

ATLANTIC CAPE COMMUNICATOR

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NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

Michael Mettille Named Employee of the Quarter



Michael Mettille is Employee of the Quarter for fall 2004. The Pomona resident joined ACCC as a Junior Technician in the print shop in January 1999. Prior to joining ACCC he was a press operator for Citation Graphics in Atlantic City.

“To use my children’s words: he’s ‘awesome!’ Mike ALWAYS goes beyond the call of duty,” said **Ellen Gregory**, administrative assistant to the president, one of many employees who nominated Mike. “He returns work well before the requested date and gives top priority to any print jobs that have been submitted as ‘rush’ jobs. He does all of this with a smile on his face and is always professional and kind.”

Adds **BettyAnn Hines**, board secretary, “Michael Mettille is an exceptional employee. He is a ‘behind the scenes’ worker, and gives my office the support I need to get my job accomplished.”

The Employee of the Quarter award is presented to support staff persons who make ACCC a place where students and visitors feel comfortable and welcomed. The Employee of the Quarter is someone who works hard and is also pleasant and helpful. Michael will receive a reserved parking spot, dinner for two at Careme’s and have his photograph displayed at Worthington Atlantic City Center and the Mays Landing main campus.

Mike is the second family member to earn the award. **Marge Mettille**, office coordinator, business services, was honored in fall 2001. Can brother Charles, security guard, be far behind?

Dell Computer Offers ACCCers Discount

ACCC and Dell have teamed up to offer the college community the benefit of participating in the Dell University Program. The program offers up to a 10 percent discount off the purchase of Dell products, plus special promotional items. Purchases can be made online at <http://www.atlantic.edu/dellDeal.htm> or by calling 1-888-987-3355.

October is Open Enrollment Month for State Health Benefits; Make Changes Now

October is open enrollment for the State Health Benefits Program, when you can make plan changes, add eligible dependents you have not previously enrolled, and drop dependents. All changes will become effective on Jan. 1, 2005.

Adjunct instructors who are members of the Public Employees' Retirement System may enroll in the NJ

PLUS plan during this open enrollment period. Adjuncts will receive monthly premium bills directly from the Division of Pensions and Benefits in Trenton. Prescription coverage is also available. Contact **Bart Musitano**, benefits, for more information.

Here are some Web links that might be helpful:

--The NJ PLUS Member Handbook <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/njplusman.htm>

--The Traditional Plan Member Handbook <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/tradman02.htm>

--Unified Provider Directory (use this link to search for participating providers for all plans)

http://www.geoaccess.com/directoriesonline/stateofnewjersey/1_begin.asp

New provider directories will be mailed to the college shortly. Stop by Human Resources if you would like an enrollment form.

Please Note New Phone Number in Your Campus Phone Directory

Gretchen Harris has a new telephone number, ext. 5667. It is a direct dial number, meaning callers can dial 343-5667. Please note it in your campus phone directory.

Flu Shots Offered Nov. 9 on Campus

Maxim Health Care will be on campus Tuesday, Nov. 9, to offer flu shots. Mark your calendar. More information will be in the Oct. 15 *CommuniCator*. Receiving the flu shot will help you in avoiding colds...in fact it should cut the amount of colds you have in one year by half. Sara is working to arrange for a visit at City Center.

Keeping Healthy As Seasons Change, Windows Closed

Sara Ryan, MSN, college nurse, reports she is seeing an increase in upper respiratory infections as students have returned, the seasons are changing and more germs are floating in the air. Sara recommends that you should take at least 500 mg of vitamin C per day and increase your intake to build up to 1000 mg per day. Also, the best way to stop germs is to practice good hand washing. Yes, even with all the advances in science the simplest rule is do as your mother told you...“Wash your hands!”

If you get a cold, increase the vitamin C. It will get rid of that cold faster. Cut down on the caffeine. Drinking caffeine does not allow for absorption of vitamin C and caffeine can dehydrate you.

E-mail Virus Running Rampant Again...Make Sure Virus Protection Updated

E-mail viruses are running rampant on our e-mail system. E-mail that appears to be coming from your colleagues may actually be a virus. Make sure your virus software is up to date. If you need assistance, contact tech support. You may also want to notify those in your address book that they may get e-mails containing viruses from you and they should not misinterpret them as legitimate e-mails.

