Mission Statement

Comprehensive, Student-Centered, Accessible

- Provides superior academic, technical and training programs
- Responds to a variety of community needs
- Encourages the pursuit of lifelong learning
- Promotes responsible citizenship
- Committed to encouraging an environment that is multicultural and diverse

ACCC is an equal opportunity/affirmative action institution
This year was one of transition for Atlantic Cape Community College. A glance at the signature below will indicate to longtime readers of this annual report that the presidency of the college has changed hands. For me, as the incoming chief executive officer, this letter presents a valuable opportunity to review the past year, reflect on the legacy of the outgoing president, and comment on my thoughts for the future of ACCC.

I am pleased to highlight a number of positive events during 2004-2005 that will serve as strong building blocks for future growth:

- The opening, after many years of outstanding effort by a great many people inside and outside the college, of the Cape May County Campus in Cape May Court House. The beautiful new facility was bustling with more than 1,100 students enrolled as classes began this fall.

- The significant growth and success of NJ STARS, a state-funded program that provides free community college education to the top 20 percent of New Jersey’s high school graduates. In the first year ACCC attracted 41 STARS, a figure that increased to 105 as we began the fall 2005 semester.

- The announcement last January of a $500,000 bequest from the estate of retired educator Marjorie Ward, the largest gift in ACCC’s history. The funds have been used to establish a scholarship endowment and the first six Cape May County residents selected as “Ward Scholars” started class at ACCC this fall.

- The award in March of $1.2 million in Economic Development Administration funds from the U.S. Commerce Department to help rehabilitate and expand the Worthington Atlantic City Center for use as a Health Professions Institute.

- And, finally, the tremendous amount of research, review and writing done by staff, students and faculty on the Self-Study document that forms the core of the Middle States 10-year re-accreditation process. I look forward to a positive outcome when the accreditation team visits this March.

Let me now acknowledge the fine work of my predecessor, Dr. John T. May. On June 30, Dr. May closed a distinguished 17-year career at the college, including 11 years as college president. Among his many achievements there are three which, in my view, are of special significance:

- The implementation of innovative applications in educational technology and distance education.
- The planning and development of the newly opened Cape May County Campus.
- The expansion of the college’s efforts to meet the workforce needs of our service area.

Finally, let me comment on my vision for the future of ACCC. In my President’s Message to the college, I said the primary focus of my efforts will be to foster student learning by promoting access, excellence, and stewardship for all programs at ACCC. I have embarked on this effort by working in collaboration with the ACCC Board of Trustees, faculty, staff, students, and the community to develop a shared vision for the college aimed at enhancing student learning on a comprehensive basis. I am confident that we will achieve our goal.

Dr. Peter L. Mora
President
Winter Term Welcomes Students
Students had an opportunity to earn extra credits during the holiday break at ACCC’s two-week Winter Term. Classes were offered in Financial Accounting, Art Appreciation, Introduction to Visual Arts, Small Business Management, Introduction to Computers, Language Skills/Grammar Review, Heritage of the Western World, Food Service Sanitation for Quality Control, Effective Telemarketing, Concepts of Physical Fitness, Introduction to Algebra I – Pre-algebra, Introduction to Algebra II, Intermediate Algebra, College Algebra, General Psychology and Principles of Sociology. Both ACCC and students from four-year colleges attended.

Middle States Matters!
Two years of hard work by administrators, faculty, staff and students preparing ACCC’s 10-year self-study for the Middle States Commission on Higher Education were virtually completed in fall 2005, with two important milestones pending in February and March of 2006. Middle States is a respected academic organization, headquartered in Philadelphia, that determines whether a college’s academic programs and services meet its demanding criteria for reaccreditation.

Sometime in February, the college will deliver the product of its self-evaluation, a report of its findings to MSCHE, where it will be dissected before the agency’s professionals visit ACCC’s campuses to see for themselves.

Preparation for these events began in May 2004 with the appointment of a steering committee. That committee, in turn, appointed nine subcommittees to gauge if activities like Leadership and Governance, Integrity, and Institutional Resources meet certain Standards of Excellence. A major bonus of the reaccreditation process was encouragement of dialogue among various college audiences. For example, on Jan. 14, 2005, as part of ACCC’s Best Practices Conference, two forums were held where faculty heard students’ views on teaching and learning at ACCC. Seventeen students volunteered to participate.

A team led by Dr. Elaine Ryan of the College of Southern Maryland will visit ACCC March 26-29, 2006, to conduct an on-site evaluation based on ACCC’s self-study findings and the Middle States Commission’s primary document, Characteristics of Excellence in Higher Education.

ESL Department Established
Program reviews and recommendations from academic administrators led to establishment of the department of English as a Second Language, which had been a part of the Arts and Humanities department. Christina Cavage, associate professor of ESL, was named acting chairwoman. She earned a bachelor’s degree in liberal arts and Spanish and a master’s degree in foreign languages (with a concentration in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) from West Virginia University.

Technology Benefits Students, Faculty
Technological advances were implemented by the Instructional Technology/Distance Education department during FY’05 to more efficiently serve both the students and faculty. Immensely beneficial to anyone interested in the college was the overhaul and redesign of the ACCC Web site, www.atlantic.edu. Work on the new, friendlier, more exciting Web site began during FY’04 in preparation for a December 2005 launch.

Projects helpful to students completed during the fiscal year include a distance education Web portal for online students; an online student lounge on WebCT; and implementation of the Web4Students automated PIN response form.

For faculty, the department initiated a number of academic multimedia projects, including workshops in “Effective Online Teaching” and “Using PowerPoint in the Classroom.” The department also created a number of digital teaching aids and forms for culinary, nursing, computer information systems, sociology and other disciplines.

ACCC Leads N.J. Virtual College
Since the founding of the N.J. Virtual Community College Consortium, ACCC has served as lead college to the online distance education program, maintaining its Web site, database, registration and providing participating colleges with support. ACCC provided 99 courses and hosted 34 during FY’05.

e-ArmyU Continues to Grow
The e-ArmyU program continued to grow in FY ’05 with 551 soldiers stationed around the world declaring ACCC as their home college compared to 427 in the prior year. Of the 551, 275 students were enrolled in history, 213 in psychology, and 63 in literature.
Library Usage Charted
The William Spangler Library on the Mays Landing Campus welcomed 48,323 patrons during the year, 13,648 of whom used the library’s laptop and personal computers. Book circulation reached 7,556 volumes while access to electronic resources hit 88,134, a clear indication of changing modes of research.

Learning Assistance Centers Well Used
The Learning Assistance Centers at the Mays Landing Campus and the Worthington Atlantic City Center were well utilized during FY ‘05. The former Cape May County Extension Center did not have a dedicated LAC and thus no comparable figures are available. At Mays Landing, computer lab users numbered 49,460, math skills lab users 1,650, and writing skills lab users 1,967. The Atlantic City Center numbers for the same labs, respectively, were 22,737, 129, and 412.

First Award for Adjunct Teaching Excellence
Martin Berdinis, senior adjunct instructor, received ACCC’s first Adjunct Teaching Excellence Award during the 38th annual commencement ceremony. The award was created to honor an adjunct instructor who cares deeply about students and demonstrates a passion for teaching and learning.

Berdinis joined the ACCC faculty in 1990, and was among the first instructors to teach online. He was a candy maker who retired from the business to further his education, earning degrees at ACCC, Stockton and Widener University. He died of cancer in September 2005.

