

# ATLANTIC CAPE COMMUNICATOR

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## NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

### Time is Running Out for Holiday Party Tickets

Time is running out to get your tickets for the ACCC Employee Holiday Party, planned for Saturday, Dec. 13, at the Historic Smithville Inn. All employees are invited. Tickets are \$25 per person, which includes hors d'oeuvres, dinner and dancing to the music of DJ Eric. Dinner includes tossed salad, choice of Prime Rib or Chicken Cordon Bleu, and chocolate mousse for dessert. If you missed last year's party, you missed a great time! Contact **Loretta Dicker**, ext. 5021; **Svetlana Marzelli**, ext. 5017; **Dorie Keener**, ext. 4920; **Janet DeCicco**, ext. 5212; **Ann McClaskey**, ext. 4874; and **Julia Ratliff**, ext. 5601, for your tickets today!



### Prof. Jodi Handler Retires

Jodi Gurwood Handler joined ACCC on September 1, 1985, as assistant professor and coordinator for the Physical Therapist Assistant program. As far back as 1977, Jodi had served the college as an adjunct instructor and lab proctor in PTA.

A magna cum laude graduate of Boston University's Sargent College of Allied Health Professions, Jodi earned her doctorate in physical therapy as a summa cum laude graduate of Creighton University.

*Dr. Jodi Handler*

Her extensive continuing education training includes courses in cardiac rehabilitation at the University of Delaware and cardiac exercise therapy from Thomas Jefferson University Hospital. She's studied the evaluation and treatment of burn, stroke and cancer patients.

Prior to joining the college Jodi was a physical therapy home health care professional for the Atlantic County Health Department, in private practice consulting for homebound patients and public school children, a senior staff therapist with Children's Seashore House of Atlantic City, and a pt supervisor and center coordinator of clinical education with Bacharach Institute for Rehabilitation.

She's made major contributions to Bacharach, including initiating the development of a cardiac rehabilitation program, developing policies and procedures, instituting nursing and pt in-service training and assisting with the development of an outpatient team.

Nursing and Allied Health Department Chairwoman Dr. Barbara Warner said Jodi is, "a very knowledgeable and talented educator who conveys her knowledge at the level of the students and encourages their active participation in the learning process."

Dr. Warner noted that Jodi maintains “an excellent rapport with her students and creates a warm, facilitative learning atmosphere.”

The Northfield resident served part time as a Richard Stockton College water safety course instructor and was a physical therapist for Seashore Gardens of Atlantic City.

Jodi, a past regional vice president of Hadassah, consults with Ocean Point Health Care Center in Somers Point and Kessler Atlantic Care Home Health in Hammonton.

At ACCC she has served on committees for presidential search, instructional resources, electronic syllabus, college outreach, Pegasus, faculty parking, and Middle States. She chaired the Collegiate Assembly and committees for policies and procedures and scholarship.

She is a member of the state and national American Physical Therapy Association (APTA), and is vice chair for the southern district of the APTA of New Jersey. In March 2003, she was presented with the “James Tucker Excellence in Clinical Practice and Teaching Award” by the APTANJ.

She participated in Coalitions for Consensus: A Normative Model of PTA Education (1997) and was a platform presenter at Physical Therapy 2002: Annual Conference and Exposition of the APTA. She has presented national, state and community workshops for physical therapists, pt assistants and other health professionals.

She and her husband, Joseph, have two children: Melanie and Kenneth.

Jodi shall retire from full-time teaching at the end of the fall 2003 semester. She has accepted a position with the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey’s master in physical therapy program in Stratford.

### **HR To Host Employee of Quarter Reunion Luncheon**

The Human Resources Office is hosting an Employee of the Quarter Reunion luncheon at noon, on Monday, Dec. 8 in J202. The award, created in 1990, has recognized 33 support staff members for outstanding customer service.

