

# ATLANTIC CAPE COMMUNICATOR

## Atlantic Cape Community College's Information Source

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### NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

#### March is Open Enrollment Month at Tilton Fitness

March is Corporate Open Enrollment at Tilton Fitness. If you join this month, the start-up enrollment fee is waived. Other offers during open enrollment include:

- Free 30-day trial membership
- Four free individual coaching sessions
- \$50 off personal training for six or more sessions (offered to first-time buyers only)



Tilton Fitness has locations in Northfield, Galloway, Mays Landing and Stafford Township. For more information, contact Tilton at 609-FITNESS or visit them online at [www.TiltonFitness.com](http://www.TiltonFitness.com).

#### Atlantic Cape Presents 'Romeo & Juliet' March 14 for Grades K-8

Tickets are still available for two free performances of "Romeo & Juliet," a live play presented by Atlantic Cape's Community Affairs Program, in conjunction with the New Jersey Theatre Alliance, Sunday, March 14. The show is for children, grades K-8, and their families, and will be held at noon at the Middle Township Performing Arts Center in Cape May Court House, and at 4 p.m. in Walter Edge Theater on Atlantic Cape's Mays Landing Campus. This show is most appropriate for sixth grade and up.



The new adaptation of Romeo & Juliet will be performed by The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey's acclaimed "Shakespeare LIVE!" touring company. The performance is based on one of William Shakespeare's most popular plays about the tragic story of two lovers from feuding families.

Performances are free, but reservations are needed to assure a seat. To make a reservation for the Mays Landing Campus performance, visit <http://www.atlantic.edu/community/familyWeek.html>, or call ext. 5666. To make a reservation for the Cape May County performance, e-mail [middlepac@middletpw.k12.nj.us](mailto:middlepac@middletpw.k12.nj.us) or call (609) 463-1924.

#### STEM Building, Solar Project Updates

In the coming weeks, the College community will notice surveyors and construction workers on site as work on the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math building and the solar project gets under way.

The first noticeable physical activity on the STEM building will be the presence of a drilling rig to take the soil borings at the site of the new building. The borings are used to determine the bearing strength of the soil and aid in designing the footings and foundation for the new building. This work requires heavy equipment, and the College will be notified of any anticipated disruptions to normal traffic patterns.

Additionally, Pepco Energy Services, Inc., is conducting surveys of the parking lots at the Mays Landing

and Cape May County campuses for the installation of the solar photovoltaic power project later this year. The College and Pepco entered into a Power Purchase Agreement in January for the design, installation and operation of a 2.3 megawatt solar generation site at these two campuses. The solar photovoltaic system will collectively generate up to 48 percent of Atlantic Cape's total annual electric consumption, at a set rate, independent of market rates, for a 20 year term. If completed today, the installation would rank as the largest single community college solar installation in the nation.

The photovoltaic system includes the installation of carports in six parking lots on the Mays Landing and Cape May County campuses. About 80 percent of the carport arrays will be at the Mays Landing Campus. Installation is scheduled to begin this summer and should be completed in the fall.

Facilities Management will continue to provide updates as these, and other, projects progress.

### **Red Cross Plans March 23 Blood Drive at Mays Landing Campus**

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive in the Mays Landing Campus gym, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesday, March 23. It takes about an hour to donate.



**American  
Red Cross**

There is a critical need for O- and B- donors. There is a special need for donors who self-identify as African descent. This blood is then tagged to go to a child with Sickle Cell Disease, as it is a better match.

For questions on eligibility, or to make an appointment, contact College Nurse **Lisa Braunwell**, ext. 5112, or [lbraunwe@atlantic.edu](mailto:lbraunwe@atlantic.edu).

### **TIAA-CREF Consultant Visit Scheduled for March 16**

Ben Venturo, Individual Consultant with TIAA-CREF, will visit the Mays Landing Campus from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesday, March 16, in J-207.

