

# ATLANTIC CAPE COMMUNICATOR

## Atlantic Cape Community College's Information Source

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### NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

#### Using Excess Hours for Planned Summer Vacation? Slips Due June 8

If you're using excess vacation hours this summer, don't forget to submit your leave request slip by June 8. Please write "PSV" on the right side of the form. If you do not use excess time, it will be automatically deducted and lost. Your balance is available in hours on your check stub. See last issue for details.

#### Albert L. Gutierrez to Speak at ACCC Graduation

Albert L. Gutierrez, president and chief executive officer of Shore Memorial Hospital, will deliver the keynote address to Atlantic Cape Community College's Class of 2006 at the 39th annual commencement at 4 p.m., Thursday, May 25. The college will award more than 500 associate in arts, associate in applied science, and associate in science degrees.

An honorary associate in science degree will be presented to Capt. Curtis B. Odom, commanding officer of the U.S. Coast Guard Training Center in Cape May. The commencement ceremony will be held on the archery field near Jonathan Pitney Hall. In case of rain, the ceremony will be moved indoors to Jonathan Pitney Gymnasium.

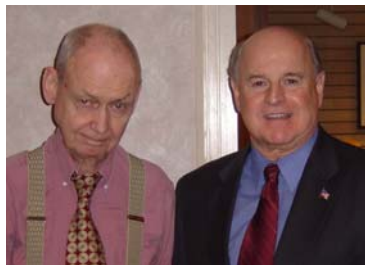
#### Heart Walk T-shirt Design Revealed; Walkers, Donors Wanted



**Kathy Fritz**, library technician on the Mays Landing Campus, came up with the winning design for ACCC's team T-shirt for the American Heart Association's 2006 Southern NJ Spring Heart Walk on May 20. The winning design will be on display in the President's Office in May. Thanks to **Donna Leeds**, graphic artist, for bringing the design concept to fruition.

There's still time to participate in the walk or make a donation to support a walker on ACCC's team. Sign up now for event on the Ocean City Boardwalk. See a committee member today: **Leslie Atherholt, Aline Bennett, Tom Borucki, Janet DeCicco, Dom DiPietro, Dr. Joyce Grohman, Pat Heller, BettyAnn Hines, Sue Jones, Michael Kammer, Pat Kubaska, Susan Lee, Charita McClain, Marge Mettelle, Gail Mischlich, Marion Pool** or **Jo-Ann Volpe**.

#### Employees Honored at Service Awards



ACCC employees and retirees were honored at the annual Employee Service Awards on May 5. The event was held at Blue Heron Pines and was well-attended.

Pictured, at left, **Prof. Wil Parsons** was honored for 35 years of service. **Larry Reber**, assistant professor, CIS, is ACCC's first 40-year employee. He did not attend the event. See more photos on page 12.

## **ACCC Foundation Responding to Needs of Nursing Students**

The Golf Tournament Planning Committee of the ACCC Foundation voted to allocate \$10,000 from its upcoming Cape May County Championship Golf Tournament to help nursing students offset the cost of their program. Twenty nursing students will receive \$500 grants in the spring semester. The tournament will be held Friday, Oct. 13, at Cape May National Golf Club, Rt. 9 and Florence Avenue, Cape May, adjacent to Eddie's Auto Body.

The allocation is in addition to the \$14,000 in grants already allocated for the 2006-07 academic year. The Foundation will review a proposal at its June 8 meeting to provide another \$30,000 to nursing students. The college had been subsidizing the nursing program and made the changes to move to a cost-based system of program payment.

“We realize the hardship this has posed on our students and want to help offset those costs,” explained **Ken Calemmo**, golf tournament chairman.

In its history, the Foundation has raised far more than \$1 million for college scholarships, academic programs and enhancing the campus environment, including more than \$365,000 this academic year from the Cape May Gala, Cape May National Golf Tournament, Leaves for Learning beautification campaign, 2006 Press of Atlantic City Restaurant Gala, and two endowments. It has allocated nearly \$200,000 for 2006 scholarships and grants in aid.

## **ACCC Student Kelley Adams Named to 2006 All-NJ Academic Team**

ACCC student **Kelley Adams**, Mays Landing, was named to the 2006 New Jersey All-State Academic Team for “outstanding accomplishments as a community college student.”

