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Message From The President

I am pleased to highlight a number of events during 2006-2007 that will serve as strong building blocks for meeting the college mission far into the future:

The ACCC Board of Trustees endorsed the college’s new master plan, *Blueprint 2020: Building a Better Future for ACCC*. Top projects are focused on the Mays Landing Campus and include the construction of a science and technology building, renovations to the existing academic complex, a student center, and a new entranceway and loop to the campus.

The college also approved a new, comprehensive Energy and Sustainability Plan that is linked to Blueprint 2020. This Energy and Sustainability Plan will move ACCC to a “green” future by focusing on Leeds-based designs for all new and renovated buildings, greater use of fuel-efficient college vehicles, and the implementation of a wide array of strategies for energy savings and use of renewable energy alternatives.

We continued the expansion of programming and activities at our branch campuses in Atlantic City and Cape May Court House. This includes the ongoing $3 million renovation and expansion at the Worthington Atlantic City Campus.

The college’s Board Development program continued to expand. The board’s second annual retreat, “Trustee Leadership: Balancing Oversight and Advocacy,” included a panel of statewide community college leaders. In addition, ACCC trustees have continued to develop strong relationships with the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) and the New Jersey Council of County Colleges Trustee Ambassador program.

As president, my primary goal has been to foster student learning by promoting access, excellence and stewardship. I am most pleased that the innovative and exciting developments outlined in this Annual Report provide demonstrable evidence of progress in meeting that goal. Through our collective efforts, I am confident that ACCC will continue to fulfill its legacy of truly serving as “the community’s college.”

“Dr. Peter L. Mora

“This year was one of continued progress for Atlantic Cape Community College and expanding higher education opportunities for residents of Atlantic and Cape May counties.”
Facilities/Master Plan

Blueprint 2020
Charts an Exciting Future for ACCC’s Mays Landing Campus

Since 2005, one of the guiding tenets of Dr. Peter Mora’s presidency has been “stewardship.” This idea of stewardship, according to President Mora, “suggests that leaders of publicly funded community colleges are responsible for enhancing the resources and capacity of the institution to make it more effective and efficient in meeting future program needs.”

As the college’s main campus in Mays Landing approached 40 years of age, Dr. Mora saw the need to implement a comprehensive, ongoing master planning process which would be linked to the college’s strategic and energy and sustainability planning efforts.

“In my view, it was vital for the college to create a master planning model that would allow us to link future academic and student development needs to the types of facilities required to support them,” said Dr. Mora. “If we are to generate support from the community and our funding agencies, especially in facilities planning, we must demonstrate how those facilities improve our efforts to meet ACCC’s published mission. And, we need to show how this effort will be done in an environmentally sound manner.”

The result was the creation of a college master plan titled, Blueprint 2020: Building a Better Future for ACCC. In March 2006 the Board authorized the college to hire Kimball and Associates of West Chester, Pa., to develop the plan. A year-long process ensued that involved all college constituencies in gathering information on key priorities and future needs.

The resulting document included a far-reaching vision of what could take place on the Mays Landing Campus through 2020. Blueprint 2020 is based on an academic plan to support current and new programs. The plan used strategies to benchmark ACCC to similar community colleges to determine space and facilities needs required to support the projected academic and student development needs. In addition, this model also included both an integrated Technology Plan and an Energy and Sustainability Plan.

To identify top priorities from the plan, Dr. Mora convened a subcommittee which included members of the Board of Trustees, college staff and the ACCC Foundation.

“We visited other colleges to view their buildings,” said Dr. Richard Perniciaro, Dean, Administration, Planning and Research. “From these visits and the Kimball report, we determined the deficits.”

In late August, the board officially endorsed the master plan and identified priorities within the document and charged the president to develop a plan to secure funding to support the projects.

The top projects will include construction of a science and technology building and related renovations to vacated academic structures; construction of a student center and new entranceway and loop road through the campus. The board also supported flexible scheduling for all stages of the projects.

In 2007-2008, to jump-start the process while funding sources were identified, the college planned to explore infrastructure issues and hire a company to explore which permits might be required by the N.J. Pinelands Commission for upcoming projects.
Three Campuses Undergo Voluntary Environmental Audits

As part of a new agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, ACCC was among more than 100 colleges in New Jersey and New York to participate in a voluntary environmental audit program.

The audits, which took place at all three campuses in late September and early October 2006, were conducted by visitors from peer institutions who inspected buildings on campus, accompanied by members of ACCC’s Technical Committee for the Audit.

The EPA urged the schools to join the Agency’s voluntary self-disclosure program, an innovative effort to help facilities comply with EPA regulations by doing self-audits to assess compliance, to promptly disclose and correct environmental violations and to safeguard the public and the environment.

If participants report and correct violations and take action to prevent recurrences, they are subsequently eligible to receive full or partial relief from penalties for voluntarily disclosed violations of EPA regulations.

Facilities Survey Ushers in Campus Improvements

As the Mays Landing Campus, which opened in 1968, is on the verge of middle age, the Institutional Research Office decided to conduct a survey among faculty, students and staff to determine specific concerns about its physical state.

As a result, improved lighting was added to the parking lots and roads leading in and out of the campus, and several parking lots were repaved.

On tap for fall 2007 was the start of bathroom renovations, beginning with A Building, and repairs to the wall outside of C Building.

Many upgrades to the Mays Landing Campus were completed in summer 2007. The B-Courtyard project included a new brushed concrete surface and stamped concrete accent bands; replacement of all the perimeter landscape retaining walls with new 25-year railroad ties and seating surface; re-design of existing drainage systems to eliminate chronic flooding problems; and replacement of steps and entry ramp with new ADA friendly access including new railings.
Expanding Opportunities
for Students at Atlantic City Campus

ACCC’s Atlantic City site was granted branch campus status by the Department of Higher Education and changed its name to the Charles D. Worthington Atlantic City Campus in fall 2006. Since then, students at the Atlantic City Campus are finding more opportunities at the expanding campus than ever before. Changes to courses and infrastructure provide new education options, greater access to technology and amenities like a revamped cafeteria and student center.

“Achieving the dream of having ACCC’s Worthington Atlantic City Campus become a full-service campus has been the goal for students, faculty, staff and administrators studying and working at this location,” said WACC Dean Bobby Royal. “It is all finally coming together after two-and-a-half years of labor and dedication to upgrading the facility, staff, services and educational programs.”

