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NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

New Date for Mobile Digital Mammography Van Visit at Mays Landing Campus

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. Please note the new date. Most insurance plans accepted. Funds are available to provide mammograms to women without insurance.



The American Cancer Society recommends a mammogram every year after age 40. Call (800) 246-2404 for an appointment. Please have insurance ID number, name, address and phone number of physician available when making appointments.

Call **Lisa Braunwell**, College Nurse, at ext. 5112 with questions regarding eligibility criteria for a screening mammogram.

Atlantic Cape Responds to Haiti Tragedy

In response to the 7.0 magnitude earthquake that rocked Haiti's capital, Port-au-Prince, on Jan. 12, killing an estimated 150,000 people, Atlantic Cape has established an Ad Hoc Haiti Relief Planning Committee to channel fundraising efforts and keep the College community informed of relief efforts.

Donation boxes were set up across all campuses this week to collect basic supplies in coordination with an effort initiated by Sen. Jim Whelan's office for delivery to Haiti through local agencies providing support. Requested items are: Baby Supplies, including formula, wipes, bottles and diapers; Toiletries, including shampoo, soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes; First Aid Supplies, including bandages and antiseptics; Hand Sanitizer; Mosquito Repellent; Flashlights/Batteries; and disinfectants. Items can be dropped off through Thursday, Feb. 4.

For those interested in offering a monetary donation, checks should be made payable to American Red Cross, and write in the memo section: International Response Fund. Please forward checks to the President's Office, Attn: **Vanessa English**. The College will report in the coming weeks a grand total of our collective support efforts. **Paula Manns**, Associate Professor, Business & Economics, kicked off the effort with a donation of \$127 collected from Atlantic Cape faculty at the Jan. 15 Development Day.

The American Red Cross is on the ground in Haiti, performing first aid, delivering food and water, addressing urgent needs and mobilizing a massive response operation in Haiti. The Red Cross continues to meet the current needs of this tragedy from its existing blood supply, and there is an urgent need for eligible donors with Type O negative blood to schedule a blood donation appointment as soon as possible. Type O negative blood is universal and can be given to anyone, regardless of their blood type, and is frequently used in emergency situations. Blood donors can call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit

www.redcrossblood.org to schedule an appointment.

For those interested in hands-on training, the American Red Cross Southern Shore Chapter will hold Disaster Training workshops at the American Red Cross Atlantic County Office in Pleasantville:

- Fulfilling our Mission and Mass Care, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 13
- Shelter Operations and Shelter Simulation, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 20 (Participants must first complete “Fulfilling our Mission and Mass Care.”)

Both workshops are free and run on a space-available basis. To register, e-mail jbloom@acredcross.org or call (609) 465-7382.

Stay tuned for more news from the Ad Hoc Committee about how you can help support the relief effort.

‘Brand’ New Message, Traditional Colors, Coming for Fall 2010

Starting with the Fall 2010 semester, Atlantic Cape will have a powerful new brand message focusing on “opportunity” and a look that builds on the College’s long history and athletic traditions.



Following a year-long branding process, based on research conducted by the CLARUS Corporation, a firm specializing in community colleges, the College has adopted a new brand positioning statement, marketing messages, and tagline. **Dr. Peter**

Mora presented the information, as refined by the Senior Staff, to the Board of Trustees in late 2009. The College also will re-assert its traditional red and blue colors in the College “wave” logo, the President said, and a new athletic identity, updating the traditional Buccaneer mascot, is in the works.

When the College undertook the branding project, in partnership with the Atlantic Cape Foundation, it set out to discover and define Atlantic Cape’s brand identity and marketplace position, determine appropriate and effective messages to be communicated to key audiences, integrate the brand with the College’s mission, and provide messaging consistent with the capital campaign and the College’s Master Plan Blueprint 2020.

“With the transformational changes coming to Atlantic Cape through our facilities master plan, Blueprint 2020, and the update of the College’s Strategic Plan, we need this branding project to help us tell our story to all internal and external College stakeholders,” said Dr. Mora.

