campus **by Denise O'Connor**

For those of you who don't know, at the time of deadline, **Lisa Apel-Gendron** was enjoying a well-deserved vacation in Clearwater, Fla., enjoying her beloved Phillies. She returned to us on March 24. I will do my best to keep you abreast of the happenings at CMCC.

Spring Break has been, for the most part, very quiet. We hosted the 4-H Public Speaking Workshop this week. Our Lab Tech, **Dereck Pruszinski**, here to support the 4-H each evening, said the age group varied from about 10 years old to at least one ACCC student. The topics included fishing, horses, cooking and juggling. Our six continuing education courses are running on schedule.

Our CMCC Ambassadors club ended its military drive this week. They collected nine boxes of supplies that were shipped off to our men and woman in the service. Great job to all who contributed and, especially, to our ambassadors.

Welcome back to:

--**Judy Brandis**, Financial Aid, who had a fabulous time on her Caribbean Cruise.

--**Tim Cliggett**, Facilities, from sunny Fort Lauderdale who just happened to time our recent snow storm perfectly...he missed it!

--**Thom Partin**, Receiving, who enjoyed two weeks in Panama visiting family he had not seen in years. Thom was reacquainted with two aunts he had not seen in 55 years, five new first cousins, one second cousin and four third cousins. He came home with a lot of great memories and fabulous pictures.

Campus Ambassadors club is collecting cat and dog food April 1-May 8 to help those in need during these hard economic times. People who are struggling and some are forced to surrender their pets to a shelter. That's not good for anyone – pet or human. All types of food, canned or dry, are welcome. Donation boxes will be located in the first floor entrance way and third floor Faculty Support Office. If you're able, please support the Ambassadors by bringing in some dog or cat food starting April 1. Thank you for your continuing support of these fine young people and their efforts!

Topping off this week's exciting events is the birth of two new members of our ACCC family. First, is the birth of Kyle Sacchetti, son of **Suzanne Sacchetti**, former CMCC Librarian. Kyle weighed in at a whopping 9 lbs., 14 oz. and measured 21.5 inches long. Mother, baby and big sister are fine. And, I am the proud grandmother (they call me Nan) of Connor Jude Lapsley born on Friday the 13th. Connor arrived weighing 8 lbs., 9 oz., and measuring 20.5 inches long. Proud parents are my daughter and ACCC graduate, **Jennifer O'Connor Lapsley**, and her husband, Jamie. Both mother and baby are fine. Pictures will follow in the next CommuniCator.

Happy spring to all! Lisa will be back with your next issue.

CONTINUING EDUCATION NEWS

by **Sherwood Taylor**

Health Professions Institute offers **Advanced Surgical Technology Program** – this course is designed for current surgical technologists seeking an alternate route to obtaining their Certified Surgical Technologist accreditation. The 250-hour training program, which includes coursework as well as surgical skill reviews, will cover medical terminology, microbiology, pharmacology, surgical procedures, asepsis and patient care practices. Please direct inquiries to **Trudy Mills**, ext. 4814, or visit www.atlantic.edu/hpi.

Going Green - Continuing Education is pleased to announce our first workshops related to green technology, living and sustainability. Our first workshop, "Green Advantage for Construction Officials," begins Wednesday, May 13, and will be held at the Mays Landing Campus. Our second workshop, "Green Building Today," will be held on Tuesday, June 9, at the Institute for Service Excellence at the Hamilton Mall. These new and innovative workshops are designed for architects, designers, contractors, builders, municipal officials and those who seek an understanding of green principles and methodologies. Additional information and complete descriptions for these workshops are located at www.atlantic.edu/green.

Corporate Training in Need of Boxes: If you have empty paper boxes, please send them to **Melissa Greener**, Mays Landing East. Thanks!

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

An essay written by ACCC student **Diane Valtierra** will be published in a popular developmental English textbook next year. This is quite an achievement for a Reading/Writing I student and a nice plug for ACCC and her instructor, **Jay Peterson**, Assistant Professor of English. The essay, titled, Quinceañera, explains that a quinceañera is an "over-the-top, dramatic, and even funny celebration that occurs once a girl turns 15, but... is also an important event in a Hispanic girl's life."

Joann Taylor, CMCC Faculty Support, gave a poetry reading on March 20 at the Dippolo Elementary School in Vineland. The fifth grade students "asked a lot of great questions," she said. "My writing partner is their instructor. Last year I spoke at the Landis Avenue School."

The ACCC archery team was proud to announce that they came in third in the men's recurve division

during the Collegiate Indoor Regionals in Harrisonburg, Va., the weekend of March 13. Way to go, guys!

ACCC IN THE NEWS

The Press of Atlantic City ran a photo of the grand opening of the renovated Student Life Center on the Mays Landing Campus. The opening was featured on NBC40.