The Oakcrest High School graduate, who is studying at ACCC on a state-funded NJSTARS scholarship, was one of the 36 state academic team members honored on May 4 in Trenton. She is working toward a liberal arts degree with an education option. Adams's career goal is to become an elementary school teacher.

The fete was sponsored by the New Jersey Council of County Colleges, in association with Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges. Students are recognized for outstanding academic achievement and exceptional service to their communities as members of PTK.

Representatives of the governor's office and the legislature joined the nominees at the Statehouse to share in honoring their accomplishments.

## **Planning Update**

Consultants developing a master facilities plan for the college spent May 2-4 talking to faculty and staff to help determine future needs. Planners from L. Robert Kimball & Associates; MacLachan, Cornelius and Filoni; and Paulien & Associates talked to hundreds of faculty and staff members during the three-day visit.

The response was knowledgeable and enthusiastic. The consultants agreed that members of the college community are concerned about ACCC and the next 10 years of development. The ideas ranged from suggestions for new buildings to refurbishing of restrooms. Academic, student development and administrative requirements were discussed in detail.

The consultants conducted extensive tours of the Mays Landing, Atlantic City, and Cape May County campuses and examined space, lighting and storage issues. In addition, they were able to absorb the culture of the college as expressed at all three campuses. According to Tim Lisle, project manager, “Your

hospitality and willingness to share ideas proved invaluable in letting us get to know the school and its needs better. Based on your input we will be in a much better position to create the academic and master plans.”

They will gather information and return this summer with a draft of the academic plan. Once it is reviewed and finalized, a master facilities plan, with recommendations for future changes in the campuses, will be presented. According to Lisle, “This is a process which will take the better part of a year.” During that period the consultants will continue gathering data so plans reflect as much information as possible.

### **Buy a \$10 Card, Receives Discounts at 14 Area Businesses for ACCC Baseball**

The ACCC Baseball Club is selling cards for \$10 which offer discounts at 14 area businesses including Manhattan Bagel, Cold Stone Creamery, Wendy’s, Burger King, Atlantic City Bar & Grill, Arby’s, Domino’s, Subway, Chick-fil-A, Quizno’s, Taco Bell, Rita’s, Hooters and others. Cards are good through May 31, 2007 and are available from **Tom Borucki**, ext. 5043, or e-mail [borucki@atlantic.edu](mailto:borucki@atlantic.edu).

### **Support Women’s Basketball Club; Buy a Mason Jar Candle**

ACCC’s Women’s Basketball Club is selling candles to help offset the cost of uniforms and other expenses. The candles, from Our Own Candle Company in Cherry Hill, are 16 oz. Mason jar candles. Cost is \$10 each. Scents available include French vanilla, Macintosh apple, winter wonderland, banana nut bread, Pumpkin spice, holly berry, hot apple pie, homemade sugar cookie, balsam, lemon pound cake and gingerbread. To purchase candles to support the team, contact **Tom Borucki**, ext. 5043, or e-mail [tborucki@atlantic.edu](mailto:tborucki@atlantic.edu).

### **Eating at Applebee’s on Tuesdays this Month Supports ACCC Baseball**

You can enjoy lunch or dinner at Applebee’s in Mays Landing and help the ACCC Baseball Club in raising funds for materials needed this fall season.

Every Tuesday in May from 2-10 p.m., ACCC staff and friends can go into Applebee’s with a coupon from Coach **Tom Borucki**, have lunch, dinner and/or drinks and ACCC’s Baseball Club receives 10% of the total bill. That’s right - go to Applebee’s and eat, drink, and make ACCC’s Baseball Club merry. Present the coupon to your server before ordering and you are set to go. Fliers can be received from any of the baseball club members or call **Tom Borucki**, ext. 5043.

### **Webcast: Outcomes-Based Design for Online Programs May 15, 1-3 p.m.**

All are invited to attend a Web conference titled, *Outcomes-Based Design for Online Programs*, Monday, May 15, room J-202. The conference will offer strategies and models that have been successful on campus, online and in hybrid courses. The program will present the principles that have guided this work on outcomes and specific examples that illustrate those principles. As concerned public constituencies demand greater accountability from higher education, accrediting agencies and government bodies struggle to help institutions develop clear, concise ways to improve and to communicate their improvements. Specific topics include:

- The changing context of accountability
- Learners’ changing technology proclivities
- Technologies that change the game
- Resource allocation in the new era
- Accreditors’ changing perspectives
- Outcomes based course design models
- Authentic assessment and authentic learning
- Faculty development in an era of mistrust
- Sustaining innovation

No registration is necessary. For more information, visit [www.academicimpressions.com](http://www.academicimpressions.com).