To schedule an appointment, call (800) 842-8412, and press 0, or schedule online at [http://www.tiaa-cref.org/services/meetings/index.html?tc\\_mcid=vnevents090409](http://www.tiaa-cref.org/services/meetings/index.html?tc_mcid=vnevents090409).

### **SWAT Drill Planned March 19 at Mays Landing Campus**

The Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office and the county SWAT team will conduct a training exercise from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Friday, March 19, at the Mays Landing Campus. Occupants in A and H buildings should be aware the exercise may affect daily operations of the areas throughout the day. Parking lot #1 (A-Lot) will also be closed. Employees should use alternate parking during the day.

### **New Ways to Find Out What's on Sale at Strudels**

Daily updates about Strudels Bakery are now available in two ways:

1. Bookmark <http://www.atlantic.edu/aca/caremes.htm>, or visit [www.atlantic.edu](http://www.atlantic.edu), click on "Academy of Culinary Arts," then click on "Careme's Restaurant" in the left column, and scroll down to the bottom of the page to view the list, which is updated daily.
2. College employees can view the Strudels listing on their Gmail Start Page by adding the Strudels application. To do that, go to <http://its.atlantic.edu>, click "Add Stuff," find the Strudels button and click "Add it Now." The Strudels application will now appear on your Start Page every time you sign in.

## Register Now for Statewide Best Practices Conference

Registration is open for the 2010 New Jersey Council of County Colleges Best Practices Conference. The Conference will be held in the Warner Student Life Center at Brookdale Community College Friday, April 23, from 8 a.m.-3:15 p.m. All registrations can be completed online at <http://www.njccc.org/bp2010.htm>.

Register by Monday, March 15, to receive the early-bird discounted rate of \$60. After March 15, the rate will be \$65.

## Mobile Digital Mammography Van Visit at Mays Landing Campus April 1

AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center's mobile digital mammography van is coming to Atlantic Cape's Mays Landing Campus, parking lot #2 next to the gymnasium, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Thursday, April 1. Most insurance plans accepted. Funds are available to provide mammograms to women without insurance.

Call (800) 246-2404 for an appointment. Have insurance ID number, name, address and phone number of physician available when making appointments.

Call **Lisa Braunwell**, College Nurse, ext. 5112, or [lbrownwe@atlantic.edu](mailto:lbrownwe@atlantic.edu) with questions regarding eligibility criteria for a screening mammogram.

## Art Gallery Features Marian Reinheimer Exhibit through March

Atlantic Cape's art gallery is featuring the work of artist Marian Reinheimer through March 25. An opening reception to meet the artist will be held 1-3:30 p.m., Sunday, March 14. The exhibit and reception are free and open to the public.



Reinheimer, a native of Philadelphia, didn't discover the joy of painting until later in life. Upon retirement, she moved to Longport and earned an associate degree in studio arts at Atlantic Cape and a bachelor's degree from Richard Stockton College of New Jersey. Since then, she has devoted herself to sharing her enthusiasm and skill with others.

While a student at Atlantic Cape, she collaborated with her art professor to establish an art program for the community, known as the Studio Arts Workshops. This year marks the 25th anniversary of these workshops, which continue to bring outstanding, professional artists monthly to the school, for all-day workshops in watercolor and other media.

Reinheimer, now 87, continues to paint, concentrating on local scenes and commissioned house portraits. Her work has won numerous awards in art exhibitions and many of her paintings are in private collections.

For more information, contact **Buddy Jacobs**, Art Gallery Coordinator, at ext. 5346, or [bjacobs@atlantic.edu](mailto:bjacobs@atlantic.edu).

## Atlantic Cape Basketball Players Named All-Region, All-Conference

Two Atlantic Cape basketball players have earned region and conference honors. Guard **Kevin Davis** was named First Team All-Region XIX and All-Garden State Athletic Conference in voting.



Davis is ranked second in the nation in scoring, averaging 29.6 points per game for the Buccaneers. The second-year player is a graduate of Absegami High School and lives in

Smithville. He was also named National Junior College Athletic Association's Player of the Week for Division III schools in January.