### **Order Autographed Hegi Books Now for Holiday Gifts**



*Author Ursula Hegi*

Bestselling author Ursula Hegi will lead off this year’s Martin L. Blatt Distinguished Speakers Series, Wednesday, Dec. 10. She will speak on her latest novel, “Sacred Time,” which will be released next week. The free lecture will take place at 8 p.m. in the Walter Edge Theater followed by a book signing at 9 p.m. The event is sponsored by the ACCC Foundation.

Hegi is the author of the bestselling “Stones from the River” and has received glowing reviews for her literary works from the New York Times Book Review, USA Today, The Boston Globe and more. Critics praise Hegi as a “born storyteller” and a “literary photographer of the heart.”

“Sacred Time” transports readers into an endearing yet flawed Italian American family from the Bronx, in the last half of the 20th century. The book will be available to ACCC employees at the discounted rate of \$20 prior to the event only.

Hegi is also the author of “Intrusions,” “Unearned Pleasures and Other Stories,” “Floating in My

Mother's Palm" and "Salt Dancers." She lives in New York with her husband. Tickets are available by calling ext. 5616.

## **PECC Campaign Ends Today \$40 Short of Goal**

The annual Atlantic County Public Employees Charitable Campaign (PECC) ends today and we've reached 99.7 percent of our goal, just \$40 short. Please support the organization(s) of your choice and help us reach our goal of \$14,700. Contact **Janet Brenner** via e-mail at [brenner@atlantic.edu](mailto:brenner@atlantic.edu), or call ext. 4992, if you would like to help us reach our goal.



*Steve Gillian, chair of the Atlantic Cape May Workforce Investment Board, third from left, presents a check to Dr. John May, ACCC president, for the Nurse Workforce Solution Project. Joining in the presentation are Helen Walsh, Atlantic County administrator; and Steve Hampton, Cape May County administrator.*

## **Nurse Workforce Solution Project Funded Through Workforce Investment Board**

The Atlantic Cape May Workforce Investment Board, ACCC, AtlantiCare, Bayada Nurses, Burdette Tomlin Memorial Hospital and Shore Memorial Hospital were recently awarded a three-year contract for \$488,708 from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to address the growing need for registered nurses and long-term paraprofessionals in Atlantic and Cape May counties.

While the nation faces critical shortages in nursing and other key areas of the health care workforce, the problem in New Jersey has been identified as one of the most pressing challenges to health service delivery in the state. Projections for the future supply of registered

and licensed practical nurses in New Jersey show shortfalls of nearly 30 percent by the year 2020.

"The demand for registered and licensed practical nurses in our region will increase by 19% by the year 2008," states Steve Gillian, chair of the WIB. "On any given day there are no less than 100 openings listed in local newspapers for careers in the nursing field and the population of adults, ages 65 and older now account for 17% of the population in Atlantic and Cape May counties."

**Dr. John May**, ACCC president, said, "The grant will enable ACCC to increase the enrollment in its nursing program. This will be accomplished by collaboration with local hospitals who will provide clinicals for our students, and support for nurses to acquire the necessary education to become nursing instructors."

A major factor contributing to the nursing shortage in South Jersey is a lack of educators. According to the Registered Nurse Population Survey, nationwide only 7.5% of nurses have a Master's Degree in nursing and only 13% of those are employed as educators. This is a one of the major contributing factors of the nursing shortage in Atlantic and Cape May counties.

The objective of the Nurse Workforce Solution Project is to expand existing programs; offering new educational courses, encourage nurses to seek advanced degrees, allow for current master level clinical nurses to become instructors and mentors; and create an incentive program that will heighten the appeal of the role of nurse educator. In addition, the project will increase awareness of the nursing field, help with retention of students enrolled in nursing programs and support new entrants into the nurse workforce.

The three-year project is funded through the New Jersey Health Initiatives (NJHI) Workforce Agenda Program.

## **Management Performance Evaluations Due To Human Resources**

Performance evaluations for management employees are due in the Human Resources Office by Friday, Dec. 5. Supportive staff evaluations must be returned to HR by Friday, Dec. 12. For more information, call ext. 5109 or email [rossi@atlantic.edu](mailto:rossi@atlantic.edu).