## **EOF Slates Fashion Show for May 13**

*I'm Somebody on Sunday*, a spring fashion show and tea celebrating the “dress to impress” traditions of Sunday church-going, working African-American mothers, will be held Saturday, May 13, at the Asbury UME Church Fellowship Hall, 1213 Pacific Ave., Atlantic City. Tickets are \$20. The fund-raiser is sponsored by ACCC’s EOF advisory board. A light luncheon of finger sandwiches, tea and cookies will be served. The event begins at 1 p.m., but doors open at noon for those who wish to shop for items offered by N’Style Boutique of Berlin.

The fashion show will trace the socio-economic relationship between fashion and religious experience in the African-American community through social commentary provided by Linda Moore of Chesilhurst. Hats and leisure wear will be in abundance. For more information, contact **Shilon Carter**, ext. 5646.

## **Heart Healthy Tips in Preparation for American Heart Walk**

by **Dr. Joyce Grohman**

According to R. Donatelli, in the sixth edition of *Health: The Basics*, there are controllable factors that impact your risk for cardiovascular problems. They are:

- Avoid tobacco
- Cut back on saturated fats and cholesterol
- Monitor your cholesterol levels
- Change lifestyle
- Maintain a healthy weight
- Modify other dietary habits. Consume 5-10 mg per day of soluble fiber from sources such as fruits, vegetables, oat bran and legumes. Consume about 2 mg per day of plant sterols or sterol derivatives such as Benecol or Take Control margarine.
- Exercise regularly
- Control diabetes
- Manage stress

Factors you cannot control include age, heredity, gender, and race.

Consider pledging a “heart” with a cash donation of \$1, \$5, or \$10 in support of ACCC’s team for the American Heart Walk on May 20. Hearts are available from members of the Heart Walk committee. Hearts pledged by faculty and academic staff members will be displayed in A-128. Others are displayed around campus.

## **HERE’S THE SCOOP**

Welcome back to **Tammy DeFranco**, career and academic planning, who returned from medical leave.

Welcome back to **Stacey Clapp**, college relations, who returned from maternity leave on April 24. The twins, Josh and Abby, are six months old. Great to have you back, Stacey!

**A WALK FOR TAFFY...Taffy Peterson**, faculty division office, suffered some unfortunate medical problems recently and has difficulty walking and must rely on an electric powered “scooter” for distance mobility. A snafu in her medical insurance coverage forced her to purchase the scooter without any financial reimbursement. **Tom Innocente**, criminal justice senior adjunct, said, “When Criminal Justice club members learned of her misfortune, they wanted to repay Taffy for always being eager to assist ACCC students and wanted to repay her for her assistance and kindness. They held a walk-a-thon at the Atlantic City Boardwalk March 26, raising \$500 for Taffy. The money was presented to her at the SGA banquet. Happy motoring, Taffy – God Bless!”

Welcome aboard to **Michael Franzoi**, seasonal grounds person in facilities, and **Eduardo Saba**, custodian for WACC.

**Tom Roesch**, mailman, thanks all who gave him donations for the MS Society walk fund-raiser. Tom has received \$205 from ACCCers. Three-hundred-fifty people participated in the walk last weekend. If you meant to give Tom a donation and didn't get a chance, he is accepting them through May 26.

**Rich Gibbons** and his wife, Jenalyn, stopped by with their son, Brendan, who will be two next month. He is adorable! Thanks for stopping by.

Faculty and staff are invited to participate in a summer volleyball league. Games will be held 5-6 p.m. on Mondays. The team will play indoors and outdoors depending on the weather. It's just for fun and you don't need to be athletic!! Come get rid of some stress with your co-workers. Contact **Aline Bennett** or **Angie Stewart** ASAP if you're interested in playing.