He explained that the brand positioning statement adopted sets the foundation upon which the rest of the brand platform is built. It reads: *“Atlantic Cape Community College plays an essential role in the development and growth of Atlantic and Cape May counties by providing education and training, based on anticipating and responding to community needs.”*

Here’s what you’ll see beginning in Fall 2010:

--“Opportunity Starts Here” will replace the current tagline “Learning For Life”

--An advertising campaign, featuring successful Atlantic Cape alumni, will appear in local media communicating these key marketing messages:

- Atlantic Cape creates opportunity for individuals and organizations through access to education and training.
- Atlantic Cape provides many tangible benefits to Atlantic and Cape May Counties.
- Atlantic Cape features superior academic, technical and training programs.
- The faculty and staff at Atlantic Cape Community College foster a learner-centered atmosphere

through their expertise and dedication.

- Atlantic Cape graduates are successful contributors to the leading industries in the region and around the world.
- Atlantic Cape reflects the wants and needs of students and the community in its physical and learning environment.

--Clear identity guidelines for parent and sub-brand logos (ACA, CCI, HPI, etc.) will be created with a new look that re-establishes the primacy of the Atlantic Cape parent brand.

--The College “wave” logo will be retained, but red and blue will replace aqua and blue on College stationery, signs, imprinted materials and other items.

--A Web-based graphic standards manual, being prepared by College Relations, will outline specifications and provide guidance on how to use and portray College logos and athletic images to ensure consistency in the College image.

What’s next?

During the spring semester, a committee headed by **Dr. Arthur Wexler**, Vice President of Academic Affairs, will meet to develop a timeline for converting printed materials and signage to red and blue by Fall 2010. A schedule for ordering materials to maximize efficiency in the conversion will be shared with the college community.

Do it Now!

One of the CLARUS recommendations that Dr. Mora has asked the college community to adopt immediately is the use of “Atlantic Cape” instead of ACCC when referring to the College on second or shortened reference. “I find it’s a lot easier to say,” he said with a smile.

College Adds Alert FM Receivers to its Security Measures

During winter break, the Security and Public Safety Department, with the assistance of the College’s Cross Functional Safe Campus Advisory Board, implemented a new Alert FM system for the college community.

Alert FM receivers were placed in public areas and classrooms at all three campus. If an emergency occurs and the college community needs to take action, the FM receiver will alert with a loud audible alarm followed by an emergency message advising what action to take. Facilities, ITS and Security worked diligently to implement the new system by the beginning of the spring semester. With the College’s text messaging and Alert FM systems, the College is using the latest available technology to alert the college community in case of an emergency.



The Cross Functional Safe Campus Advisory Board meets monthly under the direction of **Bobby Royal**, Dean, Worthington Atlantic City Campus, Community Affairs & Security. The committee is charged with reviewing and advising college administration on what security initiatives, programs and technology are available to assist with the College’s goal of assuring campus safety. Members recently attended educational Web casts and an active shooter drill at the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey.

During spring break, the Atlantic County Prosecutor’s Office, along with County SWAT Team members, will conduct an active shooter drill on the Mays Landing Campus. A large-scale drill will follow this summer with faculty and staff. Information will be shared as it becomes available.

For more information on the Alert FM system, visit www.alertfm.com. For information on campus safety, visit the Public Safety and Security at www.atlantic.edu and click on the Emergency Guide.

Student Clubs Need Advisors

The following student clubs need an advisor for the spring semester: Psychology and Digital Photography clubs. Club advisors must be full- or part-time faculty or staff employees. For more details, contact **Cynthia Correa**, Assistant Director, Student Development, at ext. 5089 or ccorrea@atlantic.edu.

'National Wear Red Day' Event Planned for Feb. 5

"National Wear Red Day" (Go Red for Women) is Friday, Feb. 5. On that day, Atlantic Cape employees are invited to support research and education programs about women and heart disease by donating \$5 and wearing red and jeans.

Participating students and employees will gather at each campus to take a photo and see which campus will become the "2010 Go Red Champions."



For more details, contact campus coordinators:

Mays Landing: **Charita McClain & Aline Milligan**, photo taken in 2nd floor J-building lobby at 11 a.m.

WACC: **Mike Kammer**, photo taken in lower lobby at 10 a.m.

CMCC: **Denise O'Connor**, photo taken near Leaves for Learning display, 2nd floor, at 1 p.m.