Highlights include:

- **Degree completion:** Students can earn a degree without leaving Atlantic City. All courses to complete an associate in science in General Studies are offered at WACC, allowing students to save time and money by avoiding a commute to the Mays Landing Campus.
- **A new student center where students can relax between classes.** The lounge is equipped with a large screen television, arcade games, ping pong and other social activities aimed at making student life at the campus more enjoyable.
- **A renovated cafeteria offering hot foods in addition to vending machines and snacks.**
- **Full-service counseling, academic advisement and career planning in the relocated ACCESS Center (Atlantic City Campus for Education and Student Services).**

Other services will be available beginning in spring 2008, including:

- **The opening of a full-service information commons, including a library with room for more than 20,000 books, a computer lab and math and writing labs.**
- **One-stop admissions center, including placement testing, registration and financial aid counseling in one location.**
- **A new bookstore with expanded hours that will offer textbooks and school supplies.**
- **Additional parking in an expanded, gated parking lot.**
- **Casino games training in the redesigned Casino Career Institute.**

Finally, in 2008, students will be able to enroll in training programs offered in the new Health Professions Institute. This will occupy approximately 5,600 square feet and include a science lab, lecture classrooms and a computer center. Students will receive comprehensive auxiliary and allied health training for a number of health care careers, such as Surgical Technician, Certified Nurse Aide, Medical Terminology, Phlebotomy, Clinical Medical Assistant and Medical Administrative Office Specialist.

ACCC opened the Worthington Atlantic City Campus at 1535 Bacharach Boulevard in 1984. In 2001, it was renamed in memory of Atlantic County’s first county executive, Charles D. Worthington.
‘My County, My College’ Campaign Targets Cape May County

The College launched an integrated marketing campaign targeting Cape May County residents in August 2007 as part of a year-long strategy to build awareness of the Cape May County Campus. The newspaper and radio ads featured students and alumni touting the benefits of attending the Cape May Court House campus, including its convenient location and the affordability and flexibility of ACCC’s programs.

The campaign used the tagline “My County, My College” and included photos and quotes from Jamar Bogan ’07, Roger Lillo ’03, Bill Toland ’83 and Jessica Westerland ’07, and students Consuela Gant and Nikki Nichols.

The campaign was successful in increasing enrollment at the Cape May County Campus for fall 2007, said Geoffrey Pettifer, Director of College Marketing. The head count went up 2.15 percent while the total number of credits students enrolled in increased 5.68 percent over the previous fall.

The ads ran throughout August in Cape May County and continue to appear on the Web site at www.atlantic.edu/capemay.

After-School Program a Huge Success

It’s easy for young people to lose their way in a casino town. That’s why members of the St. James AME Church of Atlantic City decided to team up with ACCC’s Charles D. Worthington Atlantic City Campus to launch a special After-School Program for area kids in grades seven through 12.

Church members Rhonda Hart and Barbara Woodall, with the support of St. James Trustee Redenia Gilliam-Mosee, first approached ACCC in spring 2006 about a program called CHOICES, designed to help young people to develop decision-making skills through value-based education. In August 2007, 30 area middle and high school students were recruited for a summer reading program, Choices in Learning Literacy (CHILL), conducted at WACC by the program’s all-volunteer staff.

The ongoing program, which meets in Atlantic City Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, is such a success that the city honored the group and the college with a special resolution.

“The emphasis is on improving grades and opportunities,” said WACC Dean Bobby Royal. “We are indeed proud of our association with this group of dedicated mentors who strive to impress the young people with the importance of education and learning.”

In addition to offering tutoring and mentoring in reading, writing, technology education and problem-solving, with space and technology provided by the College, the program also features career development.

“People in the community come in and introduce them to various careers such as nursing, law, writing and aviation,” said Hart, one of the coordinators of the program.

“The partnership with WACC helps break down the mysteriousness of post-secondary education,” added the Rev. Dr. James Coaxum III, the church’s pastor.

“CHOICES helps to enhance their self-esteem,” said Cydnee Phoenix, another program coordinator.

The kids agree.

“If not for this program, I would be home being bored, or with my friends acting silly on the streets.”

QWISHANA CURTIS, 15, STUDENT

ACCC’s partnership in a new After-School Program gives kids the tools to make the right choices.
Profsessors, Students Collect Books for African Village

A book drive launched by John Atsu-Swanzy, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, saw more than 1,500 books collected by students, faculty and staff. The books were shipped to Atsu-Swanzy’s native village of Atorkor in Ghana, Africa, in June.

Through donations from the community, Atsu-Swanzy collected hundreds of textbooks, fiction novels and children’s books to fill the shelves of a new library in Atorkor, a small fishing village seeking to improve basic education for its residents.

Paula Manns, Associate Professor of Economics and Business, JoAnne Barbieri, Professor of Business and Computer Information Systems, and Heather Boone, Assistant Professor of Social Science, adopted the community service project for their classes. “People doing little things can make a really big difference,” Manns said of the book drive.

In addition to their volunteer service, Boone’s students collected clothing, toys, books and school supplies for the Atlantic City Rescue Mission, and for Atsu-Swanzy’s village. Students were supported by ACCC’s shipping and receiving staff. Tom Hughes and Dennis Price, who helped pack boxes and stored them. Students collected more than 15 boxes of mostly men’s clothing and toys for the Mission, and several more boxes of books for Professor Atsu-Swanzy’s village.

Rutgers Expands Programs at ACCC

Rutgers University added four undergraduate majors to its programs at ACCC effective fall 2007 including Bachelor of Arts degrees in Criminal Justice, Psychology, Political Science and General Science.

Under an agreement between ACCC and Rutgers, students can earn four-year or graduate degrees without leaving ACCC’s campuses. The partnership provides opportunities for local residents to continue their education while staying close to home. All courses are held in the evening to accommodate working professionals and are taught by Rutgers’ faculty.

These programs are in addition to the ones Rutgers already offered at ACCC’s campuses, which include bachelor’s degrees in Liberal Studies and Hospitality Management and graduate degrees in Business Administration and Education.

ACCC’s Board of Trustees approved three new degree options and a certificate program in 2006-07.

A Business Management option of the Technical Studies associate in applied science degree was approved effective spring 2007. The program is available for electricians, ironworkers, carpenters, plumbers, pipe fitters and heat and frost insulators as well as student apprentices and those enrolled in recognized training and workforce programs.

An option of the Computer Programming associate in applied science degree, titled Database Design and Development, was approved effective fall 2007. ACCC formed a partnership with the Oracle Corporation/Oracle Academy to offer the program.

