

ATLANTIC CAPE COMMUNICATOR

Atlantic Cape Community College's Information Source

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NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

Middle States Accepts Monitoring Report, Affirms College's Accreditation

The Middle States Commission on Higher Education voted June 24 to accept the college's Monitoring Report, affirming the college's institutional accreditation.

Dr. Peter Mora said he was delighted with the outcome. "The affirmation of accreditation from the MSCHE is the single most important enterprise-wide event in the five years I have served as president of Atlantic Cape Community College. I am exceedingly proud of the Institutional Effectiveness Committee and all members of the college community whose efforts led to this successful outcome."



**MIDDLE STATES COMMISSION
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Dr. Richard Perniciaro, dean of facilities, planning and research, and **Dr. Art Wexler**, vice president of academic affairs, chaired the committee, which was charged with developing a comprehensive Monitoring Report in response to the results of 10-Year Middle States Evaluation the College received in 2006. That evaluation covered FY'96 through FY'05.

From 2006 to 2010, the college worked with the MSCHE to develop and implement an Institutional Effectiveness Plan. That plan established a college-wide assessment process and created a tighter coordination of the planning and budgeting functions. In its most recent action, Middle States found these improvements to be in keeping with its "Characteristics of Excellence in Higher Education," the standard set for accreditation of all institutions in our region.

Members of the Institutional Effectiveness Committee included: **Kathy Corbalis, Paula Davis, Dr. Dorothea Dunayer, Jean McAlister, Dr. Ron McArthur, Luis Montefusco, Paula Pitcher, Dr. Paula Roberson, Amy Shelton, Catherine Skinner and Brittany Williams-Goldstein.**

"I would like to formally acknowledge the sustained four-year effort of the IEC to develop a successful Monitoring Report that contained input from virtually every department within the college, including guidance from the Board of Trustees," Dr. Mora said. "The entire institution owes a great debt to each and every member of this committee, and especially to the co-chairs."

The next Periodic Review Report is due June 1, 2013, according to the MSCHE.

Branding Update: Red and Blue Makes Its Debut; New Items Will Phase In

As planned, red and blue college logos are popping up around campus this summer, a prelude to the full conversion to that color palette set to take place at the start of the fall semester. Due to the large number of items that must be updated, the College began switching over some items bearing the teal and blue

“wave” logo to the red and blue color scheme on July 1.

The new color palette, which harkens back to the College’s original official colors, is being implemented as part of a major College branding project that will roll out this fall. The red and blue logo will grace everything from campus signage, to business cards, letterhead, name tags, advertising and recruitment materials.

As reported in previous CommuniCators, the college has adopted a new brand platform, including a brand positioning statement, key marketing messages and new tagline--*Opportunity Starts Here*--that will debut in an advertising campaign in area media this fall.



Here’s where various parts of the color conversion project stand:

Business cards: New business cards for Atlantic Cape staff who now have them are on order and are set to arrive this month. When they come in, Receiving will ship them to you via inter-office mail. If you are out of cards, you may begin using the new ones as soon as they come in. Otherwise, begin using the new cards **Aug. 30**.

Name tags: New name tags will be available this month. They will be shipped to you via inter-office mail when they arrive. Begin wearing your new name tag **Aug. 30**.

ID Cards: If you use a photo ID name tag now, update your ID card at the Student Life Center on the Mays Landing Campus; Rm. 134, Worthington Atlantic City Campus; and Student Services, Cape May County Campus. Since students are being issued red and blue ID cards, this service is available **now**.

Note pads: Based on a list approved by Senior Staff, Print Shop staff will prepare personalized college note pads in batches throughout the summer. When yours are ready, they will be sent to you inter-office. Continue to use your current supply **until it is used up**.

Letterhead: Use up current letterhead now through **Aug. 30**, as available. Begin using new red and blue letterhead **Aug. 30**. You can order the new letterhead from Central Stores starting **now**.



Tommy DiPietro sports his new red and blue patch.

Facilities and security name patches and truck decals: Conversion is ongoing in stages this summer.