**Tammy DeFranco**, career and academic planning, and her family, thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, flowers, plants, gift baskets, cards, Mass Cards, and for being there on the loss of her father. "Your thoughtfulness and kindness has touched us very deeply." Also, Tammy thanks everyone for their calls, flowers, gifts, and cards while she was recovering from being ill. "It is great to be back with my ACCC family," she said.

NJ Icon is coming to Atlantic City Outlets, The Walk, and they are looking for the next NJ Icon. Those ages 12-25 are eligible to audition live on Saturday, May 13, 20 or 27, 1-3 p.m., and should be prepared to sing a cappella, play accompaniment on a provided piano or bring an acoustic guitar. The winner of the summer-long competition will be coached and prepared for an audition with a head person from a national recording label. Go to [www.ACOutlets.com](http://www.ACOutlets.com) and click on special events for more information.

The 37<sup>th</sup> Annual American Indian Arts Festival will be held 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday-Monday, May 27-29, at the Rankokus Indian Reservation. The festival of Indian art, dance, Indian food and culture is the largest arts festival on the East Coast, with 150 artists and entertainers and 50 tribal nations. The reservation is just off exit 45A of Rt. 295 or exit 5 off the NJ Turnpike. Call (609) 261-4747 for more information.

*ACCCers who participated in the American Arthritis Association walk, from left, Ellen Parker, librarian; JoAnne Barbieri, Aline Bennett and Janet Brenner.*

On Sunday, May 7, about 20 ACCC students, staff, and faculty became the ACCC for Arthritis Awareness Team and joined with other area groups for the Atlantic City Arthritis Walk. **JoAnne Barbieri**, CIS professor, along with her daughter JoAnne, ACCC adjunct, and supported by **Janet Brenner**, community affairs, initially set a goal of \$250. With the donations of the walkers and other ACCCers, \$462 was raised. Many thanks to all!



Contributions will continue to be accepted until June 7. Make checks payable to the Arthritis Foundation and send to Prof. Barbieri, B-128, or on the Web:

<http://atlanticcountyarthritiswalk.kintera.org/faf/search/searchTeamPart.asp?ievent=143290&lis=1&kntae143290=3E3631D117624E908C73F3502DD36760&team=1266423&tlteam=0>

Happy birthday to: **Laura Campbell**, May 12; **Myra Caplan**, May 13; **Joe D'Agostino**, **Hal Lugerner**, **Richard Perniciaro**, May 14; **Irvin Cruz**, May 15; **George Richert**, May 17; **Phaedra Peyton**, May 18; **William Flanagan**, May 19; **Maryann Carol**, May 21; **Elinor Mattern**, May 22; **Patrick Sweeney**, May 25. Adjunct birthdays: **Robert Simms**, May 13; **Denman Sweetman**, **Wayne Zanni**, May 14; **Christine Nolan**, May 15; **Barry Bender**, May 21.

## NEWS FROM ACCC'S OTHER LOCATIONS

### Greetings from Charles D. Worthington Atlantic City Center

by Daymis Alicea

*"Well, we're movin' on up . . . to the east side . . . we finally got a piece of the piiiieee!"*  
Di sings in a false falsetto!!



*Jean McAlister and Daymis Alicea pose for a photo after moving their offices.*

Well, not exactly up...it's more like *back* to the large open space that is now our Student Services Center but it is on the *east side* of the building nearest the ocean. Alas, no actual ocean view...that piece of the pie is unavailable to all of us at City Center. We started moving on Thursday...it was a hurried affair with much packing and stacking and shredding and hauling. It was a crazy day because that morning Student Services hosted the annual "Cinco de Mayo" celebration for the students. Now, yes I know it was May 4, but what am I supposed to do – alter the calendar to fall on a Thursday. I'm only one person!

Many students, faculty and staff enjoyed the "make your own nacho's and taco's assembly bar" and not one of them stayed to help me clean up the sticky icky nacho cheese. It went great...Andalé! Andalé! Arribá!!!

Somehow, miraculously, on Friday morning we arrived to see total chaos...that was actually completely organized (*you just don't realize how much stuff you can collect in those tiny cubicles*) by **Jean McAlister** and her great team **Al Ebinger, Nelson Bugus, Trent Jones, Nick Ganaway, Phil DeCicco, Mike McHale** and the overnight hauling crew **Gentle Ben Ward, Joe Kosmalski, Chris Keener, Virgilio Yray, Todd Ford, Kenya Long** and **Rocco Ciarrocchi**.