### **Tree Falls on Campus in High Winds**

A pine tree fell on the Mays Landing campus on Nov. 13 when winds peaked at 60 miles an hour. Thanks to Nick Ganaway, ITS, for providing this photo.

### **Next TIAA-CREF Visit Dec. 2 in Atlantic City, Mays Landing**

The next TIAA-CREF visit is Tuesday, Dec. 2. A representative will be at the Charles D. Worthington Atlantic City Center, 9 a.m.-noon, room 215, and at the Mays Landing main campus 1-4 p.m., room

J-207. Call Joyce Trainer, (800) 842-8412, to make an appointment. Bring your recent quarterly statement.

## **Adhere to Safety Regulations When Decorating for Holiday Season**

It's that time of year again. With the Holiday season approaching, Bill Keener, security and public safety supervisor, reminds employees of the holiday decorations policy in ACCC buildings. The Uniform Code of New Jersey states that all flammable materials such as fresh cut greens and Christmas trees are prohibited in public buildings. Please follow these regulations when decorating or the holidays:

A live tree may be used, but it must have a ball of roots on it. The roots must be kept damp at all times. The branches must be checked daily for falling needles. Please inform the security office if you are going to have a live tree. Also trees must be removed before the holiday break.

All artificial trees must be labeled that they have been treated with a flame retardant or fire proofing. If you are using lights, the small type are recommended, as they don't get as hot as the larger ones. All electric lights and cords must have the (UL) approval seals attached. Check for frayed cords and damaged plugs before using. No open flames, such as candles, are permitted in office areas.

Please don't hang decorations from sprinkler heads, as this could interfere with their operation. Do not cover Exit signs with decorations.

Your adherence to these regulations will help us all have a safe holiday season. If you have any questions, contact Bill, ext. 5125 or 5126.

## **Tickets Available for 'Taste of the Gala' Cooking Demo Dec. 2**

Enjoy the holiday specialties of several Restaurant Gala and ACA chefs at Taste of the Gala, from 6-8 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 2. Sample these delicious foods and then try the recipes out at your own holiday gathering! This is the second of four cooking demonstrations and wine tastings leading up to the 21st Annual Press of Atlantic City Restaurant Gala.

Join Tyson Merryman of the Tuckahoe Inn in Beesleys Point, Joe Massaglia of Mama Mias in Seaville, and ACA Chef Educator William Bailey as they prepare their specialties including Potato-Encrusted Fish, Famous Penne Mama and more! Wrap up the evening by decorating your own

gingerbread person with the help of ACA Chef Educator Tree McCann.

Fedway Associates will provide wine for tasting. Cost is \$25 per person. Proceeds benefit the Academy of Culinary Arts through the ACCC Foundation. Reservations are required. Call **Stacey Clapp**, ext. 5632, for reservations or more information.

Future "Tastes" will be held Feb. 12 and March 11. Each demonstration will be held at the ACA, M-building on ACCCs Mays Landing campus. The demonstrations will serve as teasers to the Restaurant Gala to be held Thursday, April 22, 2004. The Gala previews offer participating restaurants the opportunity to showcase their talents to a new audience in a venue that is synonymous with gourmet food.

## ACA Educators Show How to Deep Fry a Turkey



*Chef Educators Bill Bailey and Vincent "Rocky" Tedeschi demonstrate how to deep-fry a turkey.*

The enticing aroma of fried turkey wafted across campus on Monday as ACA Chef Educators **Vincent Tedeschi** and **Bill Bailey** demonstrated how to deep fry a turkey for Thanksgiving.

The deep frying method originated in the South, and it is now gaining popularity through word of mouth and demonstrations by television chefs as a tasty and fast option for holiday feasts or summer barbecues.

adherence to safety precautions.

Deep-fried turkey is also incredibly moist and juicy, as the high heat of the oil sears the skin and keeps the juices inside. Deep frying a turkey requires special equipment and strict

Chefs Bailey and Tedeschi deep-fried a mouth-watering 11-pound turkey in just over 30 minutes, and shared the final product with interested staff, students and members of the media who turned out for the demonstration.