College Signs: Main college signs at the Mays Landing and East campuses will be updated with the new color palette this fall and the Cape May County Campus will receive a new electronic sign. “You Are Here” campus maps will appear in large format at pull-in areas near each Mays Landing Campus entrance and on stands around the campus as part of the project.

Recruitment Materials: A new college viewbook and Academy of Culinary Arts brochure will be available **Aug. 30**.

Website—New theming and colors will appear on the site by **Aug. 30**.

Identity Standards Guide Now Online

Do you have questions on the new official college colors (Pantone Matching System 193 and 294, by the way) and how to use the college logo?

College Relations staffers **Mike Capen**, graphic designer, and **Geoffrey Pettifer**, director of college marketing, have developed a new College Identity Standards Guide to smooth your way.

The standards guide outlines acceptable and unacceptable uses of the logo and defines the new “sub-brand” logos that will be used for major programs within the college, e.g., the Academy of Culinary Arts, Casino Career Institute and Health Professions Institute.

It also reminds employees to refer to the college as “Atlantic Cape” not “ACCC” on second reference.

You can reference the new guide online at <http://www.atlantic.edu/about/relations>.

Stay tuned for more updates in future CommuniCators!

Strategic Planning Initiative Marks Key Milestones

The ongoing process to develop a new Atlantic Cape Strategic Plan for 2011-2015 continues on track this summer, with a number of key milestones met. The plan is now with **Dr. Mora** and the Senior Staff for review and is expected to be available in final draft form in August. Next, the plan will go to the College’s Board of Trustees for adoption and then to the College community for implementation this fall.

Donna Vassallo, assistant professor of hospitality management, and **Paula Pitcher**, assistant dean of institutional research and planning, chair a college-wide steering committee that has been guiding the effort, along with **Luis Montefusco**, director, institutional planning and assessment. Other members of the committee include: **Torrina Bennett**, **Kathy Corbalis**, **Dr. Dorothea Dunayer**, **Nick Ganaway**, **Michael Kernan**, **Jean McAlister**, **Bart Musitano** and **Nancy Porfido**.

The group used a modified version of the Society of College and University Planning’s planning model, which calls for a four-phase process: *Learn*, *Visualize*, *Set Course* and *Implement*. When complete, the 2011-2015 plan will include: Mission, Values, Vision, Goals and Objectives.

Key Milestones, By Phase, Include:

“Learn” Phase: Information gathering and extensive internal and external stakeholder input through information sessions, retreats and focus panels.

--January-Feb. 19--Development of Atlantic Cape’s 2010 Environmental Scan, a document shared with community stakeholders as input for a strategic planning retreat.

--Jan. 27--College-wide strategic planning information sessions, conducted by consultant Richard Maher of Maher & Maher. All employees were invited to attend one of the sessions, with broadcasts to the Atlantic City and Cape May County campuses.

--Feb. 19--Strategic Planning Community Stakeholders Retreat. Facilitated by Rick Maher, the retreat brought together a representative cross-section of faculty, staff and students who met with and collected input from community stakeholders. The groups identified community needs, opportunities, and challenges facing the college, and developed potential strategies to address issues raised.

--March 19--Board of Trustees Retreat, “Harnessing the Trustee Perspective in Institutional Strategic Planning.” After an overview of the process, trustees reviewed and prioritized recommended strategies that emerged from the community stakeholders’ retreat, providing additional ideas and input.

--March, April and May--Steering Committee members conducted focus groups at all three campuses with faculty, staff, students and Foundation board members to elicit internal college community feedback on strategic planning initiative.

“Visualize” Phase: Review of the College’s mission and values, the development of a vision for the College’s future and a review by Senior Staff of the outcomes from this process.

--April 22, 29 and May 6--Based on literature by James C. Collins and Jerry I. Porras on organizations that

enjoy “enduring success,” as well as input from the Senior Staff, Steering Committee reviewed the College’s current mission and values and developed a description of an envisioned future for the College.