A new associate in applied science degree option in Office Systems Technology, Computing for Small Business, is designed to enhance the technical knowledge base and skill sets of small business employees and new entrepreneurs.

To help local secretarial/clerical and educational support services workers who wish to obtain a college certificate or pursue a degree, a new certificate in Business Paraprofessional Management was approved. The program is a partnership with the New Jersey Education Association.

Declining enrollment in two degree options prompted the dropping of two programs: Travel and Tourism Option, Hospitality Management, and the Microcomputer Technologies Option, Computer Systems Support, both associate in applied science degree options. They were discontinued effective fall 2007. Students enrolled in the two options were grandfathered.
ACA Students Win Gold at New York Food Show

Academy of Culinary Arts teams returned from New York City’s annual Salon of Culinary Art in November 2006 with two gold medals for their entries in the centerpiece and meat categories.

Part of the 91st International Hotel, Motel & Restaurant Show, the Salon featured breathtaking creations of master chefs, pastry chefs, butchers and culinarians from around the world competing in many categories. Known as the world’s largest freelance culinary arts exhibit and regarded the most prestigious competition on the East Coast, the show is organized annually by the Société Culinaire Philanthropique.

The winning centerpiece team prepared an intricate salt dough centerpiece titled “An Honorable Profession,” featuring a chef standing atop pillars. Team members, coached by Chef Klaus Muller, former ACA Dean, were Anthony Cekada of Somers Point, Robert Quirk of Petersburg and Barry Mostyn of Cherry Hill.

The meat category included three teams that prepared a selection of hors d’oeuvres, cold and hot foods. Chef Kelly McClay, Acting Dean of the Academy, coached the hors d’oeuvres team. The team included students Sheha Waters of Bloomfield, Helen Peter of Cedar Run, Sherry Caputo of Galloway, Jennifer Townsel of Ventnor, Caitlin Crossin of Haddon Heights, Mary Ellen Parfinik of Jackson, Alex Konrady of Egg Harbor City and Dominic Handy of Atlantic City.

ACA Chef Supervisor Bruce Johns coached the cold food team, which included students Clarissa Lopez of Brigantine, Scott Carlino of Brick, Megan Lenahan of Waretown, Alex Kaps of Brigantine, Stephen Daly of Medford, Jennifer Quig of Brigantine and Randi Wallace of Cherry Hill.

Adjunct instructors Chef Jon Davies and Chef Lynn Kolb coached the hot food team, including students Marco Piro of North Wildwood, Ed Soehngen of Little Egg Harbor, Marcus Anderson of Pemberton, Steve Harris of Atlantic City, Juliano Cannuscio of Galloway and Nyla McCroskey of Pitman.

“For some of our students this is a once in a lifetime achievement,” McClay said. “When they are working in the industry, many of them will not have the time or opportunity to compete at this level.”

High School Students Sample Academy Life

The Academy of Culinary Arts held its largest Culinary Career Day Oct. 16, with 204 high school students from across New Jersey attending the full day of hands-on training.

The day includes activities that offer a glimpse of advanced culinary training and insight into how the students can improve their career potential. The students participated in workshops with the Academy’s chef educators, received an overview of the school and enjoyed a lunch buffet.

Some of the workshops included Ice Carving, Italian Cuisine, Fun with Chocolate and Country French Cuisine. Students came from Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester and Somerset counties.

The Academy’s chef educators initiated the annual recruitment event in 2004.
ACCC Among Fastest Growing Colleges

ACCC was among the fastest-growing community colleges in the country from 2004-2005, according to data collected by the federal government and released in December 2006.

From fall 2004-fall 2005, ACCC recorded a 5.1 percent increase in enrollments, making it one of the top 25 fastest-growing two-year colleges with 5,000-9,999 students. ACCC’s enrollment grew to 6,845 in 2005 from 6,515 in 2004, an increase of 330 students. A total of 3,074 full-time and 3,771 part-time students comprised the 2005 head count.

ACCC was one of more than 1,000 public, two-year institutions that provided information to an annual survey by the National Center for Education Statistics, a division of the U.S. Department of Education. The survey response rate was nearly 100 percent, according to Community College Week, which analyzed the data.

The college set another important mark in 2005-2006 when Community College Week newspaper named it as one of the “Top 100 Associate Degree Producers.” ACCC ranked 13th in the nation in the number of multidisciplinary studies degrees it granted. Reporting data gathered by the U.S. Department of Education, Community College Week said ACCC conferred 207 such degrees, up from 165 in 2004-2005, a 25 percent increase.

NJ STARS Count up 55%

NJ STARS, the program that provides free tuition and fees to the state’s community colleges for high school graduates in the top 20 percent of their class, continued to expand in 2006-2007.

The total number of students enrolled in ACCC from Atlantic and Cape May counties under the program rose to 195 in fall 2006 from 126 in fall 2005, a 55 percent increase.

“The STARS program has been a tremendous asset in drawing high achieving students to ACCC and helping expand enrollment,” said Carmen Royal, Dean of Students.

New Sport Kicks Off

Mike Rennick felt he was onto something when he saw students walking around campus wearing international soccer jerseys. “I knew there were kids here who were interested in soccer,” he said.

A long-time fan of the sport and former player, Rennick, ACCC’s Senior Grants Manager, decided to start an ACCC soccer team. The school hadn’t fielded one since the 1970’s.

When he announced the team was forming, the feedback delighted him. “The demand was great,” said Rennick.

“We had about 40 students come out. Some (former students) even came back to school to play on the soccer team.”

He credits help from Tom Borucki, ACCC Recreation Specialist, for steering many students his way as well as local high school coaches who recommended the team.

Drawing on Cape Atlantic League All Stars as well as players from the U.S., Jamaica, Haiti, Peru, Mexico, Ghana, Columbia and Honduras, the team began practices in summer 2007. Rennick was enthusiastic about their prospects in the Eastern States Soccer League.

“We have some great athletes and exciting players who preferred to continue their education in the South Jersey area and play at ACCC,” said Rennick.

“We were able to attract several former high school all-stars as well as top players from the Atlantic Soccer League. We’re excited about our chances for a great opening season.”

A club team, the squad receives funding from the Student Government Association. Rennick also drew donations from Tropicana Casino & Resort and Follett Corp. Coaching with Rennick are Sal Fiorenza, Adjunct Instructor, and student Neno Gorgiev.
ACCC general studies student Steve Gatto is a very big man on campus.