*ACCers involved in the Casino Training Consortium contract include, from left, Dr. Peter Mora, Karen Morelli, Esther Gandica, Dr. John May, Carol Drea and Pat Owens.*

## ACCC Receives \$569,755 from N.J. DOL

ACCC received a check for \$569,755 from the N.J. Department of Labor on Nov. 20 to upgrade the skills of workers in the casino industry.

The grant represents an investment of \$1.526 million in the region's workforce with a casino training consortium. Casino partners, including Atlantic City Hilton, Bally's Atlantic City, Caesars Atlantic City, Resorts, Borgata, Tropicana and Local 54, contributed \$956,965 to the project, which includes wages of workers while in training and contributions toward tuition.

DOL Commissioner Albert G. Kroll announced the grant at a press conference held at the Sheraton Atlantic City Convention Center. Kroll joined college officials, casino industry executives and labor leaders from the region for the announcement. "This is an investment in employers and the New Jersey workforce," he said.

The monies will update the skills of 3,014 employees, provide opportunities for career advancement and reimburse the consortium for training 1,203 new casino employees. Atlantic Cape Community College will teach 25 courses including ESL, Technology, Oral and Written Communications, Supervisory Skills, Customer Service, Sanitation, Housekeeping and Front Desk under the contract.

**Dr. John May**, ACCC president, said the college is pleased to play a pivotal role as a catalyst for bringing together government, the gaming industry, and education. “ACCC has a long and successful history in workforce development,” May said. “This grant is at the heart of our mission--to reach out to provide education and training to the business community in Atlantic County. We’re proud of our ability to bring these entities to the table and to join them in enhancing the skills of our workforce while providing high quality service to our visitors.”

## **HERE’S THE SCOOP**

**by Aline Bennett & Joe Rossi**

Colleagues of **Dottie Tarabula** gathered Nov. 24 at Sharon Zheng’s Restaurant for a farewell dinner and celebration. The financial aid part-timer left ACCC Nov. 26 after 13 years of service. More than 30 employees, along with retirees **Betty Ramsey** and **Pat Luciano**, were on hand for the festive occasion. Dottie withstood a bit of good-natured roasting and received some nice gifts. The highlight of the evening was **Heather Peterson**’s superb portrayal of Dottie in a fun-filled comedy skit. Heather also dedicated and sang a special song for Dottie. Former financial aid staffer **Donna Freeman** also attended. Dottie promised to return for the May 7 Employee Service Awards celebration.

Our thoughts and prayers are with **Juan Alvarez**, ACCC counselor, who was recently diagnosed with stomach cancer. Juan is on unpaid medical leave and Counseling and Support Services staff members are accepting donations to help Juan and his family through the holidays. If you can make a donation please drop it off to **Gretchen Harris**, J-153, by Dec. 12.

Welcome aboard to part-time lab aide **Christopher Adams** and literacy lab instructor **Amy Weatherby**.

We wish a heartfelt and fond farewell to **Vivian Conquest-Green**, continuing education, on her disability retirement. While you can no longer be working with us, you’ll always be in our thoughts. All the best to you, Vivian.

Welcome to full-time status to **Marlene Felicetti** who succeeds **Donna Jones-Wills** at City Center Administrative Services. Marlene, an ACCC part-timer for two years, was a promotions rep for Bally’s Park Place and a 39-year employee for Verizon in Philadelphia. The Mays Landing resident attended Community College of Philadelphia after graduating from St. Hubert Catholic High School for Girls.

Welcome back to full-time employment to **Kathy Nickolich** of Corporate and Workforce Training at Mays Landing East (a.k.a. T building). The Egg Harbor Township resident started with ACCC as a part-timer in 2000 before taking a full-time job for two years. She returned to the college in a part-time role in late 2002. Kathy was also an administrative assistant for U.S. Realty Management Corp and a senior claims examiner for Prudential Insurance of Linwood. She succeeds **Carol Horbacz**.