“Set Course” Phase: Entails developing a gap analysis between the outcomes of the Learn Phase and the reviewed mission, values and envisioned future for the College, determining strategic issues that will be addressed by the College in the next five years and identifying and writing the College’s 2011-2015 institutional goals and measurable objectives.

--April 22 and 29, May 6--Steering Committee identified strategic issues.

--May 26, 27--Steering Committee conducted workshop to identify and write goals.

--In progress--The Steering Committee has identified critical factors and will develop “SMART”--Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, Time-bounded--institutional objectives around these factors to meet the new strategic goals. Once met, these objectives will provide empirical evidence of the extent to which institutional planning goals are being achieved. Institutional “SMART” objectives will be fine-tuned by College departments responsible to implement strategic budget initiatives that will support meeting institutional objectives and corresponding goals.

“Implement” Phase: When the Strategic Plan 2011-2015 is finalized, the Steering Committee will recommend to Senior Staff a process on how to transform institutional strategies--goals and objectives--into actions. The College’s Institutional Effectiveness Plan will also be reviewed.

Paychecks Available Thursdays during Summer

Paychecks and pay stubs are available for pick up from 3-5 p.m. on Thursdays for the summer months. Checks may not be cashed or deposited before the check date.

Atlantic Cape Payroll Project Implementation Update

Over the past 18 months, the college has been implementing a new Management Information System (MIS) called Colleague. This MIS project includes a new Human Resources/Payroll System for all college employees. The conversion from the current Sungard Human Resources system (HRS) to the Colleague HR/Payroll system began with the July 2 pay date.

The Human Resources and Payroll Project Implementation Team has provided detailed information about how the conversion to Colleague’s payroll system will affect all employee pay stubs and direct deposit notices. Visit <http://atlantic.edu/hr/> for details.

Travel Experiences Offer Getaways to Maryland, Virginia

Take in the history at Mt. Vernon, Va., Saturday, July 17, the charm of St. Michaels, Md., Saturday, Aug. 14, and the flavors of the Maryland Seafood Festival, Saturday, Sept. 11, through Atlantic Cape’s travel programs, coordinated and presented by Boscov’s Travel.



Visit Mt. Vernon with a self-guided audio tour of the gardens, grounds, mansion house and more than a dozen outbuildings and a guided tour of George Washington’s Distillery and Gristmill. Enjoy a full-course lunch at the Mount Vernon Inn. This trip is \$105 per person.

Explore St. Michaels, Md., with a trip that includes: admission to the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum with the nation’s most complete collection of Chesapeake Bay artifacts, visual arts and indigenous watercraft, a narrated cruise along the Miles River and lunch at a local restaurant. This trip is \$115 per person.

It's about fun and feasting at the 43rd annual Maryland Seafood Festival at Sandy Point State Park, in Annapolis, Md. This trip includes 10 food tickets, admission to the festival, where visitors can enjoy seafood, scenery, live music and children's beach activities. Additional food tickets can be purchased at the event. This trip is \$85 per person.

All trips depart from the Shore Mall, Egg Harbor Township. For exact departure times, reservations, or more information, call (609) 383-1880, and ask for the Travel Center.

Summer Art Gallery Exhibit Features Brigantine Artists

Atlantic Cape's Art Gallery will feature the work of more than 20 artists from Brigantine in its summer exhibit, "Brigantine Beach Cultural Arts Commission," through July 28.



A reception to meet the artists will be held 4:30-7:30 p.m., Monday, July 19. The event is free and open to the public and members of the commission.

The exhibit displays a diverse representation of styles, techniques and subject matter through paintings, prints, drawings and sculptures.

The Cultural Arts Commission was founded in 1993 with a mission to promote and advance artistic and cultural endeavors to benefit the residents of Brigantine.

The Art Gallery is located in C building (C-125), on the Mays Landing Campus. For more information, contact **Buddy Jacobs**, art gallery coordinator, at ext. 5346, or bjacobs@atlantic.edu.

Women's Basketball Player Named Academic All-American

Atlantic Cape basketball player **Justina Mishkovsky**, an Egg Harbor City native and graduate of Oakcrest High School, was named a 2009-2010 NJCAA Academic All-American.