Aside from the fact that he’s 6’6”, he’s been making waves in the world of team archery ever since he first picked up the sport as a senior at Hammonton High School.

In recent times, the 20-year-old compound bowmaster, who’s been attending ACCC since 2005, placed third in the U.S. National Indoor Collegiate Championships in Harrisonburg, Va., where he represented ACCC’s archery team in March 2007. In June, he went on to win the Gold Cup for overall performance in the men’s compound competition at the XXV Torneo Batalla de Carabobo held in Venezuela. He also was named overall champion in the men’s compound division in the 2007 National Target Championship that took place in Colorado Springs, Colo., in early August.

Having served as co-captain of the archery team last year, he has since moved up to captain. He also is a member of the 2008 USA Archery team, in which he earned the distinction of being one of the top eight archers in the country. In addition, he has obtained the sponsorship of Hoyt, the leading manufacturer of bows.

Gatto, who hunts whitetail deer, was first encouraged to take up the sport by his dad, Jim.

“My dad had been a shooter,” he said.

He really became hooked on archery after attending an Atlantic City Archery Classic, founded by ACCC Archery Coach Dr. Helen Bolnick, while he was still in high school.

He later came to the attention of Bolnick, who was impressed with Gatto’s drive and discipline.

“He is a special young man,” she said. “He is a team man and I feel confident that he will help his team achieve high standards.”

While Gatto acknowledges that this is not a big money sport, and it’s not particularly glamorous, he finds it rewarding in other ways.

“I just enjoy shooting a bow,” he said.

Adopt-a-School Program Enriches Young Lives

Since 2003, the ACCC Student Government Association has taken local school kids under its wing via the Adopt-a-School program.

Thanks to the program, students from the Fanny D. Rittenberg Middle School in Egg Harbor City, the Woodbine Elementary School in Cape May County and Charles L. Spragg Elementary School in Egg Harbor City get to attend periodic special events at the College.

The highlight of the year is the annual holiday party for first graders from the Spragg School with food, crafts, gifts, entertainment and a visit from Santa.

“Some of these children have never been to holiday parties or received gifts,” said ACCC Student Life Specialist Aline Bennett. “Many have never been to a college before. This enriches the children’s lives because it’s multi-cultural and they share in the spirit of giving.”

The program is funded through SGA.
During 2006-2007 ACCC held a series of special events to mark the college’s 40th Anniversary and ACA’s 25th. One of the featured events was the inauguration of Dr. Peter L. Mora, as ACCC’s eighth president. The celebration year concluded with the college’s 40th Commencement in May.

The inauguration ceremony concluded with Dr. Mora’s acceptance of the office of president. “For 40 years ACCC has established a tradition of excellence. Today, I reaffirm my commitment to fostering student learning,” Mora said. “Enhancement of student learning is the hallmark of our past and the key to our future.”

Dr. John Roueche, director of the Community College Leadership Program at the University of Texas at Austin, was the keynote speaker at Dr. Mora’s installation ceremony.

Then-Senator Nick Asselta was one of many distinguished guests who spoke at the inauguration.
ACA Chef Educator Annmarie Chelius made a cake for Dr. Mora’s inauguration, celebrating the college’s 40th anniversary and the ACA’s 25th anniversary. ACA student Jennifer Quig and Chef Educator Daniel J. Matt made the college seal out of chocolate.

“A Vision for Excellence,” a fundraising event held at the Cape May County Campus in September 2006, raised $35,000 for scholarships.

Jane Oates, executive director of the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education and senior policy advisor to Gov. Jon S. Corzine, accepts an honorary associate in science degree from President Mora at ACCC’s 40th Annual Commencement in May. Oates delivered the keynote address.

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ACA students prepared sweets for the CMCC gala fundraiser.

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A happy grad proudly displays her diploma.
Scholarships Allow for Culinary Student’s Active Role at Academy

Edward Soehngen Jr. picked up a job as a waiter for some extra cash and to help cover the cost of tuition at The College of New Jersey. But after a couple of semesters of general education classes, he didn’t feel like anything clicked.

“I just found myself gravitating to the restaurant where I was a waiter and an assistant manager,” Soehngen said. “I migrated to the kitchen every night after my shift.”

The Little Egg Harbor Township resident realized culinary school was his true calling, and in spring 2006 he enrolled at the Academy of Culinary Arts. Soehngen continued working at various restaurants on Long Beach Island while taking classes full time at ACCC. He served as president of the Culinary Student Association for more than a year, organizing trips and events for fellow students and planning fundraisers. He also volunteered at College functions like the Restaurant Gala and the Cape May Fundraiser where he prepared and served hors d’oeuvres, and at Culinary Career Day.

His active involvement at the Academy meant scaling back on many of his work shifts. That’s how the scholarships Soehngen received through ACCC became critical to him completing his Associate in Science in Culinary Arts.

“The scholarships freed me up and allowed me to volunteer at events like the Gala,” he said.

That time out of the classroom was valuable for Soehngen.

“As much as I learned in classes, I benefited from volunteering by working one-on-one with our chefs and working with different materials. I’m more confident in the kitchen (because of these experiences),” Soehngen said.

He received several scholarships, including the Commerce Bank Restaurant Gala Scholarship and the Nelbud Services Group Restaurant Gala Scholarship in 2006-07. Soehngen is pursuing a bachelor’s in Hospitality Management at Stockton. Ultimately, he hopes to use his front- and back-of-the-house training at the Academy to open his own restaurant in southern New Jersey.

ACCC Foundation Enjoys Prosperous Year

The ACCC Foundation continued its strong track record of support for the College in 2006-2007, bringing in more than $307,000 through various fundraising activities. The Foundation also gifted $20,000 to the College, including $5,000 for a professional development and installation speaker and $15,000 for priority projects as identified by the president.

The Foundation’s successful fundraising activities and amounts raised included:

• “A Vision for Excellence,” a scholarship fundraising event held at the Cape May County Campus Sept. 29, $35,000.
• Cape May County Championship Golf Tournament Oct. 13 at Cape May National Golf Club, Cape May County student and nursing scholarships, more than $26,000.
• Online Arts and Crafts Auction, Oct. 30-Nov. 17, approximately $6,000, nursing scholarships.
• The 24th Annual The Press of Atlantic City Restaurant Gala, including its 50-50 raffle and the Tiffany Keys for a Cause fundraiser, a record-breaking $240,000 for culinary arts and general scholarships, March 7.