The college received a variety of academic grants during fiscal year 2005:
- Carl D. Perkins Vocational Education Grant, N.J. Dept. of Education .................... $496,508
- Tech Prep Grant, N.J. Dept. of Education .............................................................. $229,000
- Adult Education Grant, N.J. Department of Labor ................................................ $400,000
- New Jersey State Council on the Arts ................................................................. $70,000
- Promise of Nursing New Jersey Nursing School Grants, Foundation of the National Student Nurses’ Association ................................................. $25,000

Kaplan Receives Lindback Award
Dr. Louise Kaplan received the prestigious Lindback Distinguished Teaching Award for “bringing the science of anthropology to life for her students” and setting “a shining example for others.”

As professor of anthropology and bioethics, Kaplan joined ACCC in 1968 as a part-time instructor and by 1988 was a full-time professor. She has served the college in many capacities including the presidential search, faculty assembly, cultural affairs, sabbatical leave, planning, basic skills, curriculum and international education.

For 40 years, the Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback Foundation of Philadelphia has recognized outstanding teachers at select schools in southeastern Pennsylvania and southern New Jersey. ACCC was added to the list of institutions in 2001.

New Professional Series
FY’05 saw the addition of a new professional series. Titled Help Desk Specialist, the series is designed to prepare students for a career in computer technical support. Help desk professionals assist customers by troubleshooting hardware and software problems.

Students Named ‘Best and Brightest’
Two ACCC students, Jelena Drcelic-Yowell of Galloway and Iryna Villegas of Hammonton, were among 37 of New Jersey’s best and brightest community college students honored by the N.J. Council of County Colleges at its 11th Annual Phi Theta Kappa Day celebration.

Iryna Villegas accepts her award at PTK day in Trenton. At right is Marcia Kleinz, PTK club advisor at ACCC.
Institute for Service Excellence Planned at Hamilton Mall
ACCC continued work on development of an Institute for Service Excellence at the Hamilton Mall in Mays Landing. The college pledged $15,000 and also received commitments from mall owners Kravco Simon for $100,000 and the N.J. Department of Labor for $85,000. The Center will feature two classrooms, a computer lab, staff offices, resource room and a Prometric testing site. Additional partners in this project include the National Retail Federation (NRF), the local WIB, and numerous retail and hospitality employers.

In conjunction with this effort, the college received $400,100 in funding from NJDOL to train potential workers for customer service positions in hospitality and retail businesses. Three hundred and sixty four individuals participated in programs targeted to improve their skills for entrance into the job market. Courses offered included English as a Second Language, Computer Skills, Basic Math, Communication and Work Readiness.

The college became a testing site for the NRF’s Professional Customer Service Certification. Participants successfully completing a core of courses were eligible to sit for this exam.

Health Professions Institute Launched; EDA Awards $1.2 Million Grant
In response to the healthcare industry’s requests for additional training programs, ACCC launched a Health Professions Institute with a variety of new non-credit and certificate programs to meet job growth demands. New offerings include Surgical Technician, Certified Nurse Assistant and Central Service Technician.

ACCC’s health care initiatives were recognized in March with grant funding when the U.S. Department of Commerce announced a $1.2 million Economic Development Administration investment in ACCC to help rehabilitate and expand the Worthington Atlantic City Center for use as a Health Professions Institute facility. The grant requires the college to provide $800,000 through Chapter 12 funding to renovate the existing garage of the Worthington facility.

When completed, the Institute will occupy 5,600 square feet and include a medical lab, lecture rooms and a computer center. It will be used for ACCC’s Continuing Education programs, including medical foundation skills training for incumbent workers and new entrants to the workforce; surgical, dialysis, and sterilization technician training programs; medical office procedures; billing and coding; and allied health training.

In a related matter, ACCC is an original and active partner in the Nurse Workforce Solution Project funded by Robert Wood Johnson’s NJ Health Initiative. The college worked closely with project staff providing program and curriculum development for nurse mentoring and resource development for sustaining Nurse Workforce activities. ACCC continues to support the project through the WIB Healthcare Industry Workforce Development Subcommittee.

ACA Hosts Bilingual Program
Thirty-three members of Local 54 of the UNITE HERE Hotel and Restaurant union graduated from a bilingual pilot program at the Academy of Culinary Arts. The program was funded with a $291,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Labor for casino workers with moderate to limited English skills.

The program received national recognition from the USDOL as a model for future workforce initiatives for Hispanic workers. Continuing education staff worked closely with HERE Local 54 and the international arm of the union to market the program to Atlantic City casinos.

International Students Graduate From CCI
Two students from Jamaica and 12 from Macao, the People’s Republic of China, completed a four month program to bring western-style casino gaming to their countries. The program is part of an ongoing agreement between ACCC and the Macao Tourism and Casino Career Centre and a new agreement with the Jamaica Betting Gaming and Lottery Commission. ACCC set up a specialized program called “Train the Trainer” where students could come to the U.S. to learn how to teach the CCI curriculum. The program includes an internship at local casino-related businesses.

Youth Career Advancement Program
ACCC received $150,000 in a renewal grant for the Youth Career Advancement Program. YCAP recruits eligible young adults, aged 18-21, for training and employment in health and culinary professions. AtlantiCare Regional Medical
Center, Shore Memorial Hospital and Burdette Tomlin Memorial Hospital are employer partners who contribute resources in the form of staff, mentors, classroom space, supplies and job placement.

**ACCC-Run Program Wins Award**
A program run by ACCC, in collaboration with the Atlantic Cape May Workforce Investment Board (WIB), was selected from more than 100 organizations nationwide to receive a first place Recognition of Excellence Award from the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration. The program provided free allied health care training for at risk, out-of-school young adults.

The Allied Health Advancement Program enrolled more than 50 youth who gained valuable healthcare credentials such as EKG and phlebotomy certifications. Participants found employment with partnering hospitals, including AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center, Burdette Tomlin Memorial Hospital and Shore Memorial Hospital, who helped train the youth for entry level positions in the healthcare industry.

The program is unusual in that the training is free, and trainees are paid. Their transportation, uniforms, textbooks and day care needs, if any, are provided.

**School Counts! Students Awarded Scholarships**
South Jersey Gas gave ACCC $4,000 in scholarship funds for students who completed the workplace preparation program, School Counts!, while in high school. South Jersey Gas raised the funds through customer donations.

South Jersey Gas launched its School Counts! Scholarship campaign in September 2004 by offering customers the opportunity to donate $1 a month through their gas bills to the scholarship fund. The scholarships were awarded to Atlantic and Cape May County high school graduates who planned to continue their education at ACCC.

**Corporate and Workforce Training Center Thrives at Mays Landing East**
Building T at the Mays Landing Campus, also known as Mays Landing East, is now a corporate training headquarters, which hosts customized training for business, workshops and career training programs. Dual-function computer labs, classrooms and meeting space was designed to meet the demand for training space outside of Atlantic City.

**Career Training Boosts Enrollment**
A 420-hour Medical Administrative Office program that was piloted in 2004 with six students more than doubled its enrollment in 2005. Four career training programs became eligible for financial aid in June 2005, which also resulted in a significant enrollment boost. Two career training programs, Computer Technical Solution Series and Medical Administrative Office Assistant, became eligible for credit articulation.