Mishkovsky

As co-captain and guard for the Buccaneers women's basketball team, Mishkovsky, who also plays shortstop for the Bucs softball team, is known to lead by example, said **Mike Rennick**, senior athletics and fitness manager.

Mishkovsky has received numerous honors this year, including being named "Woman of the Year" by the New Jersey Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women I, NJCAA Leader for Life Student Athlete of the Week, All-Garden State Athletic Conference 2nd Team-Softball, and Academic All Region for basketball and softball.

Outside of athletics, Mishkovsky is involved in helping her community. The sophomore works regularly with her church at a homeless shelter and food pantry. She also helps in fundraising for the homeless and distributes food to needy families.

Academically, she has received many honors including a New Jersey STARS scholarship to attend Atlantic Cape and was named to the All-Region 19 Academic Team. In her three semesters at Atlantic Cape, she has been on the Dean's List and holds a 3.77 GPA.

After her graduating from Atlantic Cape, Mishkovsky plans to attend a four-year school and major in education to become a health and physical education teacher.

Foundation Board Reorganizes, Names New Members

The Atlantic Cape Community College Foundation appointed new officers, added new members and reappointed others, effective July 1.

The board elected **Diane T. McKoy** of Mays Landing, former vice president, to succeed outgoing president **Charles Pessagno**. McKoy is a certified public accountant who has served on and chaired the Atlantic Cape Community College Restaurant Gala Committee.

Other officers named were **Nick Cashan III** of Hammonton, area president of Arthur J. Gallagher RMS Inc., as first vice president; **Ken Calemno Jr.** of Sea Isle City, chief operating officer of Cooper Levenson law firm, as second vice president; **Vicki T. Clark** of Cape May Court House, president of the Cape May County Chamber of Commerce, as third vice president; **Stephen Nehmad Esq.** of Egg Harbor Township, partner in the law firm Nehmad, Perillo & Davis, as secretary; and **Dennis Stacy**, certified financial planner of Ameriprise Financial, of Northfield, as treasurer. These officers will serve two-year terms through June 30, 2012.

Four new at-large members were elected to the board to serve three-year terms:

- **Carol Joy Harvey** of Cape May Court House, owner of Charles Harvey Home Furnishings
- **Christine Lane** of Cape May Court House, licensed social worker and CEO of Shore Counseling
- **William J. McMahon III** of Beesleys Point, vice president and general manager of McMahon Insurance Agency
- **James M. Rutala** of Linwood, former city administrator of Ocean City

These members were re-appointed: **Dr. Nirmala Basavanand** of Atlantic City, **Justine Coyle** of Egg Harbor Township, **Mark Hall** of Linwood, **Roman Osadchuk** of Wildwood and **Charles Pessagno** of Galloway Township.

Atlantic Cape established the Foundation in 1978 to build a broad base of financial support for its programs and services. Foundation members are drawn from local industry and small businesses and represent a broad cross-section of active leaders in the community. The Foundation has raised more than \$2 million for scholarships and to enhance academic programs and the campus environment.

Casino Career Institute Classes Forming Now

The Casino Career Institute of Atlantic Cape has prepared more than 50,000 people for rewarding careers in gaming, and continues to offer top-notch training for those who wish to enter the casino profession as it continues to expand throughout the region. Tuition assistance and scholarships are available for eligible students.

Classes offered are Craps, Baccarat, Poker, Pai Gow Tiles, Roulette, Pai Gow Poker, Asia Poker and Carnival Games. In addition, CCI offers Introduction to Casino Games/Blackjack, which prepares students for entry into any primary or secondary game.

CCI also provides training in non-dealing casino professions such as Slot Technician and Surveillance Training.

Gaming classes begin every two weeks. Classes are offered morning, afternoon and evening. For more information, or to register, call ext. 4848 or visit www.atlantic.edu/cci.

Health and Wellness Classes Rescheduled for July 28

Health and wellness training classes canceled due to air conditioning problems on the Mays Landing Campus are rescheduled for Wednesday, July 28.