**Tomisha Smith**, a freshman from Millville, was named Third Team All-GSAC. She averaged 10.7 points per game, along with 12.6 rebounds per game.

The All-Region and GSAC teams are voted on by the coaches. The teams played the majority of the season on the road while \$1.2 million renovations to the Atlantic Cape gymnasium were completed.

### **Phi Theta Kappa Presents Food Awareness Event**

The Phi Theta Kappa club at Atlantic Cape will present "Hungry for Change," 6-9 p.m., Wednesday, March 24, at the Walter Edge Theater, J-Building, Mays Landing Campus. The event is open to the college community.

The event will include a showing of the film "Food, Inc." Following the movie, a panel of health food/green initiative experts will discuss the film and answer questions.

At the event, Phi Theta Kappa members will collect donations to go toward the purchase of a green house for the Community FoodBank of New Jersey—Southern Branch.

### **HERE'S THE SCOOP**



Many staff and faculty members showed up to wish Paula Demarest good luck in her retirement recently. Farewell, Paula!

The Business Department will host a retirement luncheon for **Dan Thoren**, Professor, Business Administration and Government, following graduation, 1:30 p.m., Thursday, May 20, at the Mays Landing Country Club. Save the date, more details will follow.

Congratulations to **Laura Campbell** who was named Manager, Curriculum and Publications.

*Paula Demarest*

Congratulations to **Valerie Weller** who was promoted to Program Coordinator, Academy of Culinary Arts, effective March 4.

A message from **Josie Chivalette** and **Cheryl Garwood**: "We do not know where to begin to thank each and every one of you for all of the cards, donations and words of comfort you have all expressed to us during such a difficult time. We are truly blessed to have you all as our extended family."

We regret to report the passing of **Carol Drea's** beloved father, John Bednar of Wildwood. Donations in his honor may be made to Jim Junod Lodge, P.O. Box 16354, Philadelphia, PA 19154, or K.I.I.D.S, P.O. Box 1546, Bellmawr, NJ 08099. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Carol at 2 Williamsburg Court, Glassboro, NJ 08028.

The Culinary Student Association is holding a tuna fish drive through March 31 to benefit the Community FoodBank of New Jersey-Southern Branch. Donations can be placed in boxes in A-Building, J-Building (in front of the Student Life Center), and in M-Building (in front of Strudels Bakery).

Happy birthday to: **Vincent Chainey**, **Deanne L. Gipple**, March 14; **Judy Niewender**, March 17; **Kathy Landau**, **Carol Melkonian**, March 18; **Esther James**, March 19; **Al Jou**, March 20; **Thomas Celandine**, March 21; **Frank Branca**, March 22; **Geralyn Michelfelder**, March 23. Adjunct birthdays:

**Brian Adair**, March 12; **James Joseph Cavalieri**, March 19; **Alvin Kaplan**, March 22; **Gail Baldwin**, March 24.

## NEWS FROM ACCC'S OTHER LOCATIONS

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

by **Diana Lojewski**



On March 5, friends and family gathered at East Bay Crab & Grill to celebrate the life and times of **Janet Brenner** at Atlantic Cape. As Director, Community & Cultural Affairs, Janet was a force in the community who will be missed by her family at the Worthington Atlantic City Campus.

The Certified Nurse Aide class at the Health Professions Institute completed training and celebrated graduation March 4. Congratulations and best wishes!

*Jenny Giardina,  
Program Support  
Services, and Janet  
Brenner.*

Best wishes to the ladies and gentlemen from the Macao Polytechnic Institute who completed the Train the Trainer for Dealer Instructors class March 5. A graduation ceremony was held at WACC hosted by Dean **Bobby Royal**, **Jean McAlister**, Associate Dean of Continuing Education, and Carol Drea, Director, Corporate Training & Casino Career Institute.



*Dean Bobby Royal with the Macao group, welcoming them on their first day of class.*

March has been busy at WACC. On March 16, WACC will host the Diversity and Equity Community Advisory Committee of the Board of Trustees for their bi-monthly meeting. The University of Medicine and Dentistry, New Jersey held an all day workshop on March 11.