Library and LAC Now Charge Printing Fee

The Spangler Library and Learning Assistance Center (LAC) on the Mays Landing main campus now charge 8¢ per copy for printing from a PC or laptop computer. To print, individuals must first purchase a \$1 card from a dispenser located in the LAC. The card is initially charged with 50¢ for printing, and there is a 50¢ charge for the card itself. More value can be added to the card in denominations of \$1, \$5, \$10 and \$20.

After an item is selected for printing, the print card is inserted into a card reader at the printer station. When the print job is verified, the total cost of printing is debited from the card and the material is printed. Students who do not wish to pay for printing have the option of saving material to a disk, or e-mailing material to their personal e-mail account.

Most college libraries charge for computer printing as they have for making photocopies. A nominal printing charge became necessary due to the escalating paper and toner costs. Abandoned print jobs, needless multiple copies and inappropriate personal printing by some individuals contributed to increasing costs.

Children's Outerwear Needed

The South Jersey Community Food Bank is collecting warm outer wear for needy children. Donations of "gently used" or new coats, mittens, gloves, hats or scarves, should be sent to **Dr. Barbara Warner**, allied health chair, room H125.

TIAA-CREF One-on-One Counseling Sessions Oct. 28

The next TIAA-CREF one-on-one counseling session will be held 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 28, in room J-207 on the Mays Landing main campus. To schedule a counseling session, sign up on their Web site at www.tiaa-cref.org/moc.

Annual Open House and College Fair Oct. 3

ACCC and the ACA will hold an Open House on Sunday, Oct. 3, on the Mays Landing main campus from 1-3 p.m. in conjunction with the 42nd Annual College Fair. The College Fair is sponsored by the Atlantic County Branch of the American Association of University Women and the Kiwanis Club of Atlantic City. For more information call **Linda McLeod**, ext. 5009, or e-mail mcleod@atlantic.edu.

Hartford Rep on Campus Oct. 25

Representative Robert Mangano from *The Hartford* will be on the Mays Landing main campus, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Monday, Oct. 25, in front of the bookstore in J-Lobby. *The Hartford* is one of the pension vendors in the Alternate Benefit Program and Additional Contributions Tax Sheltered program. Members of Public Employers Retirement Systems (PERS) and Alternate Benefit Programs (ABP) are invited to explore pension options. If you'd like more information or would like to meet with a representative of *The Hartford* another time, call 1-800-243-7782, ext. 207.

NISOD Accepting Articles for *Innovation Abstracts*, Proposals for Conference

As a member of the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development, ACCCers are invited to submit articles to *Innovation Abstracts*, a newsletter about innovative practices. Information on how to submit is easily accessible at their Web site: www.nisod.org. NISOD is a worldwide consortium dedicated to the professional development of faculty, administrators and staff and to the continued improvement of teaching and learning with the ultimate goal of student success. ACCC joins more than 600 colleges as a member. The organization is accepting proposals for the May 2005 conference in Austin, Texas. Visit their Web site for more information.

2005 Best Practices Conference 'Call for Proposals' Now Available

The Best Practices Conference is planned for Friday, April 29, at Mercer County Community College. "Best Practices" is an opportunity to showcase the brightest ideas, solutions and programs among Garden State community colleges. A Call for Proposals form is available at www.njccc.org.

Be sure to follow the specific instructions on the form. The submission deadline is Nov. 12 for members of statewide associations and Nov. 22 for non-statewide association members. Contact Gwen Moran at 732-280-7047 or e-mail gwen@gwenmoran.com for more information.

Army Expands eArmyU; ACCC Continues in Program

Access to the Army Continuing Education System's eArmyU program is available to most active-duty enlisted soldiers. The Army launched eArmyU in 2001, to offer eligible enlisted soldiers the opportunity

to work toward a college degree or certificate online. The program began with selected installations and so far, more than 46,000 soldiers have taken courses from 29 institutions including ACCC.

With the program's expansion to the entire Army, the eArmyU "technology pack" or "laptop" option will be offered solely as a retention and readiness tool in support of Army Transformation and the Army Campaign Plan, officials said, by encouraging re-enlistment into combat forces or operational units.