Shelter operations, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., prepares volunteers of the Red Cross and other agencies to manage shelter operations effectively and sensitively as a team, while meeting the needs of people displaced as a result of a disaster.

Shelter simulation, 12-3 p.m., is designed for learners to acquire knowledge of Red Cross policies and procedures of setting up, running and closing a shelter during a disaster. This class will apply the knowledge, skills and abilities you acquired in the shelter operations course. Pre-requisite—shelter operations.

Disaster care and preparedness trainings are co-taught by DonnaLynn Warren, emergency services director, Southern Shore Chapter of the American Red Cross and College Nurse **Lisa Braunwell**, in Rm. H-116.

RSVP to Lisa Braunwell at ext. 5112 or lbrownwe@atlantic.edu. Please be sure to have permission from your supervisor prior to signing up for a training session. Lunch will be provided.

HERE'S THE SCOOP



Jessie and Tak open presents at their surprise baby shower.

Jessie Lu, finance, and **Tak Chung**, library, were surprised with a baby shower recently. They are expecting the arrival of a baby girl shortly.

Interested in antiques? **Susan Van Rossum**, adjunct instructor of English, owns an antique shop and posts Sundays to her blog about items in her shop, including their history and background. Read up at www.thedutchrose.blogspot.com.

Deepest sympathy to **Glenda Stogel**, admissions, on the loss of her father, George Sherman Pierce, 86, who passed away on June 18 with the support and care of the Holy Redeemer Hospice. Condolences may be sent to Glenda at 2 Bartlett Blvd., Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234. In lieu of flowers, please donate a favorite book to your local library in Mr. Pierce's memory.

Happy birthday to: **Sean Fischer**, July 15; **Ellen Splaver**, July 16; **Daniel Matt**, July 17; **Linda DeSantis**, July 18; **Mark Camma**, **Robert Townsend**, July 20; **Brittine Pratt**, **Maryann McCall**, **Eileen Palmisano**, **Benjamin Ward**, July 21; **Debbie Ciarrocki**, July 22; **Cheryl Knowles Harrigan**, **Anita Polanco**, July 23; **Kenneth Selwood**, July 25; **Barry Canty**, **Clennon Roe Jr.**, July 26; **Godfrey Barlatt**, July 27; **Gerri Black**, **Christine English-Martin**, July 28; **Michael Bolicki**, **Linda Hair**, **Shirley Shields**, **Joseph Sheridan**, July 30; **Kristen Grech**, **Sandi Greco**, July 31; **Wen-Mei Lu**, Aug. 1; **David Moderski**, Aug. 4; **Eric Stewart**, **Scott Conklin**, Aug. 5; **Susan DePhilippis**, **Horace Ross**, Aug. 9.

Adjunct birthdays: **Pattie Harris**, July 15; **Cynthia Smith**, July 18; **Chelsea Capizzi-Walsh**, **George Dailey**, **Dolores Doherty**, July 19; **Julianne Reinhardt**, July 21; **Tara Costantini**, July 23; **Craig Gras**, **Benjamin Gindville**, July 24; **Walter Bernacki**, July 25; **James Travis**, July 26; **Harry Seward**, July 29; **Lawrence Ponzek**, **Martin Coppola**, Aug. 5; **John Pekich**, **Ed Peckiconis**, **Matthew Thoren**, Aug. 7; **Edward Gaine**, Aug. 10.

NEWS FROM ATLANTIC CAPE'S OTHER LOCATIONS

Greetings from the Charles D. Worthington Atlantic City Campus

by Diana Lojewski

WACC is gearing up for a summertime experience of fun and learning for elementary students from Cape May and Atlantic Counties.

The Summer Youth College is offered to introduce the idea of attending college to children during the early years of education. The Diversity and Equity Committee of Atlantic Cape Community College is able to extend the opportunity to local children free of charge as a result of contributions from Borgata Heart and Soul Foundation, Cape Bank Charitable Foundation, Sun Bank in Atlantic County, Guthrie Glass and Mirror Inc. and a private donor. The children participating in the program are chosen by their respective elementary school administrators and attend classes Monday-Thursday, July 19-22, at WACC and July 26-29 at CMCC.