New Scholarship Established

In April 2007, the Foundation received a $10,000 bequest from the estate of Marie Boyd, wife of former Atlantic County Clerk James H. Boyd, to establish a scholarship in the former clerk’s memory. He served as clerk from 1934 until 1973. A scholarship will be awarded annually to a history major pursuing a career in government or politics.
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Financial Statistics

FY2007 Revenues by Source
Total FY2007 Revenue $43,041,053

- Capital gifts and grants $49,667 (• 1%)
- Other operating revenues $1,134,245 (• 3%)
- Investment income $771,530 (• 2%)
- Gifts $322,469 (• <1%)
- Tuition and fees $10,124,087 (• 24%)
- Federal grants/contracts $8,045,104 (• 19%)
- State and local grants/contracts $4,420,029 (• 10%)
- Non-governmental grants/contracts $134,944 (• <1%)
- County appropriations $7,786,701 (• 18%)
- State appropriations $7,242,909 (• 17%)
- Capital appropriations $3,009,368 (• 7%)
- Instructional
- Student services $3,493,171 (• 9%)
- Academic support $3,061,396 (• 8%)
- Institutional support $9,141,730 (• 23%)
- Public service $1,142,610 (• 3%)
- Student aid $474,777 (• 1%)
- Operation of plant $5,682,820 (• 14%)
- Depreciation Amortization $2,420,424 (• 6%)
- Student Activities $129,123 (• <1%)
- Instructional $14,058,402 (• 35%)

FY2007 Expenses by Function
Total FY2007 Expenses $39,604,413

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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.

FY2007
Credit FTEs: 4,799

Enrollment Ratio Fall 2006

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Total Enrollment: 6815

Financial Aid 2006-07

Federal Funds
- Pell: $6,139,260
- SEOG: $154,702
- FCWS: $166,334
- Stafford Loans: $4,049,290
- Other Loans: $241,063
- Subtotal: $10,750,649

State Funds
- TAG: $1,803,982
- EOF: $320,051
- State Scholarship: $515,714
- Subtotal: $2,639,747

Private Funds: $255,124
Total Aid: $13,645,520

The college’s financial statements can be viewed at www.atlantic.edu/financials.
Institute for Service Excellence
Opens for Business

The Institute for Service Excellence held a grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony in May. The new center, located at the Hamilton Mall, provides retail, sales and service training to unemployed and underemployed area residents.

The ISE trains workers for the high-growth hospitality and emerging retail industries. The staff works closely with employers to match graduates to openings.

“This joint venture is a valuable asset for our community,” said Dr. Peter L. Mora. “Unemployed and underemployed residents in our region now have a place to build customer service skills and credentials to succeed in the service sector.”

The Institute includes two classrooms, a computer lab, conference room, resource room and offices. The ISE also provides English as a Second Language training in addition to the retail, sales and service training. It operates through a grant from the N.J. Department of Labor and Workforce Development. The director is Sherwood LaValle Taylor.

Partners who contributed to the development and cost of the center are: ACCC, Atlantic Cape May Workforce Investment Board, the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority, the N.J. Department of Labor and Workforce Development and the National Retail Federation. In addition, Kravco Simon Corporation donated a five-year lease with all accompanying costs for the center to operate at the Hamilton Mall. Also contributing to the Institute were Scorpio Construction Inc., Metcalfe Architecture & Design and numerous retail and hospitality employers.

Surgical Technologist Grad Thrives in New Career

It’s rare that an institution will hold a position for a student who has not yet graduated. But in the case of Dylan Quinn, 22, of Cape May Court House, who completed ACCC’s Surgical Technologist program in December 2006, South Jersey Regional Healthcare of Vineland felt he was worth the wait.

The married father of 3-year-old, Julia, and stepson, Jayden, 2, had previously worked as a house painter. He decided to pursue an education in health care in order to set a good example for his daughter.

“He was a very serious student who always impressed us with how calm and cool-headed he could remain regardless of what was going on around him,” said Surgical Technology Program Instructor Karen Sherback.

While enrolled in the course, during which students learn how to pass surgical instruments, cut sutures, count sponges and the like during medical operations, Quinn conducted his clinical internship at the aforementioned health care center. His work was so impressive that the institution held a position for him.

“It was when Dylan went out to his clinical site that he really blossomed,” Sherback said. “He worked through any fear or doubt that he had to become a very talented and well-regarded surgical technologist. Within his first year of employment, he has already earned special awards for being helpful and caring to both his fellow employees and the patients.”

Quinn credits ACCC’s program for instilling him with confidence.

“The program is very challenging,” he said. “It’s a very good program. The instructors are great. You get a lot of personal attention.”

Quinn decided to specialize in orthopedics because the results are more tangible.

“It’s more rewarding in the sense that if someone comes in with a broken arm, they leave with a fixed arm,” he explained.

In the future, he hopes to advance his career by pursuing an RN or CRNA (nurse anesthesiologist) certification.

“I am so very proud of Dylan,” Sherback said. “I am sure he will be a shining example of hard work and maturity for not only his daughter but for anyone he meets.”
TRUSTEE NEWS

ACCC Board Elects
2006-07 Officers
Robert Boyer was elected chairperson, Nicholas Talvacchia vice chairperson and Dr. Elizabeth Dworsky treasurer, when the board held its annual reorganization meeting in November 2006. Boyer, previously vice chairperson, is senior vice president and corporate treasurer at Cape Savings Bank. Talvacchia, who had served as treasurer, is an attorney with Cooper Levenson. Dworsky retired as superintendent of the Cape May City schools.

BettyAnn Hines was re-appointed board secretary. Joining the board for a one-year term was Cristie Ricciotti, a non-voting member representing the student body.

Atlantic County appointed Donald Parker of Hammonton, president and CEO of AtlantiCare Health Services, to ACCC’s board to fill the unexpired term of Kramer. He joined the board in May.

Dr. Albert Monillas of Cape May was recognized in May for his years of service on the board. Monillas joined the board in 2004 in his position as interim Cape May County Superintendent of Schools and left that position in June to become Superintendent of the Bordentown Regional School District.

ACCC received the Northeast Region Charles Kennedy Equity Award for actions it took to enhance and expand opportunities for minorities and women. Dr. Peter L. Mora and Trustee Brian Lefke accepted the award at the Association of Community College Trustees Annual Leadership Congress in Orlando.

The award is presented to an institution that demonstrates evidence of board and chief executive officer leadership in setting policies and in assuring results for increased opportunities for minorities in several areas, including: enrollment; completion; participation in better paying, higher mobility college majors; campus environment; employment and promotion; involvement of college in the minority community; representation of board and trustees, committee and advisory groups of the college; and contracting and vendor participation with the College.