The eArmyU "no laptop" enrollment, called "eCourse enrollment," is now offered to the majority of other active-duty soldiers. With eCourse enrollment, soldiers use their personal computers to participate in the program on a course-by-course basis. There is no longer a service-remaining requirement with the eCourse option. However, soldiers must have sufficient remaining time in service to complete the eArmyU course in which they are enrolling.

HERE'S THE SCOOP

Congratulations to **Jen Martucci**, advancement, on the birth of her son, Andrew Robert, who arrived on Sept. 20 at 5:59 p.m. weighing 9.5 lbs. and measuring 21 3/4 inches. Mom, dad and baby are fine. Congrats!

Welcome aboard to **Heather Oliver**, part-time marketing/fundraising assistant, advancement.

We received this note from the family of **Paul Schwenger**, "Dad's Friends at ACCC, You all were such a source of joy and happiness for our dad. He was at his happiest when he was whistling his way around the campus. When we saw the NY Yankees' flowers, we knew that once again, you guys made him smile and those blue eyes sparkle. Thank you for a very special goodbye to our dad and for all your expressions of love and sympathy."

It was great to see **Henry Spier**, research part-timer and English adjunct, who is recovering from arm surgery after a fall. Henry worked a few hours this week. His scar is healing and he is starting physical therapy. Henry sends his thanks for the flowers, cards and well wishes he received after his fall and subsequent surgery. It is good to see you, Henry!

Welcome aboard to **Karen Bruno**, part-time instructor, corporate and workforce training.

Nick Ganaway, ITS, ran into **Babe DellaVecchia**, retiree, last weekend. She is doing well. Babe is busy spending time with her grandchildren and is actively involved as a helper at their school. Babe sends her best to all.

If you can't participate as a walker, please consider making a donation to an ACCC team member for the Walk to D'Feet ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) to be held Saturday, Oct. 2, on the Ocean City Boardwalk. ACCC walkers are participating in memory of JoAnn Goudie, beloved wife of **Bob Goudie**, former vice president of administration. Jo died shortly after the 2002 walk. Registration starts at 9 a.m. at 6th Street Athletic Complex and the Boardwalk. The three-mile walk begins at 10 a.m. on the boards. Those raising \$20 or more will receive unlimited rides from 1-3 p.m. at Playland's Castaway Cove the day of the walk. All donations support patient services and research for a cure for ALS. Each walker who raises \$75 or more will receive a Walk to D'Feet ALS t-shirt on walk day! To register as a walker, make a donation, or for more information, call **Agnes Gallo**, ext. 5117; **Dorie Keener**, ext. 4920; **Marge Mettill**, ext. 5115; or **Terry Sampson**, ext. 5116. Check out the Web site at www.ocnjalswalk.com.

Dennis Huey, science, invites all to participate or support a walk for the Northfield Learning Center for Dyslexic Children. The Masonic Learning Center offers free tutoring to certified students and trains and certifies special education teachers in Dyslexia teaching methods. The fundraiser is planned for Saturday, Oct. 16, at the Northfield Community School. For more information, contact Dennis, ext. 5014.



Do you know someone who was an Eagle Scout? The Jersey Shore Scouting community looking for Eagle Scouts from any year, from anywhere who would like to help with tomorrow's leaders. Contact AFiorello@JerseyShore-BSA.org, or call 609-927-7455, ext. 16.

Welcome aboard to **James Smith Jr.**, part-time parking lot guard for City Center.

If you missed **Kathy McGowan's** brother Brad and family on Wife Swap on ABC Wednesday night, the show will be repeated this weekend. The Press ran a great feature article on the show with their photos on Sept. 28. Check www.abc.com and click on Wife Swap for times.

Taffy Peterson, division office, who is recovering from surgery, sent this note: "Hello to everyone...I miss you all. Thank you for all the calls, prayers, cards, flowers, gifts that I have received. I love you all and I feel really blessed to have you as my friends. Thanks to **Joanne (Gleason)** for her mail drops."