East Campus: **Jeff Wenzel**, photo taken at noon



Careme's Offers Lunch and Dinner Specials in February

Careme's, the student-run gourmet restaurant, is offering the following specials Feb. 1-8:

- Lunch—Mini Buffet for \$8.95 (plus tax and gratuity) with live cooking demos. Reservations begin at 11:30 a.m.
- Dinner—Dinner Buffet for \$14.95 (plus tax and gratuity). Patrons can bring their own wine. Reservations begin at 6:30 p.m.



Additionally, the restaurant is planning a special dinner menu Feb. 11 and 12 in honor of Valentine's Day. The four-course meal is \$24.99. Call ext. 4940 for reservations.

METLIFE Lunch n' Learn Workshops Planed for Feb. 3 at Mays Landing Campus

Keith Bermeo, Atlantic Cape's Financial Services Representative for METLIFE, will present an Income Solutions for Life Workshop Wednesday, Feb. 3, at the Mays Landing Campus. This seminar can help you learn about annuities and how an annuity can provide a source of income in retirement, retirement risks, fixed vs. variable annuities, optional living benefits and death benefits.

Workshops will be offered noon-1 p.m. and 1-2 p.m. in J-207. Lunch will be provided. RSVP is required at (800) 492-3553 ext. 28036.

Save the Date for Janet Brenner's Retirement Party

A retirement party for **Janet Brenner**, Director of Community and Cultural Affairs, is planned for 5:30 p.m., Friday, March 5, at East Bay Crab & Grill in Egg Harbor Township. Tickets for the dinner and gift are \$35. Dinner choices are: Chicken Romero (boneless chicken, fire roasted peppers & fresh basil); Fried Crab Cake and Jumbo Shrimp Combo; or BBQ Baby Back Ribs. RSVP to **Maryann McCall**, ext. 3567, **Josie Chivalette**, ext. 4804, or **Dottie Dunayer**, ext. 4962.

PECC Campaign Raises Almost \$10K

Total donations by College employees for the 2009 Atlantic County Public Employees Charitable Campaign were \$9,859 by 63 people. PECC extends a heartfelt thank you to those who contributed.

Volunteers Needed for March 11 Restaurant Gala

It's that time of year again, time to get your tuxes cleaned and your gowns ready for the Restaurant Gala! Once again, the Restaurant Gala needs the support of its dedicated volunteers to assemble gift bags before the event and check in guests at the event. This year's Gala will be held at Bally's Atlantic City Thursday, March 11. The event begins at 6:30 p.m. No compensatory time will be awarded for assisting with the Gala, it is strictly volunteer. If you are interested in helping out, contact **Sean Fischer** at ext. 4672 or sfischer@atlantic.edu.

Library Plans Feb. 15 Open House for College Community

The Atlantic Cape community is invited to an open house at the William Spangler Library at the Mays Landing Campus to view the extensive changes completed during the last year to transform the facility to an information commons. The library will offer tours of the renovated facility and light refreshments from 12:30-2 p.m., Monday, Feb. 15.

Feb. 12 is Deadline for Scholarship Applications

The deadline to apply for scholarships is approaching. Please encourage students to apply now; the deadline is Friday, Feb. 12. A wide range of financial need-based and merit-based scholarships are available through Atlantic Cape, which awarded more than \$137,000 in scholarships in 2009.

Applications are available at all campuses, printed on yellow paper, and online at www.atlantic.edu/finaid/scholarships.htm.

As part of the application, students are required to submit an essay. Students can request help with their essay from the Scholarship Committee by contacting **Maryann McCall** at ext. 3567 or mccall@atlantic.edu. Two recommendations are also required. Please remember if you agreed to complete a recommendation to do so; students cannot be considered for a scholarship without two recommendations.

Tickets Now on Sale for 27th Annual Restaurant Gala and 50-50 Raffle

Tickets are now on sale for South Jersey's premier black-tie fundraising event. The 27th annual Atlantic Cape Community College Restaurant Gala takes place Thursday, March 11, at Bally's Atlantic City Hotel and Casino. With the theme "A Mo'Rockin Night," the Gala will feature a lively, Moroccan atmosphere.