**CCI Trains Workforce**
The Casino Career Institute trained 4,752 employees in 25 different courses under a Casino Training Consortium Grant funded by the N.J. Department of Labor & Workforce Development. Consortium partners included Atlantic City Hilton, Bally’s Park Place Casino, Resorts, Caesars Atlantic City Hotel Casino, the Borgata, Showboat Casino Hotel and Tropicana Casino Resort.

**Statewide Consortium Provides Human Services Training**
The NJ Community College Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development 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 area proudly offers these courses.

**ACCC Supports Literacy Programs**
ACCC, in partnership with the WIB, has placed instructors in Atlantic and Cape May Learning Links labs. In addition, ACCC instructors work at the Atlantic City Jobs and Opportunities Program in a unique employer-college partnership. ACCC has collaborated with local school districts and nonprofit groups to bring adult education services directly to the community as demonstrated in the partnership with Buena Regional School District and Even Start in Atlantic and Cape May counties.

**New Pathways for Alternative Route Teachers**
ACCC joined with other New Jersey community colleges to roll out the New Pathways to Teaching Program for alternative route teachers. This collaboration with the state’s other community colleges and New Jersey City University provides important access to candidates to meet the high demand for certified teachers.
Fall 2004 Enrollment Highest in History
Fall 2004 delivered a bumper crop of new and returning students when ACCC enjoyed the highest enrollment in its history. Applications for admission increased by 6.56 percent over fall 2003 to 3,473 students; total enrollment reached 6,596, an increase of 6.57 percent over fall 2003 and the highest in the history of the institution. Credits for fall 2004 were 61,790, an increase of 7.98 percent over fall 2003.

Participation in NJ STARS Expands
ACCC hosted “An Evening with the STARS” in March to provide information to high school students eligible for free ACCC tuition under the NJ STARS scholarship program. Administrators and staff discussed reasons students should consider choosing ACCC to begin their higher education.

NJ STARS students will maintain their scholarships if they have a 3.0 grade point average at the start of the fall semester. Previously, returning NJ STARS students had to finish their freshman year in the top 20 percent. Governor Richard Codey approved this change to the scholarship program which applies to all future NJ STARS students.

The state established NJ STARS – Student Tuition Assistance Reward Scholarship – to provide high school students graduating in the top 20 percent of their class free tuition at their local community college. Students from Atlantic and Cape May counties who meet all other criteria will have up to two years from the date of high school graduation to enroll and begin using the scholarship at ACCC.

In 2005, NJ STARS enrollment increased 50 percent over the previous year, according to a survey from the New Jersey Council of County Colleges. There are about 9,000 students statewide and 800 locally who qualified for the program. In the fall 2005, 2,484 students enrolled, as compared to 1,157 in 2004. Atlantic Cape enrollment increased from 41 to 105.

Jump Start Celebrates 10th Anniversary
ACCC’s Jump Start program celebrated its 10th year with a special logo printed on a bag given to participating students. Jump Start began in 1995 as a way for ACCC to take the Admission, Testing and Enrollment process to students in the local high schools. ACCC assembles a team to visit each school and provide services onsite to eligible students. Since the program’s inception in 1995, the program has more than doubled in size. In 1995, 227 applied and 163 enrolled; in 2004, those numbers increased to 692 and 386, respectively.

656 Degrees Granted
ACCC awarded 656 associate in arts, associate in applied science and associate in science degrees at the school’s 38th annual commencement May 26. The Honorable William Gormley, New Jersey state senator, delivered the keynote address. Brian Lefke, chairperson of ACCC’s Board of Trustees, conferred the degrees and presented them to the graduates.

Web for Students Adds Automated Features
The new Web for Students service gained increased access and popularity as students learned to use its many features. In an effort to provide additional secure access, an automated process was implemented for students to retrieve their PIN. With the support of the college’s Academic Computing department, the PIN retrieval system was launched in Spring 2005 with immediate success. By June 30, 2005, nearly 1,000 students had accessed the system, with 513 successfully retrieving their PIN.

CAP Center Hosts New Student Day
More than 334 students and 78 parents and friends participated in the Freshman Orientation/New Student Day hosted by the Career and Academic Planning Center in August. Also, during FY’05, the center advised more than 16,000 students, a 3.56 % increase over the year before.

Scholarships Awarded
During FY’05, 112 ACCC students were awarded 156 scholarships totaling $106,260. The scholarships were presented at ACCC’s 38th Annual Scholarship and Awards Ceremony in May.

High Honors student Yulia Guzairova of Russia, who achieved a perfect 4.0 average, delivered the class farewell at commencement 2005. Guzairova, 20, received an A.S. degree in general studies and plans to continue her education at Drexel University. She thanked ACCC’s faculty for helping shape her future and the future of her fellow graduates.
**Community Outreach**

**ACCC Hosts International Festival**
ACCC’s International Education and Multicultural Awareness Committee presented an International Festival to spark discussion on cultural differences, global values and gender roles. The festival included cultural displays, an international dress contest, Latin dance lessons and an international lunch.

**Anderson Performance Presented in Cape May County**
More than 400 patrons enjoyed the March performance of Welcome Home, Marian Anderson at the Middle Township Performing Arts Center. The performance was sponsored by the Minority Affairs Committee of the ACCC Board of Trustees, Concerned Citizens of Whitesboro and Access to Art, Inc. The play celebrated the life, troubles and triumphs of the first black woman to perform on the stage of the Metropolitan Opera Company in New York. It was written by singer, actress and playwright Vanessa Shaw, who played Anderson.

**‘I Have a Dream’**
Dr. Martin Luther King’s famous “I Have a Dream” speech was re-enacted in January in a free event on campus that was also open to the public. The Reverend Ezekiel G. Bey, pastor of Union Baptist Temple in Atlantic City, performed the speech. The event was sponsored by the college’s International Education and Multicultural Awareness Committee.

**Talented Idols Raise $3,100**
The first ever ACCC Idol Talent Show featured competitions among singers, musicians and dancers in April to raise more than $3,100 for the Mary Tower Scholarship Fund. Student Malik Williams danced his way to the top prize, the Talent Idol Trophy. The audience was called upon to choose the winner after judges’ votes resulted in a tie between Malik and Mediha Lubonja, a traditional Albanian folk dancer. The Mary Tower Scholarship is awarded annually to students who have taken ENGL070 and have overcome great obstacles to succeed academically. It seeks to raise another $3,000 to create an endowment.

**Workshop Informs Educators About New Cape May County Campus**
A workshop for Cape May County high school principals and guidance officers was offered by the Student Services area in conjunction with the Academic Dean’s office to provide an overview of the programs and services available at ACCC’s new Cape May County Campus, which opened Fall 2005. The workshop welcomed 25 guests who were eager to learn of the services available to students at the college’s newest location.

**High School Grads Visit Cape May**
The Cape May County Extension Center hosted an Open House for high school graduates during several days in June. The goal was to show what ACCC had to offer, including the new full-service campus in Middle Township opening that fall.

Students were able to meet one-on-one with ACCC’s academic advisors to explore their career interests. They learned how to get a head start on their degree by taking a summer course and how to earn a degree online. They were also introduced to financial aid opportunities, the NJ STARS program, student clubs and more. Information on ACCC’s transfer agreements with many four-year colleges was also available. Refreshments and giveaways were provided.

**Kids College Grants Scholarships**
More than 60 disadvantaged youth from Atlantic and Cape May County school districts attended Kids College workshops last summer at the Worthington Atlantic City Center through a scholarship program. Students participated in weeklong workshops, including Computer Programming and Tall Tales of New Jersey.