Together we mustered enough energy to run Atlantic City Electric Co. and got it all unpacked and restacked but here's why this is just so awesome and miraculous...the student services office never closed. We assisted students with registration and financial aid, kicked aside boxes, dusted windows, answered calls and repeatedly asked students to excuse the mess. Pizzas and sodas were ordered and everyone who even lifted a paper clip had some, including students. The mood was high and things like desks, files, pens and staplers did not disappear into the netherworld that parallels every major move, though we are still looking for our coffee can.

So by now, you must be wondering where in the world is Carmen Sandiego, ahem...I mean continuing education and the CCI offices. Well, **Mike Wozniak** and **Judy Walden** can be reached in Room 142 and **Angela Wang** through doorway number 143. The move for them was just as crazy but they were settled by the end of the workday Friday. Good for them.

Believe it or not there were other things going on in the building and in other departments that were not as overwhelming but just as important and exciting.

On the corporate training side of the house, **Esther Gandica** and **Carol Drea** just attended 13 ESL graduations at the three Trump properties. More than 200 Trump employees completed 40 hours of ESL with unprecedented success. The presidents and top management from all three properties made an appearance at the graduations and congratulated the students.

The students are looking forward to continuing their English language training this coming fall. The comments and accolades from the students were much appreciated and the teachers were overwhelmingly excited and looking forward to the next round of classes. This program was provided through the Casino Training Consortium funded by a New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development

customized training grant.

Last week, CCI hosted 12 representatives from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement in a POGS for Slots class. In addition to police officers and investigators, the prosecutor's office and the regulators from the pari-mutual division were represented. **Tommy G.** put on a spectacular show for the group and he, along with other POGS instructors will be traveling to Miami, next month to deliver a similar training program to the line staff of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. Congratulations to **Tommy G.** on a job well done.

On May 2 the heart walk captains at the City Center, **Michael Kammer** and **Susan Lee** along with some student helpers from the Cross Cultural Club and **Daymis Alicea**, student services. The fund-raiser was \$3 a lunch plate and included fried rice, chicken and broccoli and dumplings. Bottled water was available for \$1. More than \$300 was raised for the Heart Walk. The food was excellent and so was the turnout.

But wait that was not all . . . the students from **Sue DePhilippis's** ESL class highlighted Ben Franklin with an exhibit they created on the other side of the student cafeteria. It featured two delicious sheet cakes with a decorated design by artist **Daymis Alicea**.

On to more troubling news . . . our dearest buddy **Leon Weisfield**, business office, is in the hospital. Get well expressions can be sent to his home, 119 N. Adams Ave., Margate, NJ 08402. We sincerely wish him well and hope that he can come back soon.

'Til next time . . . keep those submissions coming.

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

When I look back over the last nine months, I'm amazed and satisfied. I'm having trouble believing we've just completed our second semester in this amazing facility. Is it possible that just nine months ago we were packing hundreds of boxes and loading them onto a moving van? Did we actually move in during peak registration time? Did we really use cell phones to connect to the network for the first week? Would the ubiquitous piles of cardboard and Styrofoam from the pallets of new Dells and all the science equipment ever stop? For me, the strangeness of the new building wore off in about 15 minutes. It seems that this is where I've always been; it's "home." And in a blink, two semesters are finished. To say that we, as a team, have learned a great deal is an understatement. It's been an awesome ride.

One would think the building could be rather quiet during finals week, but not so. It seems that every room is occupied by a class or an outside organization in need of space. We've been hosting Middle Township High School's advanced placement testing for eight straight days. It's a great opportunity for these high school seniors to see the campus. We're also hosting interviews for the Marjorie Ward Scholarship candidates, coordinated by **Electra Stulak**, counseling. The *Leaves for Learning* committee held a meeting here this week, as did **Mike Rennick** from the grants office.

**Sherwood Taylor** and **Linda Dolan** invited job and guidance counselors to visit, tour the campus and learn about the range of continuing education programs. Continuing Education held three full-day customer service training workshops for the community, funded by a Department of Labor grant. Cape May County offered two full-day work zone safety training workshops, and the County Health Department convened a meeting here. Another group, State Scholars, used the building for a meeting as well. It was a busy finals week!