The annual event celebrates food by serving thousands of hors d'oeuvres prepared by students from the Academy of Culinary Arts and showcasing the house specialties of more than 35 of the area's best restaurants at a progressive dining experience. Each year nearly 1,000 people attend the Gala, which also features several genres of live music, including The Don't Call Me Francis Band, The Exceptions, Ocean City Pops and Lenny Mitchell.

An elegant "Dessert Extravaganza," headed by Executive Pastry Chef Eugen Ess of Trump Taj Mahal, will complete the night's events.

The event has raised more than \$2 million since 1984. Gala proceeds benefit student scholarships at the Academy of Culinary Arts. Tickets to the Gala cost \$200 per person and can be ordered by calling ext. 4672 or online at www.atlantic.edu/gala.

Additionally, three lucky winners will share up to \$15,000 in the 2010 Restaurant Gala 50/50 Raffle. The raffle is sponsored by the Atlantic Cape Foundation, and proceeds benefit student scholarships.

Only 300 tickets will be sold at \$100 each. Three cash prizes will be awarded, including: \$9,000, first prize; \$4,500, second prize; and \$1,500, third prize. Dollar amounts are based on all 300 tickets being sold. The winning tickets will be drawn at the March 11 Restaurant Gala.

For raffle tickets, order online at www.atlantic.edu/gala or call ext. 4672.

Alpha Delta Mu Chapter Reaches Five Stars

Atlantic Cape's Phi Theta Kappa Chapter, Alpha Delta Mu, has become a Five Star Chapter for 2009-2010. The Five Star program, which reflects the scholarly ideals of Phi Theta Kappa, serves as a blueprint for developing a strong chapter and for earning local, regional and international recognition. Participation encourages excellence and recognizes progress in the attainment of goals set by the chapter.

Using the Five Star Chapter Development Plan as a guide to success, chapters can enhance their working relationship with college administration by becoming active on campus and in the community. On a personal level, involvement in the program educates chapter members on the importance of deadlines and organizational skills.

The strength of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society is determined by the achievements of chapters on the local level. Recognition for these achievements provides reinforcement and encourages a recommitment to chapter goals.

For this achievement, Alpha Delta Mu chapter will receive the following recognition:

- Local: A letter was sent to **Dr. Peter Mora** citing the significance of the chapter's level of achievement in the Five Star Chapter Development Plan.
- Regional: The Regional Coordinator will present the Five Star Award certificate to the chapter at the region's annual awards presentation.
- International: The names of all chapters participating in the Five Star Chapter Development Plan and their levels of achievement will be featured in the Regions Directory on Phi Theta Kappa's Web site. Participating chapters will also be recognized at the International Convention.

Art Gallery to Feature Work of Leonard Wilkinson in February

The Atlantic Cape Art Gallery will exhibit work by artist Leonard Wilkinson through Feb. 26. A reception to meet the artist will be held 1-4 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 14. The exhibit and reception are free and open to the public.

Wilkinson lives in Egg Harbor Township and has an art studio and custom framing shop there. He works in pen and ink, pastels, acrylics and watercolor. His work has been on display throughout New Jersey, Chicago and at the Philadelphia Black Art Expo.

The Atlantic Cape Art Gallery is located on the Mays Landing Campus adjacent to the theater in C-building (C-125). Gallery hours are available at ext. 5728.

Atlantic Cape's Green Education Institute Continues to Grow

The Green Education Institute at Atlantic Cape offers new courses and a variety of options to receive training and certification in the latest environmental trends within the multi-billion dollar green industry.

Vegetative Green Roof Systems, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 12, is geared specifically to roofing

professionals and those interested in learning about the details associated with vegetative roof systems. The course provides students with the CEUs from the National Roofing Contractors Association.

LEED Green Associate Exam Prep, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesday-Thursday, Feb. 16-18, covers green design and building technologies—for new and existing structures—and prepares professionals to take the LEED Green Associate exam.

Residential Energy Audits, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Saturday, March 20, gives participants an understanding of the skills necessary to perform energy audits. This course is intended for architects, contractors, real estate professionals or homeowners.

In-Home Energy Survey Professional, 9 a.m.-noon, four Saturdays beginning March 27, focuses on how to become a home energy survey professional.

For more information, call ext. 4829, or visit www.atlantic.edu/green.