**Rhonda Petruzzi**, Senior Clerk, Program Support Services, and husband Dave celebrated the first birthday of their precious granddaughter, Cadence Findeison. Go Cadie!



*Cadence*

**Jenny Giardina**, Program Support Services and **Mik Pandit**, son of **Kay Pandit**, Specialist, Conference & Meeting Services, recently attended a fusion wedding combining rich Asian and American traditions.

*Jenny and Mik.*

### Greetings from the Cape May County Campus

by **Lisa Apel-Gendron**

Spring Break is in the air, and it seems that students and faculty alike are ready!

To celebrate Women's History Month, CMCC has an eclectic and interesting roster of events and activities in progress. **Tammy DeFranco**, Counselor I, has put together a series of workshops, including Real Money, Improving Self-Esteem, Health Relationships and Career Exploration. In addition, she and the Student Services team have created an interactive board where students and employees can post a message about a woman who has influenced their lives. Female vocalists on CD will be featured each week, and an Open Mic is set for 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., March 30, with the theme "Through the Eyes of a Woman."

In addition, a panel discussion will be held March 25 in room 212, with three different discussion topics from 9:30-10:45 a.m., 11a.m.-12:15 p.m. and 12:30-1:45 p.m. Students and employees are welcome to attend one, two or all three discussions. Faculty are encouraged to bring their classes. A tentative lineup of

topics includes: human trafficking and safe travel for women, relationship violence, and financial literacy/legal implications for women. The committee facilitating this project includes **Helen McCaffrey**, History Adjunct Instructor; **Maria Kellett**, Director of Major Gifts; **Joan Dillon**, Student Services and **Lisa Apel-Gendron**.

Although operations at CMCC will slow down during spring break, there are quite a few events taking place that week. Our noncredit Medical Administrative Office Specialist class will mark two milestones during spring break week. In class four days a week since Oct. 12, this motivated group of learners will take CPR training March 16 and then sit for their national certification exam March 17. At that point, they are finished! Congratulations to the class and instructors **Jane Hutchinson** and **Terri Wray**!

Also during spring break is the annual tradition of the Cape May County 4-H public speaking competition. Since 4-H needs five classrooms on five consecutive weeknights, the only available time is spring break. CMCC halls will be filled with dozens of eager young speakers and earnest judges each evening next week.

The noncredit Medical Coding and Billing class continues meeting during spring break, and a conference for municipal zoning and planning officials is set for March 18, 9-11 a.m., room 212.



*Spring cleanup at CMCC will be a bigger job this year since trees and shrubs all over campus were pummeled repeatedly by the February storms.*

Now that the snow has melted, the widespread tree damage caused by the winter storms throughout Cape May County is evident. CMCC suffered significant tree damage, with dozens of once-tall arbor vitae drooping sadly toward the ground. Many CMCC employees also report significant tree and property damage. This spring will be one long clean-up effort!

Now for some good news. Overnight custodian **Trish Wickham** is back from medical leave. Welcome back, Trish! We missed you! And security officer **Scott Conklin** and family will be moving into a new home this week. Now that the twins are a year old, the Conklins need a little more space. Congratulations, Scott and Colleen!

Have a worry-free spring break!

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

by **Sherwood Taylor**

A great big thank you and job well done to **Dharmesh Dave**, **Jeff Wenzel** and **Sean Fischer** who weathered the storm and volunteered with **Jean McAlister** to bring in the chefs' food at the South Jersey Men R' Cooking Event on Feb. 25. It was cold and windy, but the snow held out long enough for a record attendance. This event supports the Boys and Girls Club of Atlantic City and Pleasantville.

**Ghyll Theurer**, Program Coordinator, Health Professions Institute, served as a panel member in January during the American Association of Community College's Workforce Development Institute. Ghyll served with Dave Saben, Director, National Accounts, Assessment Technologies Institute; Jim Fotti, Director, National Healthcareer Association to discuss Learner-Centric, Technology-Based Training for the Neo-Millennial Healthcare Workforce. Designed as a comprehensive program for community college-based workforce service providers, the Workforce Development Institute (WDI) is an annual three-day conference that aims to educate, invigorate, and motivate those who are new to workforce development as well as seasoned practitioners.