ACCC’s Board of Trustees Minority Affairs Committee spearheaded the scholarship program in 2004 to introduce the idea of attending college to children during the early years of their education. Donations from local businesses to fund the program include: Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa, Kramer Beverage, Cape Savings Bank, Guthrie Glass and Mirror, the Fellowship of Churches, United Baptist Church, as well as several individual donors.

**Careme’s Café Series a Success**
FY’05 brought a new season of the popular Careme’s Café Series, featuring performances by folk singers and gourmet dinners at ACCC’s on-campus restaurant. The restaurant is operated by students at the Academy of Culinary Arts under the supervision of Academy faculty.

Leading off the series was singer, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Dulcie Taylor, whose most recent album, Mirrors and Windows, won a Washington Area Music Association Award for Best Contemporary Folk recording. The Café Series also presented a return engagement from New York-based musician Liz Queler and from Philadelphia rising star Kate Gaffney.

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 Winners of the International Festival cultural clothing contest: Sadia Shaukat, Pakistan, first place; Fasika Adeleke, Ethiopia, second place; and Mohammed M. Islam, Bangladesh, third place. Four-year-old guest Alexa Bethancourt, Honduras, the child of a student, won honorable mention. Winners of the Cultural Display contest were Mattern’s advanced reading and writing class, first place, and Silvia Schottinger’s elementary ESL class, second place.

More than 60 youth ages 9-15 received scholarships to attend several weeklong Kids College workshops at ACCC’s Atlantic City Center. Scholarship donors visiting with the students were, from left, Bobby Royal, Trustee Lynn Baumgardner, Carmen Royal, Kathy Corbalis, Kathy Steiger, vice president, Cape Savings Bank; and Trustee Eric Reynolds.
Retired Educator Bequeaths $500,000 to Foundation

The largest single gift in the Foundation’s history was announced at a news conference in January when $500,000 was received from the estate of educator Marjorie Ward.

Miss Ward passed away in May 2004 at the age of 105 and, up until her death, had been keenly following the progress of ACCC’s Cape May County Campus construction. She taught for many years in the Montclair school system and retired in 1958 to Cape May.

In her memory, the college established the Marjorie Ward Leaders Scholarship Program. Annually, the college will select up to six Cape May County residents as “Marjorie Ward Scholars.” These students will receive full tuition to the college for two years, leadership skills training and support from the college’s Office of Student Services.

Ward Scholars for 2005-2006 include: Stanley Bogan of Cape May Court House, Middle Township High School; Christopher Canderan of Seaville, Ocean City High School; Colleen Fitzpatrick of Ocean City, Ocean City High School; Carolann Hawthorne of North Cape May, Lower Cape May Regional High School; Brittany Taccarino of Marmora, Cape May County Technical High School; and Michael Tyrrell of Palermo, Ocean City High School.

Foundation Officers Elected, New Members Join Board

Lynda Pagliughi, tourism/economic development liaison with the South Jersey Transportation Authority, was named president of the Foundation board at the group’s November meeting.

An Avalon resident, Pagliughi served as a board member for the last five years, including two years as vice president. She is the board’s first female president.

Charles Pessagno, president of the NIA Group, was elected vice president for Cape May County, and Frank Forde, regional officiating coordinator, was named vice president for Atlantic County. Somers Point resident Dennis Stacy, American Express financial advisor, and Stephen Nehmad, of Perskie, Nehmad and Perillo, a resident of Egg Harbor Township, were re-elected as treasurer and secretary, respectively.

Karen Brundage-Johnson of Egg Harbor Township and Robert Mullock of Cape May Point joined the board in May. Brundage-Johnson is director of Talent (Employee) Relations Management at Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa and previously served as human resources director of Lucent Technologies and training manager for AT&T. Mullock is owner and president of Cape May National Golf Club and formerly was a partner at National Insurance Associates Group, president of Consolidated National Insurance and owner of the Victorian Rose Bed and Breakfast Inn in Cape May.

Golf Tournament Raises $12,000 for Scholarships

The Cape May County Championship Golf Tournament, held in October 2004, raised $12,000 for ACCC student scholarships. More than 60 players participated in the golf outing held at Cape May National Golf Club and presented by 1st Bank of Sea Isle City.

Tournament Director Bob Mullock announced that 12 $1,000 scholarships would be awarded to Cape May County students attending ACCC. James Cooper, Foundation Board president emeritus, and Charles Pessagno, ACCC Foundation vice chairperson, co-chaired the event.

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Joanne Kay, Marjorie Ward’s attorney, tells a story about Miss Ward at a kick-off event announcing the $500,000 endowment.

The First Bank of Sea Isle City donated $5,000 to the 2004 Cape May County Golf Scholarship event.
The ACCC Foundation presented the college with more than 100 new books for its Mays Landing and Cape May County campus libraries. The Foundation purchased the books with $3,620 donated to its 2004 end-of-year appeal from the college community. Presenting the books were from left, Dr. Albert Monillas, ACCC trustee and Foundation liaison; Lynda Pagliugh, Foundation president; Matt Moeller, Foundation member; and Dr. Peter Mora, ACCC president.

### ‘Leaves for Learning’ Beautifies New Campus

A fund-raising campaign run by the Advancement Office with strong backing from the Foundation helped enhance and beautify the new Cape May County Campus. At the time of the campus grand opening (see pages 10-11), county residents and businesses along with college staff and supporters had contributed more than $71,000 to the “Leaves for Learning” campaign.

Trees, shrubs and other plantings line the college drive and grace the grounds of the building, all purchased with campaign funds. A donor giving tree, located on the second floor of the new campus building, recognized the nearly 200 persons who gave to the effort. The tree is expandable and donors can still add their names by making a donation at one of these levels: Gold Acorn, $5,000; Silver Acorn, $2,500; Platinum Leaf, $1,000; Gold Leaf, $500; Silver Leaf, $250; Bronze Leaf, $100; and Friends of ACCC, $65-$99.

Members of the ACCC Foundation pose at the ribbon cutting of the new campus. Left to right: Robert Boyer, trustee liaison; Karen Brundage-Johnson, Bob Patterson, Dr. Peter Mora, ACCC president; Conrad Herr; Lynda Pagliugh, Foundation president; Matt Moeller, James Cooper, Foundation president emeritus; Dennis Stacy, and Dr. Albert Monillas, trustee liaison.

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Cape May County Campus Celebrates Grand Opening
At left, John Mohr, director of student development, Worthington Atlantic City Center and Cape May County Campus, holds up a grand opening program.Inset: Brian Lefke, chairperson, ACCC's Board of Trustees, delivers remarks before the ribbon cutting. Below, the ribbon awaits cutting to signify the opening of the new campus.

ACCC board of trustees members, from left, Nicholas Talvacchia, Dr. Elizabeth Dworsky, Robert Boyer, Brian Lefke, chairman; Dr. Peter Mora, ACCC president; Maria Torres, Mary Long, Lynn Baumgardner, Andrew Melchiorre, David Evans and Dr. Albert Monillas.

Cutting the ribbon to open the new campus were Cape May County government officials and Cape May County representatives and officers of ACCC's board of trustees. Pictured, left to right, Ralph E. Bakley Sr., freeholder; Leonard C. Desiderio, freeholder; Gerald M. Thornton, freeholder; Ralph E. Sheets, Jr., freeholder vice-director; Stephen O'Connor, county administrator/freeholder clerk; Daniel Beyel, freeholder director; Dr. Peter L. Mora, ACCC president; Dr. Albert A. Monillas, board member; Brian G. Lefke, board chairperson; Robert J. Boyer, vice chairperson; Mary B. Long, Andrew W. Melchiorre and Dr. Elizabeth A. Dworsky.