Our CMCC café closed for the summer, effective May 11. They will, however, be able to cater meetings and events. For catering from May 12-Aug. 31, please contact **Martha Lemcke** of All Seasons in Mays

Landing directly, ext. 5239, or e-mail [café@atlantic.edu](mailto:café@atlantic.edu).

Check out all the credit and non-credit offerings at CMCC this summer! We have a lot to offer, including a full complement of Kids College classes. For more information about Kids College, contact **Susan Lee**, ext. 4829.

To those faculty members who taught here this semester, thank you and we'll miss you. **Marcia Klein** and **Dr. Godfrey Barlatt** brought some Monday/Wednesday sunshine to our building this semester. We hope you'll both be back next spring!

A big thank you to everyone who worked the CMCC Open House on April 27. It was a long day, but a productive one. What a great team effort! And what a turnout of faculty volunteers – full-time and adjunct! Thank you all for your time.

May is National Military Appreciation Month, and librarian **Susanne Sacchetti** has put together an informative display in the Information Commons. She has also pulled out some books on the military for your reading pleasure this month. Please stop in and take a look if you haven't yet had the chance.

A room full of children's and adults' shoes left CMCC this afternoon, destined for the villages of Nicaragua. A fund-raiser will be held this summer to help pay for shipping the shoes. Thank you to all of our staff, students and faculty who supported this drive with origins in **Regina Van Epps's** literature class. Shoes came from our other campuses as well. The Cape May County student who co-chairs this initiative was indeed shocked by the response from ACCers. But we weren't. ACCers always come through!

Have a great weekend, and if you won't be back until fall, have an outstanding summer!

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

On May 1, **Dr. Barbara Warner**, chair, nursing/allied health/physical education, received the Lifetime Achievement award from the N.U.R.S.E.S. Consortium. Dr. Warner was recognized for her "dedication, spirit, pride, and mentorship as demonstrated by her efforts to provide quality nursing education to her students and promote the profession of nursing within the community." Dr. Warner and Robyn Begley established the N.U.R.S.E.S. Consortium in 2000, to unit local nurses in recruitment strategies, education, and service within the nursing profession.

**Rita Michalenko**, art, exhibited her artwork at Cumberland County College's South Jersey Clay exhibit last month.

ACCC is proud to host a review course for the Registered Nurse State Boards (NCLEX), May 15-18, presented by educators from the Meds Publishing Company. Members from nursing programs throughout the state and our nursing students will attend.

**Mike Bolicki**, social science, was appointed to the Executive Board of CONTACT of Atlantic County and Cape May County, a volunteer agency which maintains daily phone contact with senior citizens and persons living alone. The organization reaches clients in Cape May, Atlantic and parts of Gloucester counties. Training is provided for volunteers. If you're interested in helping with the organization, e-mail [bolicki@atlantic.edu](mailto:bolicki@atlantic.edu) or call him, ext. 5032.

In preparation for the On the Edge Players' performance of *The Boys Next Door* last month, **Heather Boone**, theater advisor, took six members of the cast and crew to the Career Opportunity Development, Inc. sheltered workshop in Egg Harbor City. The manager, Bruce Sarfert, took them into his office,

described the services and clients at CODI, and allowed them to mingle with the clients and staff during a regular work day. “The students were bowled over by the clients, especially,” Heather explained. “ They are mostly friendly and very happy for the extra attention. Students assisted with games, job work, and individual skill-building activities (like playing bingo, learning to tell time, or counting money). Staff members also made time to talk with the students, giving them insight into the nature of the clients’ disabilities, and into the jobs performed by the staff. It was a profound experience,” Boone said.



**Dr. Peter Mora** was presented with the Metropolitan Business and Citizens Association Education Award at the organization’s annual scholarship luncheon last month. Dr. Mora provided the keynote address: *A Legacy of Excellence and a Commitment to the Future of Atlantic City*.

*At left, Dr. Peter Mora joined by Scholarship Student and Teacher award recipients, MBCA President John Schultz, and event co-chairs Alex Marino and Rick Santuro.*

**Dr. Richard Perniciaro**, dean of administration, planning and research, was quoted in a Courier-Post article on April 27 titled, *Cape May tourism expected to slow*. “The impact of gas prices is not expected to be a major sticking point in choosing to vacation at the shore. But it may mean fewer souvenirs, or cutting back on the number of high-end restaurants,” said Perniciaro. But that might be offset by additional vacationers who choose to stay closer to home, he said.