Last spring Sigma Kappa Delta, the national English honor society, inducted one of its members *in absentia*: ACCC student **Tony Battaglia** is stationed in Baghdad. Tony had e-mailed that he had insufficient reading material. Within one week the students, faculty, and staff donated hundreds of "Books for Baghdad." A special thanks to **Pat Heller** who personally labeled all of the books: "from the students and staff at Atlantic Cape Community College, Mays Landing, New Jersey;" **Tom Roesch** who delivered them to the post office; and to SGA who paid for the postage. Tony wrote: "I received the books and set up a huge bookshelf in our common room...I want to thank all of you so much."

Perhaps we should all add Tony to our holiday card list. Wouldn't it be great for him to receive hundreds of cards in December, his first Christmas away from home? His address is: Tony Battaglia, c-co 3/112 759th MP BN, Al Rasheed apo ae 09390-2402.

Welcome aboard to **Allison Crawford**, part-time admissions representative.

If you volunteered to help at the mock bioterrorism event sponsored by The Atlantic County Division of Public Health, don't forget it is tomorrow in the gym on the Mays Landing main campus. The primary goal of the exercise is to treat 300 people who were "exposed" to a biological agent. To accomplish this goal, volunteers are needed to serve as victims. The event will help prepare public health sector workers for such a bioterrorist attack or other public health emergency. If you'd like to participate, call Ben Mount at Atlantic County offices, 645-7700, ext. 4259, or arrive at the gym at 10 a.m.

Get well wishes to **Aline Bennett**, student activities, who was out this week.

Security Updates from Bill Keener:

Now that the semester has started and everyone is into their routines, the security department would like to welcome everyone back. Over the summer, security personnel were retrained in CPR and the AED defibrillator.

The campus was inspected by the Atlantic County Fire Marshal and received very few violations. The Marshal was impressed on how organized our campus is.

Look in the *CommuniCator* for heater regulations and holiday decorating guidelines as the information becomes available.

Mays Landing East (building T) now has a night time security officer **Anthony Booker**. Anthony is a full-time student and has been a great help to the 3-11 shift. Another new face on campus is **Chris Glosson**, a work study student who is assigned to the parking lots during the day.

The parking lots are still busy and full, so arrive early and be patient. We have noticed less use of the overflow lot as the semester continues.

Sgt. **Ernie Sandoz** and the security officers at the Worthington City Center have been working with **Jean McAlister** to keep interruptions to a minimum. Security officer **Donald Tietje** and the other officers who worked the weekend did a great job redirecting students to their classes while the lobby was closed for renovation. Everyone at City Center has worked as a team.

Happy birthday: **Carol Mohrfeld**, Oct. 1; **John Atsu-Swanzy**, **Patricia Heller**, Oct. 2; **Daymis Alicea**, **Barbara Mottola**, **Don Nigsch**, **Thomas Clark**, Oct. 3; **Jo-Ann Volpe**, Oct. 4; **Rosemarie Conaghy**, Oct. 6; **Sherwood Taylor**, Oct. 7; **Thomas Roesch**, Oct. 8; **Tree McCann**, Oct. 9; **Kathleen Fritz**, **Vita Stovall**, Oct. 11; **Richard Kalman**, Oct. 13. Adjunct birthdays: **MaryBeth DeBlasio**, Oct. 3; **Idris Ash**, **Karl Giulian**, Oct. 6; **Kathy Kendall**, Oct. 8; **Linda C. DeSantis**, **James McCarty**, Oct. 12; **Jan Hanselman**, Oct. 13.

NEWS FROM ACCC'S EXTENSION CENTERS

Greetings from Charles D. Worthington Atlantic City Center

by **Brittany Williams**

Construction...construction...construction...hats off again to the City Center staff and students for their patience and assistance during this time. Hopefully, by the time you read this, things are calming down after major construction disruptions at City Center. Entrances have been closed and reopened, ductwork has been wrapped and it's starting to get back to normal.

Enrollment is still ongoing for many classes at City Center. Some seats remain available in ESLN classes scheduled to begin on Oct. 28 and Nov. 1. In addition, continuing education is offering MCSE/MCSA technical certification classes to start in the coming weeks. The Casino Career Institute also will begin its second round of dealer classes the first week of October.

The student services staff has been busy hosting Monday/Wednesday morning events and so far they have been a success. Students are filling up on coffee and biscotti and games are on the way! A barrel of acorns will be on display and the student who comes closest to guessing the number of acorns will win a prize. Thanks to the following sponsors who contributed to the grab-bag prize of goodies: continuing education/marketing, student activities, admissions, president's office and Conference and Meeting Services. The student winner will be announced this week and pictures will follow in the next *CommuniCator*.