On Aug. 24, 2005, a new college campus was unveiled where nothing stood before. On that auspicious summer day, a dream was fulfilled in brick and mortar and steel and glass, ACCC's full-service Cape May County Campus. It was the official ribbon cutting for the nearly 68,000-square foot facility in Cape May Court House, which opened for classes two weeks later. State, county and local officials were there to participate. ACCC trustees and administrators also took part, as did a U.S. Coast Guard Color Guard from the Cape May base.

ACCC Student Government Association President Carl Kent Jr. shared the importance of the new campus to ACCC students from Cape May County.

Herbert Hornsby, right, president of Cape Savings Bank, the supporting sponsor of the Leaves for Learning program, spoke at the donor giving tree presentation. Cape Savings Bank donated $25,000 to kick off the campaign, which raised more than $71,000. With him are Dr. Mora and Lynda Pagliughi, Foundation president.

The U.S. Coast Guard Color Guard from the Training Center in Cape May opened the grand opening ceremonies.
Worthington AC Center Renovations Begin
ACCC began a $2.5 million renovation of the Worthington Atlantic City Center, completing Phase I, which included replacing the roof, upgrading the HVAC system, new fencing and gate, signage, sidewalk replacement, parking bumpers and planting of trees.

For the $3 million Phase II, the college hired an architect to renovate 9,000 square feet of existing storage and the enclosure of the porte-cochere. It will also be home to the new Health Professions Institute, a nondegree program that provides training for allied health careers, a science lab and additional classrooms.

Construction is set to begin in July 2006.

Technology Supports Meetings, Classrooms
The college installed group video conferencing systems at all three campuses to facilitate inter-campus meetings and programs. The college video server was expanded to accommodate a growing digital film library that is classroom-accessible from all campuses.

A virtual tape appliance was installed to allow a backup to the mainframe system and application files to disk, thus reducing dependency on physical tapes and increasing portability in sending files via the network.

ACCC converted the mainframe-based continuous check printing to laser. Both direct deposit and payroll checks utilize a MICR Xerox printer, allowing the college to secure digital signatures. The addition of mainframe software also allowed transmission of e-mail in a PDF format, greatly reducing the need for paper.

Finally, ACCC implemented a mainframe-based Campus Wide ID application for the Student Information System, eliminating the visibility of the student social security numbers using a new 8 digit CWID.

Upgrades Enhance Mays Landing Campus
ACCC completed roofing projects for J and K buildings, and repaired and upgraded the electrical systems on campus. The geothermal system was expanded to Buildings B-1 and B-3, in addition to B-2, to allow those three buildings to maintain separate heating and air conditioning. During the winter months, when the college needs some cooling capacity for the computers, those buildings will be able to accommodate the temperature change.

The primary electrical systems were replaced and upgraded and the secondary electrical systems internally were brought up to code.

State-of-the-Art Technology Featured at New Campus
The Cape May County Campus opened with state-of-the-art instructional technology. Classrooms have touch panel control of an LCD projector, personal computer, a DVD/VHS player and an audio system. The high-speed (gigabit) backbone to the new campus provides data services equivalent to the Mays Landing Campus. At the new campus, 80 percent of the computers use wireless connectivity for data access. There is also a video distribution system for satellite and CATV programming.

See CMCC photos & story on pp. 10-11.
ACU Hosts Homecoming
The Academy of Culinary Arts hosted its 5th Annual Homecoming/Open House in October for students and parents. The day included cooking demonstrations, parent-student cooking competitions, student recipe contests and more. It concluded with an hors d'oeuvres reception at Careme's, the gourmet, student-run restaurant of the Academy of Culinary Arts.

8th Annual Beaujolais Nouveau Wine Tasting Celebration
At one minute past midnight on the third Thursday of each November, more than one million cases of Beaujolais Nouveau, the newest wine from the Beaujolais region of France, begin a journey to all parts of the world.

Wine enthusiasts were able to celebrate the release locally at Careme's. In conjunction with the local chapter of the Chaîne des Rôtisseurs, the ACA offers a limited number of tickets to this celebration where guests are treated to authentic French country food and desserts. The meal was prepared and served by ACA students in the Academy's kitchens under the guidance of Chef Educator Michael Huber. Beaujolais Nouveau from six different producers is available for tasting.

Proceeds support student scholarships through the ACCC Foundation. The Chaîne also awarded a $1,500 and a $1,000 scholarship to two students during the event.

Grads Earn Honors
Two ACA graduates and a current student took top honors at Baking Expo 2004 in October at the Atlantic City Convention Center. Denise Percoski, 97 ACA, 00 ACCC, won the first place medal in the Miniature Wedding Cake Division. Percoski, of Mays Landing, also won a gold medal in the wedding cake category at the International Hotel, Motel and Restaurant Show in New York City in November.

Ruth LaTorre, 02 ACA, won second place medals in the Miniature Wedding Cake and Soft Icing Wedding Cake divisions at the Baking Expo. LaTorre lives in Atlantic City and is a pastry cook at the Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa. Student Leo Perez of Egg Harbor Township won first place in the Wedding Cake division. He works at the Borgata and attends the ACA part-time through the bilingual program.

Vo-Tech Students, Teachers Attend Culinary Career Day
More than 100 students and educators from vocational-technical schools across New Jersey participated in hands-on culinary workshops and feasted on a gourmet lunch buffet at the Academy in March. The ACA hosted the event in an effort to expose high school students already in a vocational culinary program to advanced training.

Students came from Atlantic County Institute of Technology, Burlington County Special Services School District, Cape May County Technical High School, Cumberland County Technical School, Gloucester County Institute of Technology, Hudson County School of Technology, Hunterdon County Polytech, Mercer County Technical School, Monmouth County KIVA Technical School, Ocean County Vocational and Technical School, Passaic County Technical Institute, and Somerset County Vocational and Technical High School.

Alum Chairs Restaurant Gala
Chef Michael Schlow, a 1987 ACA graduate and executive chef and co-owner of three Boston-area restaurants, served as honorary chairman for the 2005 Press of Atlantic City Restaurant Gala presented by Commerce Bank in April.

As chef/owner of Great Bay, Radius and Via Matta, Schlow is recognized as one of the leading chefs in the United States. His greatest individual award occurred shortly after the opening of Radius, when, in his first year of eligibility, he won the distinguished James Beard Award of Excellence for “Best Chef in the Northeast.”

Now in its 22nd year, the Press of Atlantic City Restaurant Gala has raised more than $1 million in college scholarships for students at ACCC and the ACA. The premier black-tie event of the region, the Gala featured “The Art of Food” as the theme. Its supporters, and participating restaurants and sponsors, help ensure that the regional hospitality industry will remain strong with well-trained culinary arts professionals.

The 2005 event raised $168,000.