HERE'S THE SCOOP

The International Education Multicultural Awareness Committee will present “The Etiquette of Tea” from 12:30-1:45 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 16, in J-202. You are invited to join them for an enlightening afternoon of tea sampling, tea sandwiches and light desserts. Seating is limited. Interested parties should e-mail **Paula Manns**, Associate Professor, Business & Economics, at pmanns@atlantic.edu.

Our deepest sympathies go out to **Kris Grech**, Financial Aid, on the loss of her mother, Ruth Ries of Ocean City. She was 88. In lieu of flowers, donations in Ruth's memory may be made to Union Chapel by the Sea, 5501 Asbury Ave., Ocean City, NJ 08226. Expressions may be sent to Kris at 85 Tyler Road, Ocean View, NJ 08230.

Kris expresses her gratitude to the college community: “Thank you, everyone, for the condolences and well wishes sent my way following the death of my mom. I'm very sad, but knowing I have so many people thinking of my family and me lifts my spirits. Your support at this time is greatly appreciated, and your words, hugs, cards, flower arrangements and memorial gifts reflect your overwhelming caring. Thank you all.”

Deepest condolences to **Dr. Pat Gentile**, Dean, Continuing Education, Resource Development & Cape May County Campus, on the loss of her father-in-law, Stuart Ross Ditzel Jr. He was 77. In lieu of flowers, donations in Stuart's memory can be made to Holy Redeemer Health Systems of Egg Harbor Township, the American Cancer Society or any U.S. Marine Corps charity. Expressions may be sent to Pat and husband, George Ditzel, at 8041 English Creek Ave., Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234.

Happy birthday to: **Michael Sargente**, Jan. 30; **Liriana Samuel**, Jan. 31; **Elizabeth Franchetti**, **Patricia Gandy**, **Paula Hamilton**, **Ronald McArthur**, Feb. 3; **Robbin Haynes**, Feb. 4; **Gayle Edwards**, Feb. 5; **Michael Huber**, Feb. 7; **William Lemons**, Feb. 9; **Otto Hernandez**, Feb. 10; Adjunct birthdays: **Michaele Ely**, Feb. 4; **Edward Beck**, **Tricia Ciliberto**, Feb. 5; **Nancy Swec**, Feb. 7.

NEWS FROM ACCC'S OTHER LOCATIONS

Greetings from the Charles D. Worthington Atlantic City Campus
by **Diana Lojewski**

Worthington Atlantic City Campus extends a warm welcome to faculty, new and returning students. Once again, enrollment at the campus is at an all-time high.

Remember that student, faculty and staff picture IDs are issued in room 134. Visitor IDs are not permitted in classrooms, the student game room, labs or information common areas. Everyone needs to wear an ID badge at all times in this building.

As always, the Program Support Services department looks forward to extending a helping hand to faculty and adjuncts. They are now utilizing 100 mailboxes in room 134!

Patient Care Technician classes at the Health Professions Institute started Jan. 26. With the high demand for medical-related training, the Phlebotomy classes filled quickly at WACC!

Christina Cavage and the English as a Second Language Department welcome new ESL Adjunct Professor **Natalia Chancery**. She teaches ESLN 062 in the evening.

Additionally, four ESL faculty members had presentations accepted at the International TESOL Convention to be held in Boston this March. Congratulations to **Kristi Bergman, Gwen McIntyre, Susan DePhilppis** and **Christina Cavage**.



Laydie

Susan Lee, Administrative Services, had the opportunity to visit daughter, Stephanie, who is attending classes at Clemson University in South Carolina. Go Tigers!

Carmen Cabrera, Admissions, and family have adopted a new bundle of joy. Laydie is a pure-bred American Bulldog; she is 8 weeks old.

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

It's noisy. It's hectic. The halls are alive with convivial chatter and laughter. Parking spots are precious. Questions abound. It's the beginning of a new semester, and the sights and sounds are glorious.