Speaking of part-timers joining the full-time crew, a hearty welcome to **Donna Vassallo** of hospitality management and business. The Egg Harbor Township resident has taught part time at ACCC since 1988. She is co-owner of Cafe J Restaurant in Northfield and operates Donna Vassallo Associates in Somers Point. She was human resources manager for Spencer Gifts of EHT and director of employment and recruitment for Claridge Casino Hotel. Donna earned a bachelor’s degree in Hotel

and Restaurant Management from Widener University. She succeeds **Donna Albano**. Best wishes to **George Dailey**, history, as he undergoes extensive knee surgery at the end of this semester. George will likely miss the entire spring term.

Our thoughts and prayers are with colleagues **Nick Donato**, perishable storeroom, and **Mariann Sozio**, finance, and their families. Nick's wife and Mariann's mother are battling serious illnesses.

Welcome back to **Jean Rowley** who has returned to full-time work after some bumps and bruises suffered in an automobile accident.

Best of luck to head coach **Bob Newman** and his ACCC men's basketball team as they begin their regular season schedule. Upcoming home games include Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. versus Mercer and Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. versus Delaware Tech.

Happy Birthday to: **JoAnne Barbieri**, Nov. 26; **Alice Rainey**, Nov. 28; **David Banholzer**, Nov. 29; **Leslie Atherholt**, **Josette Katz**, Dec. 3; **Tyrone McKiver**, Dec. 5; **Richard Benner**, **Michael Ferrino**, **Fred Mason**, Dec. 6; **Mark Corbalis**, Dec. 8; **Bud Ireland**, **Karen Zaniewski**, **Ralph Marone**, Dec. 9; **Dolores Johnson**, Dec. 10; **Alison Blizzard**, Dec. 11. Adjunct birthdays: **Dennis Grohman**, Nov. 30; **Cheryl Crews**, **Carolyn Johnson**, Dec. 9.

## NEWS FROM ACCC'S EXTENSION CENTERS

### Greetings from the Charles D. Worthington Atlantic City Center (WACC)

by **Jean McAlister**

Rutgers University announces Winterim Session courses:

--Hospitality Management--Special Topics in Hospitality: Condominium Vacation and Ownership Management: Dec. 18, 5:30-9:40 p.m., and Jan. 6, 8, 10, 12, 13, 15, 17. Saturday classes 9 a.m.-5 p.m., and mid-week classes 5:30-9:40 p.m., room 288 at City Center.

--MBA Program--Special Topics in Management: Effects of Labor Market, Politics and Economy: December 18, 6-9:40 p.m., and Jan. 5-9, Jan. 12-16, 6-9:40 p.m., room 204 at City Center.

I heard some new bells and whistles going off in the slot area on the gaming floor. After investigating, I was told by **Tommy Giardina** that we had some new donations to assist instruction: three slot machines were donated by WMS, Inc. Since our Techfest in October, the slot area has received donations of touch screen glass for video slot machines from 3M, donation of a coin test station from IDX, super heat sensitive paper for vouchers for the Ticket-in/Ticket-out Machines found at Borgata, donated by Label Rite; and T-shirts for all slot tech students donated by 3M.

City Center celebrated an Untraditional Thanksgiving. Each person was asked to bring something that he/she would not have at the Thanksgiving dinner table. Let's talk Mega Shrimp...Thanks to **Leon Weisfield** for that contribution. Some other items included pizza, broccoli slaw, chili, macaroni and cheese, linguini and clams, taquito, Velveeta salsa dip, mini seafood pita sandwiches and apple pie. There was so much food. Many thanks to **Daymis Alicea**, **Maria Benavides**, **Kailin Hackney** and anyone else who assisted in this wonderful experience. Bon Appetit!

Secret Santa is back....Contact Daymis, ext. 4832, for secret gift ideas.

CCI hosted the Homeland Security Symposium at the County Building as part of their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Great attendance of nearly 100 folks. It's not every day you have specialists

in terrorism such as Signey Caspersen, Director of the New Jersey Office of Counter-Terrorism and Assistant Special Agent in Charge of Federal Air Marshalls; and Thomas Spurlock to name a few.