**Seats available! FREE! Resume Writing and Interviewing Skills Workshop:** Continuing Education will offer a Resume Writing and Interview Skills Workshops to the public. The next session is

Wednesday, March 17, 9 a.m.-noon, at the Cape May County Campus. Please have interested participants call ext. 5600 to reserve a seat.

**Information Session:** Continuing Education will continue to offer information sessions for people interested in our career training programs. Sessions are held:

- Mays Landing Campus, every Thursday at 1 p.m.
- Cape May County Campus, every Thursday at 1 p.m.
- Worthington Atlantic City Campus, the first and third Thursday at 1 p.m.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS



*Sheridan*

Chef Educator **Joseph Sheridan** at the Academy of Culinary Arts was named Educator of the Year by the Professional Chefs Association of South Jersey, a chapter of the American Culinary Federation. Sheridan of Ocean City was honored at the organization's 37th Annual President's Scholarship Ball, Feb. 28. The award is presented to an educator whose knowledge, skills and expertise have enhanced the image of the professional chef. The recipient should also demonstrate the ability to help students define and develop their careers by using their skills and abilities to provide a strong foundation for their future success. Sheridan is a Certified Executive Chef and graduated cum laude from Drexel University with a degree in Culinary Arts. He has an associate degree in Culinary Arts and graduated with highest honors from Atlantic Cape Community College in 1996. He is a Nathan Schwartz Award recipient and has been teaching full-time at the Academy since 2007. Sheridan serves as a member of the Culinary Advisory Board at Atlantic Cape and specializes in hot foods and dining room operations. The chefs association also awarded a scholarship to the ACA's **Andrew Huggard**, of Galloway, an exemplary culinary student who also earned a certified junior culinarian (CJC) designation by the American Culinary Federation.

**Erin Martin**, a student in the Special Topics in News Writing had a guest column published in the Press of Atlantic City March 2. Her commentary was about Dr. Adam Pfeffer, the retiring superintendent from Greater Egg Harbor Regional High School District. It was commentary she wrote in Special Topics (COMM210) as a class assignment.

The Alpha Delta Mu Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa attended the Middle States Regional Convention in Long Branch Feb. 12-14, where they attended many events and educational forums and received numerous awards and honors. There are 74 chapters in the Middle States Region. Highlights included:



*President Nicole Schoenstein at her booth with her Election Team. Advisor Carolyn Coulter, right, and Jon Dorenbos of the Philadelphia Eagles.*



Member **Raquel Richardson** won the Hall of Honor Member Award; Officer **Dorothy Doyne** won the Hall of Honor Officer Award; Chapter President **Nicole Schoenstein** won the Hall of Honor President Award and Distinguished Chapter President Award; Advisor **Carolyn Coulter** won the Paragon Award for advisors with less than 5 years experience; the chapter won the Five Star Award with Pinnacle and Northern Star Award; and the chapter won the Milestone Award for the chapter that has accomplished the most in the least amount of time. This award is based on the total score of all three Hallmark entries (Scholarship, Leadership and Service) and carries a \$750 stipend to attend International Convention in Orlando in April. President Nicole Schoenstein was elected to New Jersey State President for Phi Theta Kappa.

Absegami High School seniors Faiza Nawas, Ebony Black and Macy McCoy worked with **Michael**



**Sargente** at the WACC Information Commons March 2-4 for their Community Service Learning & Workplace Readiness Project. They worked in the library and computer lab, spent time with the writing tutors, and also served as aides in several ESL classrooms. All three will attend Atlantic Cape upon graduation from Absegami. Many thanks to **Christina Cavage, Kristi Bergman, Shirley Shields** and **Penny Santamaria** for making their classrooms available to the service learning students.