With a record number of new students comes a corresponding bounty of new instructors. We welcome the following new adjunct instructors to CMCC: **James Patterson**, World Religions; **Clarence Wilson**, Philosophy, who comes to us from main campus; **Firooz Abraham**, Math; **John Alvarez**, Theater; **JoAnne A. Barbieri**, Anatomy & Physiology; **Evangelos Botsis**, Communication; **Frank D'Amore**, Chemistry; **Alexandra Fasy**, Business and Math; **Jerry Filangieri**, English; **Donna Givens**, English; **Seth Grossman**, Government; **Luann Inman**, Math; **Margaret Langan**, Math; **Christine Nolan**, Geography, who returns after a hiatus; **Bruce Plourde**, English; **Mike Raspa**, English, who returns after a hiatus; **Jennifer Thomas**, English, who comes to us from main campus; **Ruby Washington**, Sociology; and **Eileen (Bean) Eberly**, Biology. Welcome to all!

We're also pleased to see full-timer **Elinor Mattern**, Assistant Professor, English, at CMCC. Elinor is teaching a Tuesday evening Literature class.

Sandra Adams, Spanish, and **Neil Brandt**, Humanities, are on the mend. We hope to see you both back on campus very soon!

Hungry employees and students want to know about food service at CMCC, so here's the deal. Hot Wawa coffee, tea and hot chocolate are sold in the Follett Bookstore. Fresh lunch offerings are provided by Court House Pizza & Sandwich Shop 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday, in the dining room. **Chef Brian Balestriere**, '94 ACA, and his wife, Kelly, operate Court House Pizza, and they're thrilled about this opportunity to work with Atlantic Cape and its students. Chef Brian will also handle all catering for CMCC events. To reach him regarding a catered event, e-mail kelnbrian@aol.com.



Dedication of a plaque to mark **Marion Pool's** memorial tree in CMCC's front yard took place Jan. 27, with **Grant Wilinski**, Associate Dean for Academic Support Services, and **Dr. Pat Gentile**, CMCC Dean, offering a fitting and uplifting tribute to our late colleague. Please take a minute to look at Marion's tree the next time you visit CMCC.

ACCers gather to remember Marion Pool Wednesday.

CMCC hosted a week-long new employee orientation for Cape May County government this week. The group utilized one of our noncredit classrooms, and the timing was impeccable. This was the only week the room was available until May! Thanks to **Kay Pandit**, Conferencing & Meeting Services, for handling all the details. We appreciate the help of **Chris Vallese**, ITS and **Tim Cliggett**, **Roy Burnham** and **Curtis Fitzpatrick** of Facilities for handling room setup, breakdown and cleanup daily.

SGA Senate meetings are back in business each Thursday at 12:30 p.m. in room 113 via ITV. All students are welcome to attend. Thanks to **Chris Vallese**, ITS, for assuring the connection each Thursday.

The Institute for Service Excellence is offering a series of free classes for individuals and employees of private sector and nonprofit businesses through the NJBIA program. The last two weeks at CMCC we've run Excel 2003 classes, with **Ray Lopez** teaching. Other topics on the schedule include more Microsoft Office 2003 applications, as well as business writing and customer service.

Back to school ... employees, too, are hitting the books this month. **Thom Partin**, Receiving, is enrolled in Public Speaking, while **Chris Vallese**, ITS, is taking World Geography. **Tammy DeFranco**, Counseling, and **Nari Kovalski**, Admissions, are both continuing their graduate work. We wish you all a productive and engaging semester!

Have a worry-free weekend!

CMCC Student Stars

An occasional feature about exemplary CMCC students



Ray Jefferson takes time between classes to check the sky after a morning-long downpour at CMCC Jan. 25.

Meet **Raymond Jefferson**, an affable, motivated young man and a 2009 graduate of Middle Township High School.

Ray is entering his second semester at Atlantic Cape under the NJ STARS program, meaning he graduated in the top 15 percent of his senior class. He has taken 16 credits each semester at CMCC so far.

It was while he was in France on a class trip this past summer that Ray received notification that he qualified for NJ STARS. It was the best news he and his family could have received. His parents, both of whom work full time, have always instilled the importance of excelling in school in Ray and his younger brother. His effort has paid off, and NJ STARS is providing the means for Ray to pursue his dreams.

Fascinated by meteorology since he can remember, Ray is diligently following the prerequisites for Rutgers' meteorology program, and he plans to transfer to Rutgers' New Brunswick campus at the start of his junior year, under the STARS II program.