Diversity & Equity Committee Sponsors Youth College
More than 50 disadvantaged youngsters in grades 3-8 received scholarships to attend weeklong Summer Youth College workshops at ACCC’s Worthington Atlantic City Campus and its Cape May County Campus. In July, the students participated in fun and educational workshops including Chess Champs, Computer Art and Mad Scientist.

The Board of Trustees’ Diversity & Equity Committee organized the program and secured funding from Baumgardner Construction, Borgata Heart & Soul Foundation, Cape Savings Bank, Guthrie Glass & Mirror Co. and Kramer Beverage. Middle Township School District and Board of Education provided bus transportation.

FOUNDATION

Foundation Appoints Six New Members
The ACCC Foundation named six new members from the regional business community at its April reorganization meeting. They are: Dr. Nirmala Basavanand of Atlantic City, a private practice physician specializing in asthma, allergy and immunology; Vicki Clark, executive director of the Cape May County Chamber of Commerce; Justine Coyle, Egg Harbor Township, assistant vice president at Commerce Bank’s English Creek branch; Mark Hall, Linwood, regional vice president for Newfield National Bank; Roman P. Osadchuck, North Wildwood, founder and owner of RPO Realty in Wildwood; and Jennifer P. Young, Woolwich, external affairs director for Verizon Communications. Nick Cashan III of Hammonton and Joanne D. Kay, Esq., of Wildwood Crest were reappointed.

Klaus Muller Retires; Kelly McClay Named Acting ACA Dean
Chef Klaus Muller retired as Dean of the Academy of Culinary Arts effective Feb. 1. Muller joined the ACA on Jan. 25, 1982, bringing vast culinary experience from Germany, Switzerland and Bermuda. He ascended in leadership roles including Chef Supervisor, Assistant Director, Director and finally Dean in September 1999.

He won numerous gold and silver medals and special awards in food competitions, including gold in the New York and New Jersey Seafood Challenge and, representing New Jersey, silver in the American Seafood Challenge. Muller ushered the ACA through many changes in its 25-year history, including the addition of two-year degree programs in Food Service Management and Baking and Pastry.

A resolution passed at the September 2006 board meeting praised Muller for his “outstanding professionalism and dedication to provide the very best instruction to Academy students.”

Effective Nov. 1, Chef Kelly McClay, Assistant Director, was named as Acting Dean of the ACA.

ACCC Mourns Passing of Father Bryant
The Rev. John Bryant, Assistant Professor of Developmental Mathematics, passed away on April 8.

Father Bryant joined ACCC as an adjunct instructor in September 1987 before accepting a half-time faculty role three years later. He served on committees for diversity and equity, policies and procedures, faculty development and the alternative high school. Father Bryant routinely fulfilled the duties of ACCC chaplain. He was 62.

Chairman Robert Boyer hosted the second annual Board retreat in February 2007 titled, “Trustee Leadership: Balancing Oversight and Advocacy.” The retreat included presentations on Advocating for the College by Ed Graham, CEO, South Jersey Industries; Board Education and Development by James Perry, Trustee, Union County College; Community Involvement by Dr. Lawrence Nespoli, Executive Director, NJL Council of County Colleges; and Board Roles and Responsibilities by Lou Greco, College Counsel; and ACCC’s Master Plan, Kimball Group. Pictured are members of the ACCC Board of Trustees and retreat panelists, front row, left to right: Lynn Baumgardner, Robert Boyer, Andrew Melchiorre, Dr. Elizabeth Dworsky; Back row: Dr. Peter Mora, Dave Evans, Maria Ivette Torres, Eric Reynolds, Helen Walsh, Graham, Brian G. Lefke, Perry and Nespoli.

Milestones
MILESTONES

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Richard Benner, Assistant Professor of Philosophy/Religion, was published in an Anker Publication titled, "Ethical Leadership in the Community College Bridging Theory and Daily Practice."

Dave Capelli, Theater Manager, created a beautiful wooden version of the "wave" from the school's logo to hang as a backdrop at college events. The hanging made its debut at the Vision for Excellence fundraiser at the Cape May County Campus.

Keith Carson, Senior Adjunct, History, earned the ETS Recognition of Excellence for his outstanding performance on the PRAXIS II--Social Studies: Content Knowledge test.

Christina Cavage, Associate Professor of ESL, published her second text, "Talking About It!", a beginning ESL textbook.

Annmarie Chellus, Chef Educator, earned a Master of Science degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University.

Cheryl Crews, Art Adjunct, worked with students at Absegami High School to explore the mediums of pastel and charcoal and to create projects worthy of display in ACCC's art gallery.

Tom Celandine, Denise Coulter and Bill Dougherty were noted in the summer edition of the Princeton Mid-Career program bulletin.

Sondra J. Dublinski, Senior Adjunct, Sociology, was appointed by Gov. Jon S. Corzine to the New Jersey Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect.

Emari DiGiorgio, Adjunct Instructor, served as a panelist for AtlanticCare Regional Medical Center's 16th annual medical retreat in December which focused on pain management through poetry and arts.

Keith Forrest, Assistant Professor of Communication, had several publishing credits in the Philadelphia Inquirer and a column published in Parents Express magazine. He also served as a reviewer for the book "Bridges Not Walls: A Book about Interpersonal Communication." He was invited to join the board of the Beach Writer’s Conference in North Wildwood.

A paper written by Lynn Lessie, Professor of Psychology, Education/Child Development, Cheryl Knolles-Harrigan, Assistant Professor of Art and Amy Shelton, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, titled, "Multiple Perspectives, Modes and Learners: A Collaboration of Three Disciplines in an Online Environment," was published in the conference proceedings of the 18th International Conference on College Teaching and Learning. They presented their online group project to fellow educators in April.

Alan Mann, Humanities/Historian, Senior Adjunct, had an article published titled "The Unique Career of Greasy Neale" on Football Stories, the official site of Fox analyst Brian Baldinger.

Paula Manns, Associate Professor of Economics and Business, had a speech published in the summer edition of the Princeton Mid-Career Fellowship program bulletin.

Chef Educator Daniel Matt was featured in "Baking Fundamentals," a new textbook by the American Culinary Federation.

Chef Educators Daniel Matt and James Usilton participated in the Chefs R Baking fundraiser in April in Somers Point.