The nuts and bolts of the program began with the efforts of **Patricia Gandy**, administrative secretary to **Dean Bobby Royal** at WACC. Patricia spearheads the efforts to recruit the elementary schools that nominate their students to participate. Patricia, with the assistance of **Susan Lee**, non-credit registration coordinator, continues with the administrative support for the program.

Josie Chivalette, director, WACC program support services, picks up the ball by recruiting the many talented instructors who volunteer their time and expertise. Our instructors are: **Jennifer and Stephanie Giardina, Eileen Ramspacher, Michael Sargente, and David Inzinna**. Facilitators and guest speakers include: **David Pringle, Lynette Ingram, Ghyll Theurer, Veronica Bandrowski** and Chef **Kelly McClay**.

Courses to be offered include: Catch Your Dream Through Career Awareness, Personal Development, Health and Wellness, Creative Writing, Math Logic, Art Design, Forensic Science, Book Club and Mad Scientist.

Capping off the program will be trips by the eighth grade students to US Coast Guard stations at Atlantic City and Cape May. These trips were made possible through the efforts of **Torrina Bennett-Michael**, director of community and cultural affairs.

Kay Pandit, specialist, conference, meeting and event planning, is responsible for room scheduling and meal planning. Can you image planning meals and snacks for over 120 kids?



Rhonda Petruzzi, senior cashier, enjoyed a day at Rainey Day Farms with her granddaughter, Cadence Joy Findeison.

Dr. Alice Rainey, program officer, student development, is the proud owner of two miniature horses. Snickers is pictured at left.

Susan Lee, non-credit program coordinator, has just returned from a cross-country auto excursion to Oregon. In her travels, she spotted an elk at the Grand Canyon Village.



Greetings from the Cape May County Campus

by Lisa Apel-Gendron

Well, it's the middle of July, and two things go hand-in-hand this time of year: scorching weather and the Cape May County 4-H Fair. Atlantic Cape employees will staff a booth at the fair July 15-17, and they could use a hand. If you can help, why not stop by and relieve a booth worker for an hour or so? **Linda McLeod**, admissions, tells us the booth will be staffed from 4-8 p.m. all three days. The fairgrounds are located next to CMCC, and you can park in the CMCC lot as long as you explain that you're an Atlantic Cape employee working the fair. Wear comfortable clothing and flat shoes!



Fifteen high school students spent four information-packed days at CMCC previewing careers in law enforcement and public safety.

It was cops and robbers at CMCC the week of June 28. CMCC once again hosted the Summer Institute for Law and Public Safety, where 15 students from the Cape May County Technical High School learned first-hand about careers in criminal justice. Coordinated by **Prof. Tom Innocente**, criminal justice, and **Dr. Dottie Dunayer**, academics, the program is funded by the NJ Department of Education Tech Prep grant. The students learned about evidence gathering techniques and helped lift fingerprints off evidence, and they experienced sobriety testing in the classroom. Off campus, they saw a glimpse of the Department of Homeland Security during a visit to the FAA Technical Center, and they toured the Atlantic County Sheriff's Department. We think Tom had just as much fun as the youngsters!

We're pleased to learn that CMCC grad and longtime math tutor **Javad Razizad** has earned his bachelor's in mathematics from Rowan University. Javad came to us in Rio Grande in 2003, and he became an instant hit with students in need of math tutoring. It's clear that Javad just loves math. He even gave an informative speech in Public Speaking about the genesis of Calculus!

It's vacation time, and the CMCC team seems to be heading west. **Thom Partin**, receiving, met up with his son, who lives in Nevada, in San Diego for a Father's Day weekend of baseball. His beloved Orioles didn't fare so well, but he had a phenomenal time anyway. **Trish Wickham**, facilities, headed to California as well to visit her son, David, who recently moved to the Golden State and attends college there.

Kathy Fritz, library, broke the travel trend. Instead, she and her husband went north to the Canadian side of Niagara Falls. When she saw photos of **Roy Burnham's**, facilities, trip there in April, she decided that was the place to visit this summer.