Following his parents' advice, he is going to do what he loves. At this point, Ray has no specific plans within his field of study, noting there are plenty of professionals who work off-camera for The Weather Channel. "If I end up on camera, that's fine," he says. "But if I don't, that will be okay, too. I just want to

work somewhere in meteorology and keep all of my options open.”

When he’s not at school or studying, Ray works at the Cape May Court House Acme. During the school year he works part time, but during the summer he works full time at the customer service desk. In his free time, he enjoys hanging out with friends and his family: mom, dad and brother, Thomas, whom he nicknamed T.J. at birth (short for Thomas Jefferson.)

If you get the chance to spend time with Ray, you’ll get the sense that this reliable, family-centered young man who loves science will not only ascend to an outlet like The Weather Channel, he’ll likely manage it or own it someday!

CONTINUING EDUCATION

by Sherwood Taylor

NEW! Introducing the “Bring a Friend Program” for Club 60 Plus. If participants register themselves and a friend at the same time for any workshop or seminar in the spring 2010 catalog, they are eligible for the “Bring a Friend” discount of 10 percent off both fees. Call ext. 4829 to register. Bus trips excluded. Some restrictions apply.

Spring Career Training: The Continuing Education spring schedule of career training programs and workshops is available on online at www.atlantic.edu/conted. **Carol Fraone** and **Trudy Mills**, Continuing Education Program Representatives, are available to assist potential career training students. Please forward any inquires to them. Carol (ext. 5650) is located at Mays Landing East (Building T) and Trudy (ext. 4814) is located in the Worthington Atlantic City Campus.

Spring Games Protection Seminar: The Games Protection Seminar meets 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Thursday, March 1-4, at the Charles D. Worthington Atlantic City Campus, 1535 Bacharach Blvd. The seminar covers all table games and slot machine technology and offers the following benefits to gaming professionals: Information relating to oversight of gaming activities, exposure to all forms of casino gaming, expertise of industry professionals, nationally recognized CEUs and New Jersey CPEs. Tuition is \$735 per person, which includes all course materials and lunch each day of the seminar. A team discount of \$15 per person is available for two or more people who register from the same organization. Please forward inquiries to **Trudy Mills** at ext. 4814.

FREE! Resume Writing and Interviewing Skills Workshop: Continuing Education will offer two Resume Writing and Interview Skills Workshops to the public. The following dates have been scheduled: 9 a.m.-noon, Feb. 17, at the Institute for Service Excellence, Hamilton Mall; and 9 a.m.-noon, March 17, at the Cape May County Campus. Please have interested participants call the Institute for Service Excellence to reserve a seat at ext. 5600.

FREE Basic Skills Training: Atlantic Cape, in partnership with the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, is offering Basic Skills Training at no charge to private sector and nonprofit employees. Classes will be held throughout the fall, winter and spring at the Institute for Service Excellence, Mays Landing and Cape May County campuses. Program topics include: Communications-Written Skills; Introduction to Word 2003; Introduction to Excel 2003; and Communications for Improved Customer Service. Employees attending classes must be paid at their regular hourly rate while in training. Sorry, Atlantic Cape employees are not eligible to participate in this program. For a full schedule of classes, visit www.atlantic.edu/njbias or call **Trudy Mills** at ext. 4814.

Tuition Assistance and Scholarships Available for Slot Training, Table Games:

Tuition assistance is available, including scholarships up to \$1,000, for slot technology training.

Scholarships are available through a donation from the Association of Gaming Equipment Manufacturers. In addition, students enrolled in table games classes can apply for support through the Tuition Assistance Program to offset the cost of courses like Introduction to Casino Games/Blackjack, Craps, Baccarat, Poker, Roulette and more. CCI has provided top-notch training for those entering or advancing a casino career for 30 years. Classes include slot technician training, surveillance training and table games. Contact **Trudy Mills** at ext. 4814.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS



The Human Resources Department and the Affirmative Action Office partnered to deliver a two-day training session on Affirmative Action to select supervisory employees. The American Association of Affirmative Action delivered the training via facilitator Beth Wilson, JD. Wilson is Associate Vice President/Executive Assistant to the President/Office of Institutional Access and Equity at Southern Methodist University. Wilson outlined best practices in Affirmative Action and EEOC processing in higher education. In addition, the group reviewed laws, case studies and regulations that impact the

community college and strategies to prevent and address complaints of discrimination. Certificates of Professional Education were provided to **Avon Chapman, Brittany Goldstein, Lou Greco, Jean McAlister, Nancy Porfido, Bobby Royal** and **Rob Townsend**.