Elinor Mattern was a guest speaker/visiting poet at the Artist Teacher Institute at Rutgers University, qualified to be listed in the Directory of American Poets & Fiction Writers, had poems published in Tiferet & Poetry Ink. She was a visiting writer at Cumberland County High School, had two poems on exhibit at the Atlantic City Art Center as part of "Sightlines," an artists' and writers' collective, and exhibited two poems at the Long Beach Island Foundation for the Arts and Sciences. She had a poem accepted for publication in The Literary Review, was invited to serve as an associate member of the Atlantic County Arts Commission and had a poem titled "Atlantic City" accepted for publication in the literary journal, Exit 13.

Jean McAlister, then-WACC Director of Administrative Services, was sworn in for her eighth term as Secretary to the Executive Board of the Greater Atlantic City Region Tourism Council at the installation luncheon in May.

Kelly McClay, then-ACA Acting Dean, served on the Community FoodBank of NJ, Southern Branch planning committee for its successful Blue Jean Ball.

Rita Michalenko, Assistant Professor of Art, had paintings accepted to two local shows. "Two Buoy" was on display at the 24th annual Watercolor LBI juried exhibit at Long Beach Island Art Gallery and Studios, and "Tuna Dreams" was featured at the Galloway Cultural Arts Center.

Dr. Peter Mora was named chairman of the N.J. Council of County Colleges Workforce Consortium, the clearinghouse for the state’s community college customized training programs.

Myrna Morales Keklak, Assistant Professor of Nursing, was selected to participate in a year-long educational experience leading to certification in distance education. The program was funded by a Health Resources and Services Administration grant secured by Thomas Edison State College, to increase the number of minority nurse educators certified to teach nursing online. Morales Keklak was one of 15 nurse educators selected from applicants throughout the U.S. and the only New Jersey recipient.

Kristi Bergman Neal, Assistant Professor, ESL, and Ernesto Laya, Assistant Professor, ESL/Spanish, were selected to present at Penn TESOL East Conference held in April. Their presentation was titled, "Peer-Based and Analytical Learning in the ESL Environment."

John Percy, Senior Adjunct, Computer Information Systems, received a master's degree in Instructional Technology from Richard Stockton College in December.


Fran Rauscher and Tony Calvello, Adjunct Instructors, received grants from the College Composition and Communication to attend its annual convention titled "Representing Identities" in New York City in March.

Bobby Royal, Dean, Worthington Atlantic City Campus and Community Affairs, was honored with the Whitney M. Young Award by the Jersey Shore Council Boy Scouts of America in May.

Sherwood Taylor, Director, Institute for Service Excellence, spoke at the Women in Business Conference presented by the Cape May County Chamber of Commerce.

Donna Vassallo, Assistant Professor of Hospitality Management and Business, had an article published in the fall issue of Ed Hitzel’s Restaurant Magazine titled, "Life Lessons: The Behavior You Demonstrate and the Behavior You Get."

Chef Educators Vincent "Rocky" Tedeschi and George Richert cooked for the jazz brunch in April at the Martin S. Wilson Jr. Center for the Arts in Atlantic City. Proceeds from the event support the center.

Grant Wilinski, Associate Dean, Academic Support Services, was elected to the Board of Trustees of the Literacy Volunteers Association of Cape-Atlantic, Inc.

Sigma Kappa Delta English Honor Society inducted new members at a luncheon in April. Pictured, front row, from left: Carmen Royal, Gerri Black, Jay Peterson, Denise Coulter, Vickie Melograno, Leila Crawford, Effie Russell and Melissa Rousseau. Inductees, back row: Demetri Kamessis, Matthew Kenney, Mala Kyles, Jennifer Giardina, Lauren Guarracino, Erin Evans, Kristen Gummel, Taj Birtch, Justin Baum and Joseph Sullivan.
Milestones

AWARDS

The curved circulation desk at the Information Commons at CMCC won an award from Custom Woodworking Business magazine. The desk, designed by CBR Woodworking LLC of Hainesport, was featured in the Dec. 2006 issue of CWB magazine.

CMCC Receives Good Neighbor Award for Lighting

Bill Warfield, left, and Ray Maher, right, presented the Good Neighbor Award to Mark Streckenbein, Terry Sampson and Dr. Joe Rossi.

The South Jersey Astronomy Club bestowed its Good Neighbor Award on the Cape May County Campus in recognition of the site’s external illumination design which “reduces light pollution” and “makes efficient use of lights and directing the light where it is needed—not to the skies.”

During the CMCC design phase, the college met with neighbors to establish ways to curb ambient light from the college and light potentially shining through neighboring windows. “When we were talking about the design, we wanted to minimize light pollution,” said Terry Sampson, Executive Director of Administration and Business Services.

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Kelly McClay, then-acting ACA Dean, was named Educator of the Year by the South Jersey Professional Chefs Association of the American Culinary Federation. ACA student Will Meyers of Upper Township was named Junior Member of the Year.

Francis Rauscher, Adjunct English Instructor, received the Adjunct Teaching Excellence Award.

Art Wolter, Senior Dean of Academic Affairs, was named 2007 EOF Champion by the Commission on Higher Education, New Jersey Educational Opportunity Fund.

Jonathan Karp ’92 ACA and chef at New York 151, and Joe Sheridan ’96 ACA and executive sous chef at Showboat Casino Hotel, critique an entry in the ACA’s Iron Student Chef competition. Fifteen culinary students organized into five teams participated in the competition sponsored by the Culinary Student Association at the Academy of Culinary Arts. The students were charged with creating four dishes, from appetizers to entrees to desserts, with a secret ingredient: eggplant.

Gerri Black Named Faculty Member of the Year

Gerri Black, Assistant Professor of English, was voted Faculty Member of the Year by ACCC students. Black joined ACCC in Sept. 1992.

The Egg Harbor Township resident earned a bachelor’s degree in English and humanities and a master’s in English from the University of Pennsylvania, where she also spent 10 years with the university’s public relations, marketing and advertising departments.

Marilyn Malerba Keiner, Associate Professor of Paralegal Studies, received the prestigious Lindback Distinguished Teaching Excellence Award.

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AWARDS

The curved circulation desk at the Information Commons at CMCC won an award from Custom Woodworking Business magazine. The desk, designed by CBR Woodworking LLC of Hainesport, was featured in the Dec. 2006 issue of CWB magazine.

CMCC Receives Good Neighbor Award for Lighting

Bill Warfield, left, and Ray Maher, right, presented the Good Neighbor Award to Mark Streckenbein, Terry Sampson and Dr. Joe Rossi.