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**FY2005 Revenues by Source**

Total FY2005 Revenue $48,928,333

- Capital gifts and grants $226,557
- Capital appropriations $12,515,331
- Nongovernmental grants/contracts $550,111
- State and local grants/contracts $3,137,602
- County appropriations $7,929,328
- Tuition and fees $7,817,356
- Federal grants/contracts $8,268,556
- Gifts $315,950
- Other operating revenues $713,551
- Investment income $268,149
- Education grants $2,978,956
- State appropriations $7,185,842
- County appropriations $7,929,328
- Student services $3,139,553
- Federal grants/contracts $8,268,556
- Student aid $470,357
- Instructional $12,482,825
- Depreciation $1,606,582
- Operation of Plant $4,860,128
- Institutional Support $9,076,696
- Public service $844,481
- Academic support $3,158,430

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**FY2005 Operating Expenses**

Total FY2005 Operating Expenses $35,639,052

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- Student aid $470,357
- Institutional support $9,076,696
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The following summary of operating results for the year ended June 30, 2005 was prepared from the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets in the College’s Financial Statements:

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College enrollment is comprised of credit and non-credit full-time equated students (FTEs). A full time equated student represents a student or combination of students taking thirty (30) credits.

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**Enrollment Ratio Fall 2004**

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**Total Enrollment: 6515**

**Financial Aid 2004-05**

**Federal Funds**

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The college’s financial statements can be viewed at www.atlantic.edu/financials.
Milestones

Dr. Peter Mora Named ACCC’s Eighth President
ACCC’s Board of Trustees named Dr. Peter L. Mora Sr. as the school’s eighth president effective July 1 at a special meeting in April. Raised in Atlantic City, Mora has served ACCC for 31 years, including vice president for continuing education and Cape May County.

“We believe that Dr. Mora is the right candidate to move Atlantic Cape Community College forward,” said Brian Lefke, board chairperson.

He had served the college as provost for Cape May County, dean of continuing education and extension centers, and associate dean of economic development and continuing education. He was associate dean of academics and also taught in and chaired the college’s developmental studies division.

Mora earned a doctorate in community college education from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and a master’s degree in community college teaching from the former Glassboro State College. He holds a bachelor’s degree in History and Economics from Connecticut’s University of Bridgeport.

The new president chaired the college’s Cape May County Comprehensive Campus Transition Team and served on the board of directors and as treasurer of the N.J. Community College Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development. He serves as a board member with the Community Development Corp. of the Atlantic Cape May County Regional Employer Council. He was a board member for the National Council for Continuing Education and Training and serves with the N.J. State Employer Council and Southern N.J. Development Council. In 1999 Mora co-chaired the National Educational Computing Conference at the Atlantic City Convention Center.

He serves as a board member with the Greater Atlantic City Chamber of Commerce, Cape May County Chamber of Commerce and Burdette Tomlin Memorial Hospital Foundation.

Dr. John May Retires
Mora succeeded Dr. John T. May who retired on June 30. May was named president of Atlantic Community College on Feb. 1, 1994. Under his leadership, the college was renamed Atlantic Cape Community College in February, 1999, after becoming a joint college with Cape May County. He established the college as a leader in online education and led the school during the period of its highest enrollment.

Dr. Mora Makes Acting Appointments
Not long after taking the helm, Dr. Mora reorganized ACCC’s senior administration by appointing acting deans to help him quick-start implementation of his vision for the college.

Dr. Art Wexler was appointed acting senior dean for academic affairs. He had served as a faculty member and chairman of the social science department in 25 years with the college, had held many leadership positions. Dr. Richard Perniciaro was named acting dean of administration, planning and research. He oversees business services, facilities management, research, planning and the Center for Regional and Business Research. He was associate dean for CRBR.

Patricia Owens was named acting dean of continuing education and resource development. Additionally, she is responsible for consolidating all college grants, the Foundation, advancement, public relations and marketing. She was associate dean, continuing education operations.

Dr. Joe Rossi was named acting dean of Cape May County Campus and labor relations. He will also manage collective bargaining, human resources, security and serves as liaison to the Board of Trustees. He was interim vice president for administration and finance.

Bobby Royal was named acting dean for Worthington Atlantic City Center operations. His duties include heading community affairs and affirmative action programs for all service areas. He was executive assistant to the president and has served in many leadership roles since joining the college in 1974.

Dr. Richard Skinner of finance and Doug Hedges of ITS remain as executive directors reporting to Dr. Mora.

Wexler made several appointments. Dr. Ronald McArthur was named acting dean of instruction. A member of the faculty since 1992, he also served as academic advisor for athletics and coordinator and then department chair for fine arts, humanities and physical education. He joined the college as director of admissions and records in 1979.

Library Director Grant Wilinski was named acting associate dean of academic support services, responsible for instructional technology, distance education, the skills lab and tutoring, the faculty support office, and the library. McArthur appointed Cheryl Knowles-Harrigan, assistant professor of art, as acting chairperson of fine arts and humanities and Dr. Martin Marino, professor of psychology and education, as acting department chair for social science.

Linda Dolan was named acting associate dean of continuing education operations.

Dr. Agnes Armato, vice president of academics, Dr. Josette Katz, dean of academic resources, and Dr. Joyce Grohman, dean of instruction, joined the faculty as professors in English, business and nursing, respectively.

Dr. John May, left, outgoing ACCC president, received a plaque from Atlantic County, one of many awards at his retirement party in May. Presenting the award are Sue Schilling, freeholder, and Joseph Silipena, freeholder chairman. May was honored by Cumberland County College, ACCC Board of Trustees, ACCC Foundation, Cape May County Freeholders, Atlantic County Freeholders, Atlantic Cape May Workforce Investment Board, N.J. Council of Council Colleges, Richard Stockton College, ACCC students, Academic Affairs and ACCC employees.

More than 150 people attended the event.
Townsend Appointed
Rob Townsend joined the college as assistant director of facilities management operations. He had served as director of environmental services for Dockwoods Community of Lansdale, Pa., and contract project manager for Wackenhut Services of Pomona. He earned training certificates from Delaware County Community College in hazardous materials technology, building official and code administration, national electric code, HVAC installation and service, and OSHA compliance, among other areas.

Ruth L. Williams Memorialized
Relatives, friends and colleagues of the late Ruth L. Williams, the college’s former Human Resources administrator, thanked donors who contributed more than $12,000 for a memorial scholarship in Williams’ name. Ruth passed away in 2001 after 30 years of dedicated service to ACCC. The scholarship is awarded to an EOF graduate of ACCC seeking a bachelor’s degree in social science.

Archery Awards Abound
Two archers who trained with ACCC’s team represented the U.S. at the 2005 Summer World University Games in Turkey. Brett Lazaroff and Sagar Mistry filled two of three slots on the men’s recurve team. The Games are considered a stepping stone to the Olympics.

ACCC’s Archery Team won a variety of awards in the Collegiate Division of the U.S. Archery National Championship tournament in Harrisonburg, Va., in March. The team beat competing schools including four-year institutions.

The men’s recurve team won first place in the East and second in the U.S.

ACCC’s mixed recurve team won second place in the East. The women’s recurve team took third in the East. The compound men’s team placed fourth in the East.

In addition, several ACCC students scored high in individual competition.

Three ACCC archers were named 2005 USA Archery All-Americans by the National Archery Association: Tomas Wartownik and Brett Lazaroff of Absecon and Desiree Sparano of Northfield. To become an All-American, an archer must shoot in both the U.S. National Indoor Championships and the U.S. Intercollegiate Archery Championships (the collegiate outdoor national tournament). The combined scores of these two tournaments determine All-American status.

Three archers were named to the 2005 USA Archery Academic All-America Team: Wartownik, Sparano and Noah Patterson of Tuckerton. Applicants must have finished in the top 25 percent of their division in the U.S. Indoor competition, have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better, a current NAA Club Membership, individual membership in the NAA and meet college division eligibility requirements.