Farewell to **Thom Partin** who returned to admissions on the Mays Landing main campus. Thom was a great help in City Center!

Welcome aboard to **Allison Crawford** who joined the City Center admissions office. She can be reached at ext. 4878.

Congratulations to **Ann McClaskey** who is now a notary public for the State of New Jersey.

In other news, the Secretary of State of NJ orchestrated a two-week trip down the Delaware River on a tall ship to direct attention to the many tourist attractions along the rivershore as well as to recognize the contributions of American Indians to NJ life. **Dr. Alice Rainey** participated in the Hands of Friendship activities at the Cape May ferry terminal on the next to last day of the journey. Dr. Rainey obtained a large tent from NJ Army National Guard that was needed for vendor displays on the ferry grounds. Part of the culminating programs of the day's events included American Indian dance sessions, sale of Indian handiwork, story telling and various musical presentations. **Dr. Theresa DeFranco**, former ACCC'er, oversaw the sale of lighthouse t-shirts, posters and booklets for the benefit of a new scholarship created by the Advancement Office for American Indian students from the Cape May county area. Local artists, including American Indians, displayed their paintings, drawings, mixed media and photography in the Gallery. A reception for the folks who sailed aboard the Meriwald was held. The last event of the evening was a friendship dance, led by American Indians, and included everyone present.

It truly is a small world. **Marion Pool** and other continuing education reps attended the annual Greater Atlantic City Chamber of Commerce Clambake to support the Chamber and network with Atlantic City businesses. This year's event hosted the Miss America contestants on the beach at Caesar's in Atlantic City. The event gave followers of the pageant the opportunity to get autographs and take pictures with the contestants. One such bright and cheerful eighth grader, Elliot Jones, was accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Jodi Jones. **Sharon Kretmar, Linda Dolan** and I struck up a conversation with Elliott and his mother, who turned out to be the nephew and sister of **BettyAnn Hines**, board secretary.



Elliot and his mother were a pleasure to meet. Elliot was having a great time getting autographs and pictures with the contestants. When they gathered for a group shot for the media, Elliot asked to be photographed with them. He is shown at left with the *huge* grin surrounded by the ladies. We look forward to seeing them next year.

Elliot Jones and the Miss America contestants

Are you looking for **Angela Wang**? In addition to her duties at City Center, Angela can be found busy at work at the Atlantic County building with the retail skills grant. She is helping out with the grant program, 345-6700, ext. 2925.

Speaking of Retail Skills, have you heard or seen the new ads for the program? It reads, "You can learn the skills you need to succeed in entry-level sales and customer service careers with free Retail Sales Training offered this fall through Atlantic Cape Community College."

Congratulations to **Dharmesh Dave** who will teach the cage cashier class in October.

Hello from Rio Grande, the Cape May County Technical High School and the US Coast Guard Training Center – Cape May! by Lisa Apel-Gendron

Beware the ubiquitous orange cones and cement barriers! Construction on Route 47 in Rio Grande has resumed following a three and a half month hiatus. Now that summer traffic has eased, construction is in full swing. Pack some extra patience in your briefcase if you're traveling to CMCEC.

Besides road construction, we have plenty of retail construction in our neighborhood. Adjacent to our building is the frame of a sizable liquor store complex that will include several other retail shops. Down the street is a new Super Wawa with \$1.77 gas, which opened Sept. 21. And next to Wawa is the construction site for a new grocery store and a Lowe's home improvement center. Rio Grande is

enjoying a renaissance, but most of us who work here won't be able to enjoy the finished product. Just about the time all the construction concludes, we'll be moving into our new campus in Court House. Timing is everything!

Dr. Joyce Grohman visited CMCEC last week after attending the Cape May County Superintendents' Roundtable. She always visits several times a semester to see if we need anything. Good to see you, Joyce!