The South Plainfield Observer ran a photo of ACCC women's basketball player **Brittany Baum** attempting to block a shot during a game at Middlesex County College last month.

Egg Harbor Township Assistant Superintendent Kim Gruccio spoke at EHT's board meeting last month on the dual enrollment agreement between EHT and ACCC, according to the Current newspaper. Honors Psychology will yield three college credits, business management and ethics three college credits, and college accounting II four college credits starting at September, the article stated.

Dr. Peter Mora was the featured speaker at the Atlantic City Hotel and Lodging Association February meeting, according to Atlantic City Weekly and The Press of Atlantic City.

A photo and recap of the men's basketball game against Camden County College last month appeared in The Press of Atlantic City.

A story on the February board meeting and approval of a 5.5 percent tuition hike appeared in The Press of Atlantic City.

A photo and story on Chef Educator **Vincent "Rocky" Tedeschi** being named Educator of the Year by the Professional Chefs Association of South Jersey appeared in the Atlantic County newspapers.

A story titled "Unemployed can get waivers to pay for college" appeared in The Press of Atlantic City Feb. 18.

A photo and caption about the ACCC Restaurant Gala appeared in The Press of Atlantic City. NBC40 also covered the event.

A story titled, NJ STARS students await official word on tougher criteria, appeared in The Press of Atlantic City on March 8. **Gina Skinner**, Director of Admissions and College Recruitment, was quoted.

An article titled, "Students to get more aid, colleges less," appeared in The Press of Atlantic City March 11.

A story titled, "Immigrants determined to learn English," appeared on the front page of The Press of Atlantic City March 23. The story quoted students in the ESL class taught by **Renee Massey** at the Worthington Atlantic City Campus. Photos taken at WACC accompanied the article.

A story on ACCC's March board of trustees meeting appeared in The Press on March 25.

A story titled "More job seekers, fewer recruiters at ACCC job fair," appeared in The Press of Atlantic City. NBC40 also covered the Job Fair.

ACA Chef Educator **Phil Cragg** was featured in a story in the Savannah (Ga.) Morning News when he whipped up some tasty mollusks for an event called "Romancing the Clam," which promotes the clam farming industry.

ALUMNI

Annie R. Smith, '73, was inducted in the Atlantic County Women's Hall of Fame yesterday. After graduating from ACCC, she completed undergraduate and graduate studies at then-Glassboro State College and took classes at Rutgers University. Before her retirement, she was an elementary teacher, guidance counselor and assistant principal. Smith was the first African-American woman to serve on Pleasantville City Council. She is a member of Union Baptist Temple Church in Atlantic City and belongs to many civic organizations, including the Atlantic City Business and Professional Negro Women's Club, the Pleasantville/Mainland Branch NAACP and Phil Delta Kappa Sorority.

Former ACA student **Sean Michael Freeman** wed Erin Elizabeth Cheeseman on Jan. 17 during a twilight ceremony at Sandals Montego Bay, Jamaica. The couple looks forward to celebrating with family and friends with a local ceremony and reception next month. Freeman is a sous chef at Jay's on Third in Stone Harbor.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

Dr. Mora attended the N.J. Council of County College's **Community College Ambassador Day** on March 16 with ACCC's NJ STARS students and **Hal Luger**, Counselor. NJCCC's Ambassador Day serves as an open forum where students, college presidents, state legislators and members of the Senate Education Committee come together to discuss issues that are important to community colleges.



Dr. Mora, NJ STARS students Henry Ramirez and Mary Oliver, and ACCC Counselor Hal Luger.

Are you planning a collegewide event? Well, the **Board of Trustees of ACCC** would like to be formally invited! For more information on inviting the Board of Trustees to your event, please provide event information to **Brittany Williams**, Director of Board Services, ext. 4901, or e-mail bwilliam@atlantic.edu.

ACCC is a member of organizations that support community colleges. One such organization is the New Jersey Business and Industry Association. As a member of the NJBIA, the Atlantic Cape community is invited to events such as their **Meet the Decision Makers** series with legislators and administration officials. Upcoming Meet the Decision Makers topics include **Majority and Minority Leaders on April 17** and **Energy Policy on April 29**. These events are held from 7:45-10 a.m. at Forsgate Country Club in Monroe Township. Cost to attend for NJBIA members is \$75. More information is available at www.njbja.org.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The calendar is updated regularly at <http://www.atlantic.edu/calendars/index.php>. Be sure to add your events. Go to www.atlantic.edu and at the top right, click on calendars. Scroll down and at the bottom left, select Add Event Form and submit your event!

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Name of Nominee _____ Dept. _____

I am nominating this support staff person because:

Name of Nominator _____ Dept. _____

Signature _____ Date _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO HUMAN RESOURCES BY Monday, April 13, 2009.