Great job to **Jo-Ann Volpe**, **Kara Breder** and **Kailin Hackney** for helping to make this event such a success. Thanks to our sponsors Gettier Security and South Jersey Gas.

I hear **Josie Chivalette** and the holiday “rappers” are working on a hip-hop holiday extravaganza for Thursday, Dec. 16.

Look for more information about our Homeland Security Training Program coming soon. We will have special seminars in incident command and control, facilities security, disaster emergency management, terrorism, hazardous materials, and laws, regulations and public administration. If you receive a call for this program, contact **Steve Miron**, ext. 4829. We are collecting a database for the upcoming mailing.

That’s all for now. Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families!

## **Hello from Sunny Rio Grande, the Cape May County Technical School and the U.S. Coast Guard Training Center – Cape May!**

by **Lisa Apel-Gendron**  
Happy Thanksgiving!

We just finished three days of Rowan and Rutgers transfer advising at CMCEC. A heartfelt thanks to **Electra Stulak**, career and academic planning center, for providing this important service to our students. Several students are taking advantage of Electra’s career counseling services as well.

**Matt Bailey**, student services, has been busy serving pumpkin pie at CMCEC and coordinating the drawing for a Thanksgiving turkey.

Security guard **Jim Devine** deserves mention for his commitment to ACCC. Jim works the evening shift, but he gladly dropped what he was doing at home one morning last week to assist his colleagues. **Kathy McGowan**, college relations, needed some digital photos of the new campus construction site ASAP. Jim, who is an experienced photographer, jumped at the chance to help. He drove to the site, took some photos, e-mailed them to Kathy, and still made it to work on time that afternoon. Thanks, Jim! The team attitude is what makes CMCEC so special.

**Dr. Steve Loper**’s General Psychology class had a guest speaker from C.A.R.A. (Coalition Against Rape and Abuse) recently. The speaker addressed issues like domestic violence, date rape, emergency services for victims and counseling services for batterers. Steve indicates that the presentation was very well received and that many students stayed after class to ask more questions. If other instructors are interested in hosting a C.A.R.A. guest speaker, please call **Lisa Apel-Gendron** at ext. 4001 or e-mail [lapelgen@atlantic.edu](mailto:lapelgen@atlantic.edu)

**Matt Bailey** and **Denise O’Connor** will head to the Coast Guard Base in Cape May on Dec. 12 to provide onsite registration and academic advising services.

Congratulations to history and government adjunct instructor **Helen McCaffrey**, JD, on being recommended for senior adjunct status by **Dr. Ron McArthur**. In addition to teaching three sections each semester, Helen also initiated the History Club at CMCEC several years ago. Great job, Helen!

Kindness is always in style. Last week one of our adjunct instructors had the misfortune of running out of gasoline on the Parkway near CMCEC. After class, **Linda Hair** took the instructor to get a container of gas. After putting the gas in the car, it still wouldn't start. So they came back to CMCEC to phone for a tow truck. Linda took the instructor back to her car to wait for the tow truck. Luckily, the tow truck operator had extra gasoline, which did the trick. Apparently the first can of gas wasn't quite enough to get the car started. We're glad it all worked out.

Proud parents...**Linda Hair** is proud of her daughter, Lisa Sager, who is surviving an intense first semester in veterinary school. Evening lab aide/tech support **Dereck Pruszinski** is proud of his 11 month old son, Noah, who keeps winning baby parade awards. **Electra Stulak** is proud of her son, Mike, a medical school student, who just married his fiancée, Nicole, on Nov. 15 in Philadelphia.

Enjoy the long weekend...and then registration begins!



*Noah Pruszinski, son of lab aide Dereck Pruszinski, poses in his cowardly lion Halloween costume. The whole family dressed as characters from the Wizard of Oz.*



*Lisa Sager, daughter of Linda Hair, cares for her calf at North Carolina State's School of Veterinary Medicine.*



*Lisa Sager poses in her student lab coat with her husband Edward.*

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**Dr. Peter Mora**, interim VP for Cape May and continuing education, was sworn in as a member of the Atlantic City Regional Chamber of Commerce for 2003-04.