Faculty Member Dies Suddenly
The college community was saddened by the sudden passing of one of its own, Karen Marie Brown, in October 2004. Brown died of a brain aneurism at the age of 43. She joined the college as an adjunct instructor in mathematics in January 1999 and was appointed to full-time assistant professor in September of 1999.

She was loved by her students and colleagues. She and her husband were residents of Voorhees, N.J.

A tree was planted outside Simon Lake Hall in memory of Prof. Brown during the college’s Earth Day celebration.

PECC Nears Target
ACCC’s Public Employee Charitable Campaign fell just short of its goal for 2004 by coming within $146 of its $14,700 target.

Top Employees
Michael Mettille, print shop technician, was named Employee of the Quarter for fall 2004 because, among other reasons, he “always goes beyond the call of duty…with a smile on his face,” according to one of his nominators.

Grateful for their courteous and calm demeanor during disruptive construction and constant room changes, ESL faculty and colleagues at Worthington Atlantic City Center nominated the building’s entire security staff as ACCC Employees of the Quarter for spring 2005. The winners were Sergeant Ernie Sandoz and guards Rick Collins, Don Nigsch, Serena Palmer and William Smith Jr.

Top employees win a reserved parking space, dinner for two at Careme’s campus gourmet restaurant and have their photo displayed at the Worthington Atlantic City Center, Mays Landing Campus and Cape May County Campus.

Milestones

Ruth Williams’ son, Chetley Williams, hands a donation to Ruth Tunnell, donor campaign coordinator. Looking on, from left, are donor campaign officers Dr. Joseph Rossi, Charita McClain, Patricia Luciano-Federici and Bobby Royal.
**Trustee News**

The Board of Trustees elected **Brian Lefke** of Somers Point and **Robert Boyer** of Villas to one-year terms as chair and vice chair, respectively, at its reorganization meeting in November 2004.

**Nicholas Talvacchia, Esq.** of Margate was elected treasurer. Joining the board as a non-voting member representing the student body was 2004 graduate **Boyd DeLanzo** of Ocean City.

**BettyAnn Hines** of Mays Landing was reappointed secretary to the board. **David A. Evans** was named as a state appointee to the Board of Trustees by Acting Governor Richard Codey. Evans is a former Galloway Township councilman and a long-time educator.

**Trustee Maria Torres** was one of five women named “Girl Scouts of the South Jersey Pines 2005-2006 Women of the Year.” The recipients were described as “among the best and brightest in South Jersey and are perfect role models for today’s Girl Scouts.”

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**Accomplishments**

**ACCC’s Heart Walk team raised more than $3,000 for the American Heart Association.** More than 80 employees and students, including four infants, enjoyed a beautiful, sunny day on the Ocean City boardwalk.

**Dr. Agnes Armoo,** former vice president of academic affairs, now professor of English, was named to the Academic Assembly Council of the College Board. She also served as chair of a Middle States Team for CUNY/Hostos Community College in New York.

The Rev. John Bryant, assistant professor of math, attended Oxford University’s Summer School of Theology in England in 2005 and was invited to study as an academic for an eight-week term at Peter House College-Oxford.

**Mark Camma,** assistant professor, accounting/business, developed an auditing question for future CPA exams, which were created and are administered by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

**Keith Carson,** senior adjunct, history, wrote two articles for Salem Press for a history database and another for The Journal of Graduate Liberal Studies.

**Christina M. Cavage,** acting chairwoman of ESL, had a book published, “Working at It!” a high-intermediate to advanced level ESL listening and speaking text that focuses on workplace language. It is appropriate for college credit, or vocational adult, ESL programs.

**Annamarie Chelius,** chef educator, ACA, earned her bachelor’s degree from Thomas Edison State College.

**Denise Coulter,** assistant professor, English, participated in a mid-career fellowship at Princeton University fall 2004 and spring 2005.

**Tammy DeFranco,** student development specialist, Career and Academic Planning Center, earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration from Franklin University.

**Claire Farnum,** counselor II, was elected to serve as vice president of the New Jersey Community College Counselors Association.

**Keith Forrest,** assistant professor of speech, had personal essays and think pieces published in a number of publications, including The Philadelphia Inquirer, The Press of Atlantic City, the Courier-Post, the Cape May County Herald, Connections, and Parents Express. He also organized a panel presentation on careers in communication.

**Former Trustee Redenia Gilliam-Mosee,** senior vice president of governmental relations and planning at Bally’s Casino-Hotel, was presented with an award of appreciation by the board’s Minority Affairs Committee in recognition of her “support of academic and financial programs for disadvantaged minority students.”

**Laboratory program assistant Terri-Lynn Hambly** earned her bachelor of arts degree in natural sciences and mathematics from Thomas Edison State College.

**Cheryl Knowles-Harrigan,** newly appointed acting chairwoman of fine arts and humanities, held two preparatory workshops for students to showcase their work for “Artists in the Making” student exhibition at Gallery 50 in Bridgeton. Her students were commended by gallery personnel for their professionalism.

**Sondra Zuckerman** had her mixed media collage “Sedona in Bloom” selected for the exhibition showcard, which was distributed regionally for publicity.

Basketball players **Kevin Holmes and Jason Grant** made first team and second team, respectively, for the All-Region Division III and Garden State Athletic Conference teams representing Atlantic Cape. Holmes was also nominated for All-America status.

**Diane Holtzman,** senior adjunct, English, along with colleagues Evonne Kruger and Charles Strock from Richard Stockton College, had their “Generational Diversity” chapter published in the third edition of “Understanding and Managing Diversity” by Prentice Hall.

**Jack Hufty,** manager of grants writing and research, served as an evaluator of the curriculum, school climate and educational delivery system of Lower Cape May Regional High School for the national High Schools that Work organization.

**Michael Kammer,** assistant professor, ESL, was a member of a four-person team from New Jersey that visited universities in Germany to observe classes in English under a Rotary International group study exchange program.

**Professor Yechiel Lebavy,** social science, was reappointed to the Atlantic County Cultural and Heritage Advisory Board.

**Elinor Mattern,** assistant professor, ESL, earned a master’s degree in fine arts in creative writing with a concentration in poetry, at Fairleigh Dickinson University. The Sulphur River Review published three of her poems.
James MacNair, assistant professor, social science, participated with community college faculty and trainers from the state Department of Youth and Family Services in developing child protection curricula for non-degree DYFS human services personnel.

Dr. Ronald McArthur, acting dean of instruction, had an article accepted for publication in the Community College Review in the spring, titled, “Faculty Based Advising: An Important Factor in Community College Retention.”

Rita Michalenko, assistant professor, art, had a pastel titled, “Standing Hare,” accepted in the Perkins Center for the Arts juried art show.

Geoffrey Pettifer, director of college marketing, was elected president of the Public Relations Council of Greater Atlantic City.

A trio of faculty and administrators – Christopher (Kip) Rand, assistant professor, psychology, education, college skills, Dr. Art Wexler, acting senior dean for academic affairs, and Lynn Lessie, professor of social sciences – contributed to a new book, “Thinking, Learning and Succeeding in the Community College,” with text revisions and 13 modules of exercises.

Donna Vassallo, instructor in hospitality management and business, participated in arranging a partnership with Caesars Atlantic City whereby ACCC students could gain experience using the hotel-casino’s technology lab and private software. Five students were hired as front desk agents as a result of the training.