**Susan DePhilippis**, Assistant Professor of English as Second Language, photographed 24 Galloway Township K-8<sup>th</sup> grade winning artwork entries for a project sponsored by the International Education and Multicultural Awareness Committee and the Faculty Assembly. She has created a digital slideshow for viewing at Atlantic Cape. The students were honored with certificates of achievement from the college for their participation.

## ACCC IN THE NEWS

**Carol Drea**, Director of the Casino Career Institute, was interviewed by the Philadelphia Inquirer and KYW-Radio about casino training options as Pennsylvania expands gaming. Interviews are available at: [http://www.philly.com/philly/business/homepage/20100306\\_Classes\\_forming\\_soon\\_to\\_learn\\_the\\_casino\\_ropes.html](http://www.philly.com/philly/business/homepage/20100306_Classes_forming_soon_to_learn_the_casino_ropes.html) and <http://www.kyw1060.com/A-S--Jersey-College-Helps-Train-Casino-Dealers-in-/6524210>.

The Atlantic Cape Community College Restaurant Gala was featured in Whitney Ullman's entertainment column in Atlantic City Weekly: <http://www.atlanticcityweekly.com/news-and-views/whitneys-radar/Take-a-Risk-86227322.html>.

Director of Culinary Operations **Bruce Johns** was interviewed by NBC-40, which featured students in Chef **Vincent Tedeschi**'s class carving ice sculptures for the Restaurant Gala. View the footage at: [http://www.nbc40.net/view\\_story.php?id=12491](http://www.nbc40.net/view_story.php?id=12491).

**Dr. Peter Mora** was quoted in a Press of Atlantic City article about how county colleges will cope with less state aid this year. Mora told the paper the Atlantic Cape is working to control costs but will offset lost aid with enrollment increases.

A Press of Atlantic City article on the Next Generation Aviation Research and Technology Park included details about the plans to incorporate air traffic control training at Atlantic Cape.

Student **Michelle Mauro**'s photography is on display this month at Brigantine City Hall. Her exhibit was featured in The Brigantine Times.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE



Dr. Mora provided welcoming remarks at the library open house event March 2. The William Spangler Library Information Commons has been renovated to include a new computer lab with 26 PC-based work stations and Smartboard technology, two new elevators, and new carpeting and acoustic wall panels to reduce noise.

*From left, William Paulin, Director of the Atlantic County Library System; Patrice Leatherberry, Program Coordinator, LAC; Dr. Mora and Grant Wiliniski, Associate Dean, Academic Support Services.*

Dr. Mora joined the Institutional Effectiveness Committee in hosting Dr. Ellie Fogarty, newly appointed

representative to our College's region for the Middle States Commission of Higher Education. Dr. Fogarty enjoyed visiting the campus for the first time and was provided an overview of college initiatives by **Dr. Mora**, **Dr. Art Wexler** and **Dr. Rich Perniciaro**, and the College's leaders in assessment.

## **ASSESSMENT TIP OF THE MONTH**

MEAT DISHES OF THE WORLD (Involve students in the testing/assessment process): As a take-home assignment posted on my blackboard for my International Cuisine class, the students are required to research various meat dishes of the world. In the instructions they have to identify the dish - meat used sauce and/or other specs of the dish, its originating country and other spellings of the dish that they might find from their research. This assignment counts as one quiz grade for the class. Some of these dishes we actually prepare in class. This creates a more diverse understanding of various cuisines of the world. This permits students to have input into what dishes are prepared in the class. This tip can be applied to any class...ask your students to research and submit one question (answer included) that they feel should be on a quiz. Create the quiz using as many of the students' questions as are appropriate.

--Submitted by *Amy Shelton, Assistant Professor of Mathematics*

## **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 26**

The next issue of the *Atlantic Cape CommuniCator* is Friday, March 26. Deadline is noon Monday, March 22. Please e-mail your submissions to **Stacey Clapp**, [sclapp@atlantic.edu](mailto:sclapp@atlantic.edu).

--**Stacey Clapp**, editor