A shout out of appreciation goes to custodian **Liz Jackson**, who took some extra time a couple of weeks ago to add some much-needed support stakes to our potted rubber trees. The trees have grown steadily and become top-heavy. But Liz found just the right stakes to shore up the trees, which were donated by **Mike Sargente**, library, and **Dr. Josette Katz**, business.

We hear that **Dr. George Dailey**, history, is recuperating very nicely at home from his Memorial Day weekend heart hijinks. We like hearing that good news, George! Keep up the good recovery. Hope to see you at CMCC soon for a visit.

CMCC has really gone to the dogs lately. After **Sgt. Al Jayne**, security, adopted Sam, a mixed breed rescue from North Carolina, **Joan Dillon**, student services, and **Joann Taylor**, faculty support, have gotten into the act. Joan and her family adopted Riley, a mixed breed rescue puppy from the same North Carolina shelter. Joann and her husband have made arrangements to adopt an 11-month-old Whippet from a shelter in Voorhees. Dog-lovers abound at CMCC, including **Chris Vallese**, ITS; **Curtis Fitzpatrick**, **Liz Jackson** and **Trish Wickham**, facilities; **Linda Hair**, faculty support; **Kathleen Denice**, testing; **Dr. Pat Gentile**, dean; **Regina Van Epps**, English; **Terri Hamby**, science labs; and **Tammy DeFranco**, student services.

CMCC celebrates its fifth anniversary this fall. Look for a bevy of events to commemorate our first—and very fast—5 years. More to come! Have a worry-free weekend!

CONTINUING EDUCATION

by **Sherwood Taylor**

Did you know the Casino Career Institute begins classes every two weeks? CCI has a reputation for delivering gaming training to more than 50,000 people over its 30-year history. Classes currently offered are Craps, Baccarat, Poker, Pai Gow Tiles, Roulette, Pai Gow Poker, Asia Poker and Carnival Games. In addition, CCI offers Introduction to Casino Games/Blackjack, which prepares students for entry into any primary or secondary game. Tuition assistance and scholarships are available for eligible students. Gaming classes begin every two weeks. Classes are offered morning, afternoon and evening. For more information, or to register, call (609) 343-4848 or visit www.atlantic.edu/cci.

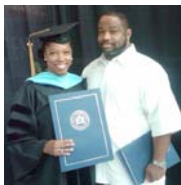
New Training Program for the Youth Career Advancement Program: Atlantic Cape, in conjunction with the Atlantic Cape May Workforce Investment Board, will train eligible 18- to 21-year-olds looking for entry-level positions in the banking/finance industry. Participants will learn work readiness, computer and life skills. They will also receive training and sit for the certification in professional customer service. A banking services model will train participants in the handling of cash, bank and teller procedures and understanding bank and financial products. The training will be held in Atlantic and Cape May counties and is completely free. Please refer anyone who is interested to **Erica Hoskins**, ext. 5682.

Did you know New Jersey is the No. 2 installer of solar panels in the United States? The Green Education Institute presents Home Solar 101 on Aug. 10. This course will provide you with information about why solar is a popular clean, renewable energy source locally and around the world. For location and cost visit www.atlantic.edu/green.

Congratulations to **Ghyll Theurer**, program coordinator, Health Professions Institute, and husband, Bruce, for becoming great-grandparents. Their granddaughter Debbie and her husband, Chris, welcomed their first child, Christopher Anthony, at 7:44 p.m., Saturday, June 26. Baby Chris weighed in at 7 lbs., 9 oz. and measured 19.75 inches long. Mom and baby are doing well, new daddy Chris is still floating on cloud nine and the great-grandparents are thrilled!

Boxes Needed: If you have empty paper boxes, send them to **Melissa Greener**, Mays Landing East.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Paula and Bernard Roberson at the Bank Atlantic Center in Sunrise, Fla.

Paula Roberson, learning outcome assessment coordinator, received her Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Nova Southeastern University in Ft. Lauderdale June 12. Her dissertation was an “Evaluation of an Afterschool Program Aimed at Improving Achievement of African American Students.”