The 2004 Public Health Partnership Award was presented to ACCC for its support of the Atlantic County Division of Public Health. ACCCers gave the county “valuable experience to enhance emergency preparedness planning.” College partners included Sara Ryan, coordinator; Dr. John May, Dr. Joe Rossi, Therese Sampson, Mark Streckenbein, Nick Ganaway, Bill Keener, Kathy McGowan, Charita McClain, Judy Niewender and Dr. Barbara Warner.

ACCC’s nursing department under associate professor Dr. Barbara Warner, department chair, allied health, received a $25,000 grant from the Foundation of the National Student Nurses’ Association. Earlier, the nursing program was fully accredited through 2012 by the N.J. Board of Nursing.

Support Organization in Northfield. Nineteen ACCCers and a retiree were named to Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers. Students were requested to nominate the one teacher from their entire academic experience who made a difference in their lives by helping to share their values, inspire interest in a subject and challenge them to strive for excellence. ACCCers include Richard Benner, Michael Bolicki, Mark Camma, Denise Coulter, Angel Eguaras, Dr. Ronald Jenkins, Robert Kahl, Dr. Louise Kaplan, Cheryl Knowles-Harrigan, Judy Matsunobu, Annmarie Chellius, Barbara Mottola, Helen McCaffrey, George Richert, Patricia Russell-Chapman, John Stratton, Regina Van Epps, Susan Van Rossum and Dr. Barbara Warner. Retiree Dr. Jodi Handler was also named.

Awards
Paula Stewart Davis, director, counseling and support services, was honored at the TRIO Conference as one of New Jersey’s Distinguished Alumni. The award recognized her for contributions to educational opportunity programs, which provide assistance for disadvantaged students to earn college degrees and achieve academic excellence.

The Atlantic City Hotel & Lodging Association named the college, “Allied Member of the Year 2004” in recognition of its “continuing support of ACHLA and the Atlantic City hospitality industry. Sue Jones, hospitality recruiter, works closely with the association on educational and fund-raising activities.

Gerry Michelfelder, assistant professor of nursing, was honored by the N.U.R.S.E.S. Consortium which recognizes outstanding local nurses and healthcare workers. Michelfelder was cited for her contributions as a nurse educator at the college.

Patricia Nash, ’97 ACA, now a pastry cook at Trump Plaza, was on the American Culinary Federation’s Team USA of four chefs, team captain, and pastry cook who won the gold medal in hot cookery in an arduous four-day competition in Erfurt, Germany in October 2004. Overall, the American team achieved third place, its highest finish since 1988. More than 1,100 chefs from 30 nations competed in the quadrangular event. Nash’s contributions included: an autumn confection of pumpkin and vanilla ice cream with apple jelly, spice cake and sorbet; a variety of petit fours; and an amaretto cookie with cappuccino filling and chocolate-espresso glaze.


The College Relations office won six awards at the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations conference in Rehoboth Beach, Del. The awards included: gold for Kids College schedule; gold for Restaurant Gala, public/community relations project; silver for the continuing education schedule; silver for ACA seafood recipe cards; silver for Culinary Career Day one-time special event; and bronze for the annual report. Staffers who participated in the projects were Kathy Corbalis, Stacey Clapp, Geoff Pettifer, Donna Leeds, Kathy McGowan and Anna Simmons.

Ethel “Effie” Russell, who rose from adjunct instructor in 1983 to full professor of English in 2003, was named Faculty Member of the Year by the student body. Former student M., Michelle Rowe said of Russell: “She gives not only her own knowledge, but also much of her tears and sweat and understanding to her students and their work.”

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Presentations
JoAnne Barbieri, professor of business and computer information systems, and her sister, Janice DeCicco Fipp, principal of the Northfield Community School, presented for the second consecutive year for the N.J. Association of Education Office Professionals at the New Jersey Education Association Convention in Atlantic City.

Stephanie Cash, French adjunct and translator of French financial and maritime documents into English, was invited by the American Translators Association to make a presentation to a large gathering of financial translators in Jersey City.

Christina Cavage, acting chairwoman of ESL, presented at the International TESOL Conference on, “New Jersey and Macao: Teacher Training.”

Kathy Corbalis, executive director, college relations/communications, and Geoff Pettifer, marketing director, presented on “Web-based Tracking for ACCC’s Winter Term” at the NCMPR conference in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware.
Milestones

William Dougherty, then chairperson, computer information systems, presented at the League for Innovation in Tampa.

Anne Erickson, assistant professor, English, presented at the National College of Teachers of English National Conference in Indianapolis on “English 1101011001: Virtual English in a Cyber Classroom.”

Michelle Bayard Gross, senior dance adjunct, taught a guest workshop to northern New Jersey public school educators on “Understanding and Appreciating the Art of Tap Dance,” sponsored by the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark.

Cheryl Knowles-Harrigan, acting chairwoman of arts and humanities, presented at the League for Innovation in Tampa. Her topic was “Art and Psychology: Technology as a Cross-Disciplinary Tool.”

Otto Hernandez, associate professor, computer information systems, presented at the Prentice Hall Technology Conference in New Orleans.

Assistant developmental math professors Michele McGowan and Neera Desai presented at a two-day “New Experiences in Teaching” conference at The College of New Jersey. They talked about their new Visual Statistics software.

Dr. Peter Mora, then vice president of continuing education and Cape May, and Dr. John May, then ACCC president, participated in a panel presentation at the 89th annual conference of the N.J. State League of Municipalities consultant program in Atlantic City. They discussed the homeland security training program.

Dr. Richard Perniciaro, acting dean of administration, planning and research, made several presentations throughout the year, including serving as a panelist at a breakfast meeting in Voorhees to discuss the state of and outlook for the economy of Southern New Jersey. He spoke on the industries that dominate the region. On another occasion, Perniciaro was interviewed about the Trump organization’s bankruptcy filing by National Public Radio’s Steve Inskeep on “Morning Edition.”

Shirley Shields, program coordinator, Mays Landing Campus Learning Assistance Center, led a workshop on “Tutoring: An Essential Service” at the fall 2004 annual conference of the Association for Developmental Education.

Lisa Stein, assistant professor, early childhood education/development, presented at the NAEYC Professional Development Conference, showcasing the Director’s Academy.

James Taggart, assistant professor, computer information systems, presented at the League for Innovation in Tampa.

ACCC Honors Employee Service

The Annual Employee Service Awards were bestowed in May honoring full-time employees celebrating anniversaries of 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 years of service and new retirees.

10 years:
Louis Guilford, Doug Hedges, Tom Hughes, Richard Kalman, Annmarie Chelius, Kelly McClay, Vita Stovall.

15 years:
John Bryant, Carmen Cabrera, Philip Cragg, Miguel Delgado, Nick Donato, Esther Gandica, Pat Kubaska, Paula Manns, Charita McClain, Sara Ryan

20 years:
Josie Chivalette, Ellen Clark, Domenick DiPietro, Dr. Dottie Dunayer, Dr. Josette Katz, Bill Keener, Don Nigsch, Rafael Rivera, Mark Streckenbein

25 years:
Janet DeCicco, George Duboff, Frank Eastlack, Otto Hernandez

30 years:
Mary Ann Ferrigno, Dr. Joyce Grohman

35 years:
Dr. Marty Marino, Dan Thoren

Retirees:
Judy Allen, Billy Hughes, Helen Hughes, Dr. John May, Judy Matsunobu
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