Those crafty Coast Guard personnel ("Coasties" for short) have come up with yet another cogent proposal for promoting higher education on base. Brown Bag University will commence operations on Jan. 18. The name, courtesy of Chief Petty Officer Staci Wooten, is meant to remind Coasties that they can earn college credits during their lunch breaks. Built into each Coastie's day is an hour and a half break, which is to be used for lunch and physical workout. The commanding officer, however, is willing to substitute intellectual workout for physical workout two days a week. With the help of **Dr. Art Wexler**, the first offering is in place--PSYC101, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, starting this spring in the administration building on base. Thank you, Art, for your confidence in this initiative!

English adjunct **Susan Van Rossum** and her ENGL 102 class are up to nothing this semester. At the close of each semester, her class determines the topic for the next semester's class. The topic her spring class chose is "nothing." So now Susan and her eager students are busy researching the various social meanings of "nothing." Come to think of it, that's not something you could easily plagiarize! Neat strategy, Susan.

Don't forget the Stockton teacher certification workshop 10 a.m., Oct. 6, room 4 at CMCEC. For reservations, please phone 886-7189, ext. 4100 or ext. 4100 on campus.

Classes meeting at the Tech School will relocate to Middle Township High School on Wednesday, Oct. 6. **Buzz Hauf**, our faculty support team member, will greet faculty and students at Middle and assist with everything and anything. If you have questions, please check with Buzz, ext. 4010.

The ID machine will be available at CMCEC Sept. 27-Oct. 8 only, courtesy of **John Mohr**. All faculty, staff and students need to have a photo ACCC ID card. Please be sure to get your ID and encourage your students to do the same. Those who have IDs already just need to have them updated with a fall '04 sticker at the CMCEC front desk.

Customized training is back at CMCEC with James Candy and the Greater Wildwood Chamber of Commerce members learning Microsoft applications. Instructors are **Gail Beckley** and **James Moore**.

Enjoy your weekend. Eagles – Bears matchup? Should be no problem for the Birds!

ACCC IN THE NEWS

Kathy Corbalis, college relations, was pictured in the Gloucester County College Gazette, the student newspaper of GCC, presenting a check to Richard Smith, executive director of the GCC Foundation, on his retirement. The check represented a donation to a FCC scholarship collected from members of the Delaware Valley Community College Marketing Group, which she chairs.

Rich Perniciaro, director of the Center for Regional and Business Research at ACCC, was quoted in a front-page article in The Press of Atlantic City about the slow business and tourism season this summer.

The Press of Atlantic City featured an article about the opportunity for Hispanic students to complete the

associate's degree nursing program at ACCC, sponsored by Atlantic City Medical Center and the Hispanic Alliance.

The Press of Atlantic City published an article about ACCC's collaboration with the Borough of Avalon to develop continuing education programming for the new library/community center in Avalon.

The Current and Herald Times both ran an article on paid health care job training for low-income youth ages 19-21 in Atlantic and Cape May counties, offered by ACCC, Job Connection and three area hospitals.

Real estate prices are increasing at a rapid rate in this area and there is concern that there is an inflating bubble. Although there's plenty of evidence it is, that's not so according to **Dr. Richard Perniciaro**, executive director, Center for Regional and Business Research. Perniciaro was quoted in a Press of Atlantic City article on Sept. 17 on the rapidly rising home values in Atlantic County. Somers Point had the highest house appreciation in the nation the last five years. Prices in the Atlantic City region were up 18.5 percent from a year ago. If interest rates rise or a recession hits – two events that can pop a housing bubble – prices in overvalued markets could stagnate for years or even plunge.

What's to stop that from happening here? The biggest group of retirees the nation has ever seen, according to Perniciaro. "The Baby Boomers are moving in and there are a zillion more to come," Perniciaro said in the article. "They're buying houses to retire in now or eventually." He sees signs of it throughout the regional economy. ACCC is part of that trend, the article stated, developing a health care professionals institute (continuing ed) to supply nurses and other personnel to the area's burgeoning retail (rather than research) health industry.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Sondra Yanniello, adjunct, addicted populations and general psychology, was named executive director of the Atlantic Cape Family Support Organization in Northfield. The organization provides education, support and advocacy to families of children who have emotional and behavioral challenges.

NJ Community College Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development recently negotiated a \$1 million contract with the NJ Division of Human Services to develop and deliver a series of five non-credit courses. The courses are part of a statewide project to offer noncredit courses to state human service workers as part of the child protective service competency curriculum. ACCC's Continuing Ed division proudly offers these courses.