Dr. Pat Gentile was honored for her roles as a founding Charter Member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals of New Jersey, Southern Chapter, at a meeting held in Hammonton. In 2007, Pat worked with other nonprofit executives in Southern New Jersey to form this new chapter. She has been a member, on and off, of the AFP since the early 1980s. The meeting also recognized the 50th anniversary of the founding of the international AFP and featured national, regional and local speakers.

Keith Carson, senior adjunct professor of history, attended the 2010 AP European History Reading from June 12-18 at Colorado State University in Ft. Collins, Colo. While there, Keith attended a professional presentation titled “Teaching European History: A Thematic Approach - Challenging Assumptions,” moderated by Peter Porter (Montville Township High School) and featuring eminent historians George Munro (Virginia Commonwealth University), Ray Hebert (St. Thomas More College), Denis Paz (University of North Texas), and Louise Forsyth (Poly Prep Country Day School). He also completed 5.2

Continuing Education Units as an AP European History Reader and received a certificate in recognition of his service from the College Board.

Rita Michalenko, assistant professor of arts and humanities, participated in the 2010 Glasstown Arts District Plein Air Competition. Two of her oil paintings are on display at the Riverfront Renaissance Center for the Arts in Millville. Also, through July 25, she is participating in the Hammonton Art Center - Floral Show, exhibiting a pastel painting, "Bearded Ladies," which won first place for the flower division with an orchid. Rita also participated in "Paint Out" (plein air) with the Cape May County Art League in Dennisville and is exhibiting paintings at the "Riverfront Renaissance Exhibit Works Fresh from the Studio" show in Millville July 16-Aug. 14.

Dr. Patricia Russell-Chapman, adjunct instructor, recently participated in a webinar presented by Blackboard and hosted by The Chronicle of Higher Education. It was an informative and interactive webinar in which Sheri Rawls, Director of the Learning Enhancement Center at the University of Southern Mississippi, and Tom Clarke, Blackboard Consulting, discussed how the online program met the needs of its students, increased enrollment, and improved retention rates.

ATLANTIC CAPE IN THE NEWS

The Press of Atlantic City reported on the hiring of two new coaches. **Will Wareham** will take over as men's basketball coach and **Rodney Velardi** will coach the baseball team in its first season. Read the story at: http://pressofatlanticcity.com/sports/article_3aeb90eb-2b25-5fea-9941-1b73c93b83e4.html.

Janice DeCicco Fipp, superintendent of Northfield schools, received the first Atlantic Cape President's Distinguished Alumni Award and was featured in the Mainland Journal and Atlantic County Record.

Chef **Kelly McClay**, dean of the Academy of Culinary Arts, and Chef **Bruce Johns**, director of culinary operations, judged a food competition at Absegami High School in May that was photographed for The Current newspaper.

Yonnie Schaffer, President's Office, was quoted in the Press of Atlantic City article, "Egg Harbor Township group headed to Haiti to rebuild 25-year-old ministry." Yonnie helped to organize and raise funds for the trip.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

The Board of Trustees welcomes its newest member **Martha Madronero**. Martha was elected by the 2010 graduating class to serve as the alumni representative on the Board of Trustees. Madronero has a record of leadership and activism at the College. She participated in the Educational Opportunity Fund and Leadership/Education & Development programs. In addition, she is a member of the national honor society Chi Alpha Epsilon and has represented Atlantic Cape as a member of the Alliance of EOF students of New Jersey. Madronero earned an Associate in Science degree in General Studies. She is a resident of Atlantic County and is employed by Ventnor Beauty Supply. She will continue her undergraduate education at the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey. Madronero serves on the board's Academic and Student Affairs Committee.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The calendar is updated <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!

Next CommuniCator Aug. 12

The next issue of the *Atlantic Cape CommuniCator* will be Thursday, Aug. 12. Deadline is noon, Monday, Aug. 9. Please e-mail your submissions to **Stacey Clapp**, sclapp@atlantic.edu.

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