**Christine Wilson**, English adjunct, facilitated a school-wide local planning objective for Kindle School in the Pitman School District. Students worked with cross grade level “writing buddies.” Students showed significant improvement after Wilson revised the language arts curriculum for each grade level. She also trained district elementary teachers in multi-genre writing.

**Dr. Augie Nigro**, assistant professor, arts and humanities, was nominated for Who’s Who in American Teachers. He attended the Best Practices Conference at Mercer recently.

### **ACCC Foundation Board Names Six New Members, Re-elects Officers**

The ACCC Foundation board added six members and re-elected officers at its annual meeting last month. Joining the 31-member board are:

- **Clifton Anderson**, Woodbine, acting assistant chief executive officer and executive assistant at Woodbine Developmental Center and longtime Woodbine Borough council member. He also is chairman of the Woodbine Municipal Airport Authority.
- **Matthew Buesing**, Cape May Court House, a loan officer with Northeast Community Lending, Egg Harbor Township. He has served on the Middle Township Board of Education, the board of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Atlantic & Cape May Counties, was a trustee of Volunteers in Medicine of Cape May County and on the board of Cape Assist.
- **Dr. Mary L. Caruso**, Sea Isle City, retired educator and former member of the Sea Isle City Board of Education. She was an active member of the N.J. State School Board Association and the Cape May County Board of Education.
- **William G. Cottman Sr.**, Rio Grande, retired executive director of the Wildwood Housing Authority and former executive director of the Yorke Development Corporation. He has also been a longtime community volunteer, including scholarship golf tournaments.
- **Jay M. Ford**, Egg Harbor Township, president and chief executive officer of Crest Savings Bank, has

worked in the financial services industry for more than 30 years. He serves on the board of Burdette Tomlin Memorial Hospital Foundation and as a trustee for St. Joseph's Church in Somers Point. Two of his children are graduates of ACCC.

- **Gregory M. Matuson**, Egg Harbor Township, a certified public accountant, is senior vice president and chief financial officer-treasurer of Sturdy Savings Bank. Matuson has been in banking and accounting since graduating from Richard Stockton College of New Jersey in 1996.

Also returned for a second term were: **Robyn Begley** of Folsom, **Kenneth J. Calemno Jr.** of Sea Isle, **Konrad K. Herr** of Mays Landing, **Diane T. McKoy** of Mays Landing, **Matthew D. Moeller** of Haddonfield and Avalon, and **Robert Patterson** of Wildwood Crest.

All foundation officers were re-elected to two-year terms ending in 2008. The slate consists of **Lynda Pagliughi** of Avalon, tourism/economic development liaison with the South Jersey Transportation Authority, president; **Frank Forde** of Absecon, regional NJSIAA officiating coordinator, vice president for Atlantic County; **Charles Pessagno** of Cape May, president of the NIA Group, vice president for Cape May County; **Dennis Stacy** of Somers Point, American Express financial advisor, treasurer; and **Stephen R. Nehmad**, Egg Harbor Township, a partner in the law firm of Perskie Nehmad & Perillo, secretary.

Serving as foundation executive director is **Patricia Owens**, dean of continuing education and resource development. **Kathleen Corbalis**, executive director, college relations, was named associate director.

## ACCC IN THE NEWS



ACA students **Amanda Kline** and **Edward Soehngen** appeared on the cover of *Casino Connection* magazine for a story on the shortage of trained chefs in the booming casino restaurant industry. The photo shoot was arranged by **Kelly McClay**, assistant director, ACA, through college relations.

*ACA students Amanda Kline and Edward Soehngen posed for the cover of Casino Connection magazine.*

**Theresa Halscheid**, continuing education instructor, was featured in a Philadelphia Inquirer article titled *House-sitters at work*. “Theresa Halscheid doesn’t have a doorbell, a cable-TV contract, or a telephone land line. She is, officially, “Not at This Address.” At least, not for long, the article begins. Her life as a housesitter was the inspiration for her third book of poetry, *Uncommon Geography*,” published by Carpenter Gothic Press last month.