Keith Forrest, Assistant Professor of Communication, will host the Great American Women's History Quiz at the Collingswood Library 7-8:30 p.m., Thursday, March 11. Test your women's history IQ and hear some incredible tales of extraordinary women who forever changed politics. Some of them are names you know. Others are names you don't know. Keith is author of the forthcoming book chapter "Who Pushes Them Through the Political Pipeline? The Role of Mentors for Women Governors, Lieutenant Governors and Mayors," and writer of more than 100 personal essays and commentaries about parenthood, childhood and the little things in life.

Adjunct Professor **Helen McCaffrey** appeared on WGMD 92.7 FM Rehoboth Del., and KBOI Boise, Idaho, to speak about human trafficking on behalf of Women's Watch Inc. during National Human Trafficking Awareness Month. She also had an op-ed published in the Camden Catholic Star Herald Jan. 10 on the same subject. Additionally, Helen was keynote speaker at the Cape May County Advisory Commission on the Status of Women's Alice Paul Award luncheon. The award was presented to **Rita Fulginiti**, an Atlantic Cape graduate and Cape May County Clerk, and the Cape Women's Resource Council for their outstanding work in the Community.



*'Small Boathouse'
by Cheryl Knowles-
Harrigan.*

Assistant Professor of Art **Cheryl Knowles-Harrigan** and Senior Adjunct/ACCC Art Gallery Coordinator **Buddy Jacobs** were featured in Ocean City Fine Art League's Judges' Show. The show, which is up for the month of January, features the work of six professional artists who judged The Art League's competitive exhibitions in 2009.

ACCC IN THE NEWS

ACCC Head Soccer Coach **Les Lunsford** was featured in a Press of Atlantic City article and video about the program, http://pressofatlanticcity.com/sports/article_7f7837c3-c7f8-5447-92aa-ed40292f9316.html

The Press of Atlantic City featured the renovation of the College gym and the expanded athletics department in a Jan. 21 article.

ALUMNI

Former student **Bobby Deren**, who attended Atlantic Cape in 1995, has released a book on the NFL Draft titled "Draft Season: Four Months on the Clock." The book follows four football players as they play college football and prepare for the NFL Draft.

Air National Guard Airman **Courtney S. Rynne**, '07, graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

The Ad Hoc Haiti Relief Committee is soliciting donations for Haiti Relief. For those interested in offering a monetary donation, checks should be made payable to American Red Cross, and write in the memo section: International Response Fund. Please forward checks to the President's Office, Attn: **Vanessa English**. The Committee looks forward to reporting out to the College community in the coming weeks upcoming activities to support Haiti and a grand total of the College's collective support efforts.

Dr. Mora thanks the members of the ACCC Foundation Board, external stakeholders and guests who attended the Gala Kickoff Event hosted at Bally's. Make sure to get your tickets for the 27th Annual Restaurant Gala on March 11.

Dr. Mora gave welcoming remarks at the pep rally held Jan. 21 in the newly renovated gymnasium. Special thanks to the Athletics Department for their work in coordinating this event. Go Bucs!

Welcome aboard to **Chris Seher**! Mr. Seher was recently appointed by the County of Atlantic to the Board of Trustees. He is employed by the Department of Homeland Security as the Science and Technology Directorate, Explosives Division, Transportation Security R&D Programs Branch Manager. He is a resident of Absecon and fills the vacancy left by Lynn Baumgardner.



About 75 students, faculty and staff members attended the Jan. 21 pep rally.

Atlantic Cape benefits from memberships in various organizations that support professionals in New Jersey. As an ACCC employee, you are entitled to the New Jersey Manufacturers Insurance Company personal auto coverage. For more information and a quote, visit www.NJM.com and note the College's membership in the NJ Business and Industry Association.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Next CommuniCator Feb. 12

The next issue of the *Atlantic Cape CommuniCator* is Friday, Feb. 12. Deadline is noon Monday, Feb. 8. Please e-mail your submissions to **Stacey Clapp**, sclapp@atlantic.edu.

--Stacey Clapp, editor