Congratulations to **Max Slusher**, assistant dean for research, on his appointment to the Atlantic County Planning Board.

## ALUMNI

**Bill Shaughnessy**, '71, was inducted to the Oakcrest High School Athletic Wall of Fame last week. While a student here, Bill served as captain of ACC's baseball and basketball teams and received the Joseph W. Bambrick Memorial Award Loyalty and Dedication to ACC Athletics.

## ACCC IN THE NEWS

The Science and Math department's spaghetti dinner appeared in the Cape May County Herald recently. The dinner raised \$851 for scholarships at ACCC. If you'd like to make a donation, contact **Dennis Huey**.

The Atlantic City Record included a photo of an ice carving demonstration by Chef **Julius Rosato**, '95 ACA, at the academy's homecoming celebration on its front page.

The Press of Atlantic City and News Channel 40 covered the announcement of a three-year contract for \$488,708 from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to address the growing need for registered nurses in Atlantic and Cape May counties. ACCC partnered with area hospitals/health agencies and the Atlantic Cape Workforce Investment Board to secure the grant, which will allow ACCC to increase enrollment in its nursing program.

For the first time in this area, representatives from local, state and federal offices charged with keeping Atlantic City safe gathered to discuss homeland security for the resort in a symposium sponsored by ACCC as part of CCI's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. The event generated television coverage on News Channel 40 and the New Jersey Network, and a news article in The Press of Atlantic City.

Monday's deep-fried turkey demonstration by chef educators **Vincent "Rocky" Tedeschi** and **Bill Bailey** was featured on News Channel 40's three nightly broadcasts. The Current also included an article about the demonstration and tips and tricks from the chefs to safely deep fry a turkey this Thanksgiving.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The calendar is updated regularly at [www.atlantic.edu/about/monthlycal.shtml](http://www.atlantic.edu/about/monthlycal.shtml).

### **Research Department Completes Survey; Thanks Faculty, Student Participants**

With the questionnaires of the 589 ACCC students polled in the annual *Faces of the Future* survey safely FedEx-ed to the American Association of Community Colleges-ACT, it's time to thank the 32 faculty members who allowed proctors from the Office of Research to administer the survey in their classes.

The surveys were administered by **Patti Rivell**, **Alison Blizzard** and **Henry Spier** to 27 randomly selected credit and five noncredit classes at Mays Landing, the Cape May County Extension Center and the Charles D. Worthington Atlantic City Center. According to Assistant Dean of Research **Max Slusher**, the college joined 150 community colleges across the nation in compiling students' attitudes regarding their college experiences. Forty-one of the 589 students surveyed were noncredit students. AACC-ACT will evaluate the national figures and Slusher's office will evaluate ACCC's results. The end product, a comprehensive, spiral-bound volume, which compares the college's data with the national data in graphic form, will be available after the first of the year.

ACCC has participated in *Faces of the Future* since its beginning six years ago. The last survey indicated that 84.3% of ACCC's credit students were "very satisfied" and "satisfied" with the college's programs and services. The figure was more than one percentage point higher than the 83.1% national average. Nearly 45,000 students were surveyed nationally last year.

Among the many reasons ACCC participates in this survey, four stand out:

- *Faces of the Future*, a significant improvement over earlier methods of gathering students' attitudinal information, is a major resource for developing and implementing a comprehensive outcomes assessment plan as mandated by the Middle States Commission of Higher Education, ACCC's accreditation organization.
- Recognizing that students are ACCC's principal constituents, survey results are highly useful in planning and developing programs that serve their needs.
- The U.S. Department of Education requires outcomes reports for all grant-funded programs and is working on standardizing reporting requirements for higher education. Once the initiative is implemented, *Faces of the Future* will serve as a source of information for uniform reporting.
- *Faces of the Future* is a useful tool for departments' program reviews leading to application for accreditation.