The Cape May County Herald published a photo and caption promoting the *Faces of Autism* display at the Information Commons on the Cape May County Campus last month for National Autism Awareness Month.

## ALUMNI

**Kathryn A. Sappie**, '89, AAS (PTA), of Little Egg Harbor, was awarded the Wachovia Foundation Scholarship at Thomas Edison State College, Trenton, where she's going for her bachelor's degree in psychology. “I have always wanted to get my bachelor's and pursue my passion, which is to teach children,” the Tuckerton Beacon reported she said. The scholarship is funded by Wachovia Corp. and is awarded to Edison College students who earned associate's degrees at a New Jersey community college.

You've heard of high school sweethearts. How about culinary school sweethearts? **Mark Rowand** and **Ann Hilbert**, both '95 graduates, met at ACA, got married and recently bought the Emerald Fish on

Route 70 East in Cherry Hill. Mark helped run the place in its first five years, then left because he didn't want to work on Sundays, although Ann stayed on. According to an article in the Philadelphia Inquirer, the first thing the Rowands did when they took over the seafood establishment: close on Sundays.

**Mike Stollenwerk**, ACA '99, is the new executive chef at Swedes Inn in Swedesboro after stints in restaurants in Cape May, Avalon, Philadelphia and Gloucester County

## **Shore Advice**

### **Protect Yourself from the Sun**

**By Sara Ryan, R.N., M.S.N.**

I came across an interesting Web site in researching summer skin care for children. SummerSkin.com is a leading online resource for suncare information, featuring expert advice from leading health professionals. The aim of SummerSkin.com is to help everyone safely enjoy his or her time in the sun. The Web site features "The Golden Rules of Suncare" series of video Web casts for every member of the family including helpful tips and important facts to keep kids and parents from sun damage.

Take a moment of your time and click on some their segments including:

- Suncare 101
- Choosing the Right Sunscreen
- Keeping Your Children Safe Under the Sun
- Keeping Beautiful Under the Sun
- Smart Sunscreen for the Outdoor Athlete
- Advances in Suncare

### **Free Customer Service Training Workshops May 23 at CMCC**

Businesses can learn how to provide their customers with extraordinary service at two free workshops May 23 at ACCC's Cape May County Campus. The workshops are a Seashore Customer Service training initiative presented by ACCC's Institute for Service Excellence. The workshops will be offered from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. or 1-5 p.m.

Front-line workers will receive training in the key ingredients of exceptional service and participate in role playing activities gleaned from real-life examples of extraordinary service. "Our Seashore Customer Service Training has consistently received high marks on the evaluations from the participants," said **Carol Drea**, director, corporate training and CCI.

A 2004 New Jersey Casino Reinvestment Development Authority survey found today's travelers expect the "extra" ordinary, including activities, destination authenticity and pampering services.

Please have interested parties contact **Jacqueline Ess**, ext. 4848, or e-mail [conted@atlantic.edu](mailto:conted@atlantic.edu).

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

## Scenes from ACCC's Employee Service Awards



*Top left: 10 year award recipients: William Smith and Denise Coulter pose with Dr. Mora.*

*Top right: 15 year recipients Merrill-Jean Bailey, Maryann Carol, Liriana Samuel, Tom DiPietro and Cindy DeFalco, pose with Dr. Mora.*

*At left, 20 year recipients pose with Dr. Mora: Nick Ganaway, Sue Weisgerber, Jeff Phillips, Linda McLeod, Sue Feye, John Feldbauer, Dr. Mora, Bill O'Shea, Rosemary Conaghy and Janet Brenner.*



*Below left, 25-year recipients: Gretchen Harris, Kitty Kalman, President Mora, Carmen Royal, Mike Ferrino, Ken Foster.*

*Below: Retiree Ken Foster poses with Dr. Mora.*



*At left, Yechiel Lehavy received his crystal award from Dr. Mora for his upcoming retirement.*

### Next CommuniCator May 26, Deadline Noon, May 22

The next issue of the *Atlantic Cape CommuniCator* will be Friday, May 26. The deadline is noon, Monday, May 22. Submit articles by e-mail to **Stacey Clapp**, e-mail [sclapp@atlantic.edu](mailto:sclapp@atlantic.edu). Please don't submit articles to **Kathy McGowan** for the May 26 issue. I'll be on vacation!

**--Kathy McGowan, editor**