Rita Michalenko, assistant professor, art, has a pastel in the Perkins Center for the Arts juried art show, titled *Standing Hare*. The show is on exhibit through Oct. 31. The center is located at 395 Kings Highway, Moorestown. Call 856-235-6488 or visit www.perkinscenter.org for directions.

Keith Forrest, assistant professor, speech, was a guest on an NPR affiliate in Erie, Pa., recently. He spoke on women in politics during the hour-long program. "We have a political double standard when it comes to the election of male and female candidates. A male candidate can be just ok, average or decent, but a woman candidate has to be completely above reproach and amazingly credentialed before we'll even consider her. The reaction a lot of time of female voters is if that person doesn't fulfill the highest standards they vote against them because of the effect it might have if someone with questionable authority is elected to office." Keith has a CD of the broadcast if you'd like to hear it.

Lew Fine, retiree, English, published his third book, *Being Real!: A Primer for Developing Higher Consciousness*, since retiring from ACCC in 1999, with a fourth, *Dr. Lew's Basic, Nuts-and-Bolts*,

Learn-How-To-Write-the-Good-Stuff Guide, scheduled for publication in December. Lew and his wife, Cathy, visited ACCC in June and saw a few old friends. They also saw the new Cape May County campus coming out of the ground, which they thought was “pretty impressive.” The Fines said they really miss the ocean and the good food to be found at the Jersey Shore. After living in Northern Arizona for nearly five years, they now consider it home. Their address is 3764 S. Wagon Trail, Flagstaff, AZ 86001. Good to hear from you, Lew!

A few pieces from the Art Gallery’s Faculty/Staff Exhibit:



At left, Quality Time Acrylic by Tammy DeFranco, Career and Academic Planning Center.

At right: Male Nude Graphic on Stonehedge rag by Cheryl Knowles Harrigan, assistant professor, art.

At Far Right: Cheetah sandstone by Paul Rigby, retired ACCC librarian.



ACCC Student Appears on ‘Wheel of Fortune’

ACCC student **Kelly Higbee**, 22, of Egg Harbor Township, appeared on Wheel of Fortune on Sept. 16. Higbee, who works as a cocktail waitress at Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa, taped the appearance while she and her boyfriend were in California last month. Higbee is a 2001 graduate of Egg Harbor Township High School. She mentioned she is a student at ACCC.

CLASSIFIED ADS



Two beautiful inside cats in need of a good home. They have been living together and they need to be adopted together. Very well mannered and clean. Owner is allergic. Call **Tammy DeFranco**, ext. 5274.

Fabric/Sewing/Drapery Workroom Retirement Sale, Wednesday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., T.C. Marx Draperies, 533 S. Shore Rd, Marmora, NJ 08223, ¾ mile south of South Shore Ford on Route 9, Shore Rd. Loads of material, drapery hardware, sewing machines, sewing supplies and more. Come see the designer fabrics for the low price of 75 cents a lb. For information or directions, call 390-3576.

Knesset Member and Israeli Druze To Speak at ACCC 8 a.m., Oct. 11

Zeidan Atashi, Israeli Druze leader, will speak to ACCC students and faculty, 8 a.m., Monday, Oct. 11, in the outer cafeteria. Light refreshments will be served. Don’t miss this unique opportunity to meet and speak to someone whose unique perspective can be a blueprint for peace in the Middle East. The speaker is funded by the campus outreach programs of the annual campaign of the Jewish Federation of Atlantic and Cape May counties. For more information, please contact Shmuel Kaplan, Jewish Student Union Coordinator, (609) 822-4404 ext. 50.

Shakespeare Theatre of NJ Presents Free ‘Hamlet’ Performance Nov. 9 at ACCC

The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey will perform *Hamlet: Prince of Denmark* “Something is rotten in the state of Denmark,” at ACCC, 12:15 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 9, in Walter Edge Theater.

Big Brother meets the Bard in an exciting new staging of Shakespeare’s most compelling tragedy! Disturbing supernatural visitations reveal a murderous plot and spur Prince Hamlet to take revenge for

his father's untimely death. This modern approach to Shakespeare's classic is a must-see for all students of English drama and is a wonderful tie-in to studies of European history, politics and familial relationships. Tickets for the free performance are available by calling **Laura Campbell**, ext. 4909.

BJ's Rep on Campus Oct. 12 for Special Enrollment Deal

A representative from BJ's Wholesale Club will be on the Mays Landing main campus, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 12, in J lobby. BJ's is offering a special enrollment deal to ACCC employees. Those who would like to join but won't be available at that time can contact **Bart Musitano**, benefits, and he will send you an enrollment form to complete and return before Oct. 12.

Spotlight on New Faculty

This semester, the CommuniCator will feature new faculty members.



Heather Boone, social sciences, earned a bachelor's degree in sociology from Richard Stockton College, a master's degree in social work from Rutgers University, and completed elementary training in family therapy at the Family Institute of NJ. She served as a senior adjunct at ACCC since 1999. Heather worked for AtlantiCare and Catholic Social Services, and was a program director at the Mental Health Association in Pleasantville for seven years.



James Icklan, business, holds a bachelor's degree in business from Montclair, a master's of business administration, and a juris doctorate from Seton Hall University. He taught full time at The College of NJ and Ocean County College. He served as a prosecutor in a general practice law firm with an emphasis on estate planning, taxation and business law.



JoAnna Johns, nursing, earned an associate in science degree in nursing from ACCC, a bachelor of arts in psychology from Richard Stockton College, and a master's in nursing education at Ball State University. Before joining ACCC, JoAnna was a psychiatric nurse and infection control coordinator at Cape Counseling Services. She worked as a staff nurse at Burdette Tomlin Memorial Hospital and Atlantic City Medical Center.



Keith Forrest, speech, holds a bachelor's degree in communications from Rowan, a master's degree in communication from Temple University, and a master's degree in Political Science from the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. Has taught at Delaware County Community College and University of Massachusetts, at Amherst. He is also a political columnist for the Daily Hampshire Gazette in North Langston, Mass.



Jay Peterson, ESL, earned a bachelor's degree in English from Rutgers University and a master's degree in English from University of Cincinnati. He served as a full-time faculty member at State Fair Community College in Jefferson City, an adjunct instructor at Columbia College, MO, and as a teaching assistant at University of Connecticut, where he was awarded the Albert C. Yates Graduate Fellowship.

Middle States Matters



Dr. Robert Schneider, Middle States Liaison, and Prof. Daniel Thoren, business chair and ACCC Middle States Chair.

Middle States Liaison Meets with ACCCers

On Sept. 28, Dr. Robert Schneider, the Middle States liaison, visited ACCC for the first time. Dr. Schneider met with approximately 75 members of the ACCC community including the Senior Staff, the Middle States Steering Committee, the Assessment Committee, members of the Board of Trustees, faculty, and staff. The sessions were informational in nature, with Dr. Schneider explaining what was involved in the Middle States process. He answered questions about the process and outlined what we can expect from Middle States and what they expect from us.

Dr. Schneider lauded the college for moving ahead with the self-study while at the same time facing the challenges of undertaking a presidential search and opening a new campus. Other institutions, he said, have used such issues to postpone the self-study process. He also noted that part of the process is acknowledging that it is a time of change at ACCC. What the college has been, what it is now, and what is anticipated for its future, needs to be assessed. The purpose of the study is not to prove that everything at ACCC is perfect, but to develop specific plans for continual improvement.

Dr. Schneider enumerated the strengths of the self-study design submitted earlier in September. Among them were the inclusion of the student focus groups, which he suggested both continuing and expanding; the goals of the study; and the discussion of the organizational structure. Suggestions for strengthening the self-study included making the timeline more specific, streamlining the charge questions, and revising them to focus on conclusions and directions for improvement.

In January, Dr. Schneider will appoint a person to chair the Middle States evaluation team and then faculty and administrators from other Middle States institutions will round out the team. He explained that most often the team is chosen from colleges outside of New Jersey. The chairperson will first visit ACCC in fall 2005, and the entire team will follow six months later for a three-day evaluation visit with the goal of reaccreditation in spring 2006.

Thanks to everyone who took the time to meet with Dr. Schneider and all those who are contributing to this reaccreditation effort.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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--Kathy McGowan, editor