The South Jersey Astronomy Club bestowed its Good Neighbor Award on the Cape May County Campus in recognition of the site’s external illumination design which “reduces light pollution” and “makes efficient use of lights and directing the light where it is needed—not to the skies.”

During the CMCC design phase, the college met with neighbors to establish ways to curb ambient light from the college and light potentially shining through neighboring windows. “When we were talking about the design, we wanted to minimize light pollution,” said Terry Sampson, Executive Director of Administration and Business Services.

ACCC Names Top Employees

Nancy Hand and Mary Lou Breitzman were named “Employee of the Quarter” during 2006-07. Nancy Hand, Accounts Payable Senior Clerk, joined ACCC in May 1983. She was recognized for her “dependability, honesty and loyalty,” according to many of the nomination forms. Controller Leslie Jamison cited Nancy’s effective multi-tasking and her “first-rate customer service with colleagues and vendors.”

Mary Lou Breitzman, Business Office Specialist, joined ACCC in 1997 as an Accounting Assistant. In nominating Mary Lou, her supervisor and co-workers commended her dedication, her cheerful attitude and her superior work ethic, demonstrated by her numerous Perfect Attendance awards. “Mary Lou’s work ethic should be an inspiration to us all,” wrote co-worker Leslie Atherholt.

Each received a reserved parking space, dinner for two at Careme’s, a plaque, an invitation to dine with the President, and a gold medallion for the 2006 Kids College Campus Grand Opening.

The College Relations staff captured four awards at the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations District 1 Conference in Nov. 2006 in Lancaster, Pa., including a gold prize for the new college Web site, a silver medallion for the 2006 Kids College brochure, a bronze medal for the college’s 40th anniversary logo and a bronze award for the annual report. Two merit awards were received from the Admissions Marketing Report for the 40th anniversary logo and the ACA commercial.

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Kelly McClay, then-acting ACA Dean, was named Educator of the Year by the South Jersey Professional Chefs Association of the American Culinary Federation. ACA student Will Meyers of Upper Township was named Junior Member of the Year.

Francis Rauscher, Adjunct English Instructor, received the Adjunct Teaching Excellence Award.

Art Wolter, Senior Dean of Academic Affairs, was named 2007 EOF Champion by the Commission on Higher Education, New Jersey Educational Opportunity Fund.

Jonathan Karp ’92 ACA and chef at New York 151, and Joe Sheridan ’96 ACA and executive sous chef at Showboat Casino Hotel, critique an entry in the ACA’s Iron Student Chef competition. Fifteen culinary students organized into five teams participated in the competition sponsored by the Culinary Student Association at the Academy of Culinary Arts. The students were charged with creating four dishes, from appetizers to entrees to desserts, with a secret ingredient: eggplant.

Gerri Black Named Faculty Member of the Year

Gerri Black, Assistant Professor of English, was voted Faculty Member of the Year by ACCC students. Black joined ACCC in Sept. 1992.

The Egg Harbor Township resident earned a bachelor’s degree in English and humanities and a master’s in English from the University of Pennsylvania, where she also spent 10 years with the university’s public relations, marketing and advertising departments.

Marilyn Malerba Keiner, Associate Professor of Paralegal Studies, received the prestigious Lindback Distinguished Teaching Excellence Award.
PRESENTATIONS

Richard Benner, Assistant Professor of Philosophy/Religion, presented the essay “Erich Fromm, Jean Paul Sartre, and Paul Weiss—Man’s Freedom: Escape From, As Condemnation to Be and Freedoms’ Limitations” at the Community College Humanities Association in Providence, R.I.

Several faculty members attended the 2006 Conference on Information Technology organized by the League for Innovation in the Community College in October in Charlotte, N.C. Susan DePhilippis, Assistant Professor of ESL, presented at the conference with Maryann Carol, Director of Instructional Technology, on “The Tech and Trek of Creating a Searchable Online Historical Archive.” DePhilippis and Christina Cavage, Associate Professor of ESL, presented “Online Partnering with Local High Schools—It Works!” Cavage also presented with Esther Gandica, Corporate and Workforce Training, “Collaborating Online, Globally: Teacher Training Across Big Blue!”

Chef Educator Annmarie Chelius gave a vegetable carving demonstration and healthy eating lecture for 24 children in the Kids Club at the Ocean City Library in May. Chef Chelius and ACA students Jessica Brophy and Maryanne Ocasio showed the children how to make a bird from an apple and let them taste red peppers and other vegetables.

Kathy Corbalis, College Relations, was a presenter and moderator at the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations conference in San Diego in March. She also spoke to the Public Relations Council of Greater Atlantic City on fundraising and the Restaurant Gala.

ESL faculty members Kristi Bergman, Neal, Ernesto Laya, Susan DePhilippis, Gwen McIntyre, Mike Kammer and Christina Cavage were selected to present at the NJ TESOL Conference in May.

Marilyn Keiner, Associate Professor, Paralegal Studies, was guest speaker at the Legal Secretaries of Cape May County monthly meeting in May.

Dr. Richard Perniciaro, Dean of Administration, Planning and Research, served as moderator and Patricia Gentile, Dean of Continuing Education and Resource Development, spoke on “Reducing Employee Attrition through Training: A Case Study” at the Global Gaming Expo in November 2006 in Las Vegas. The panel discussion highlighted ACCC’s successful efforts with several Atlantic City casinos to offer English as a Second Language training to casino workers during work hours, leading to lower employee turnover rates.

South Jersey Gas Donates $11,000 for School Counts! Program

ACCC received $11,000 from South Jersey Gas to award scholarships to students who completed the workplace preparation program School Counts! while in high school. South Jersey Gas raised the funds through customer donations, and presented the check in November. President Peter L. Mora accepts a check for School Counts! scholarships from Edward J. Graham, chairman, president and CEO of South Jersey Industries, and Steve Bruner, executive director of the Atlantic Cape May Workforce Investment Board, which supports the School Counts! program.

ACCC, Casinos, Department of Labor Continue Partnership

As part of a 10-year collaboration between ACCC, local casinos and the New Jersey Department of Labor, the quality of life and performance of many casino workers have improved.

Thanks to this collaboration, many non-English speaking casino employees have been able to receive English as a Second Language training.

In addition to improved language skills, the participating properties found an extra benefit—reduced employee turnover, enhanced productivity and upward mobility. When they compared property-wide turnover to actual turnover experienced by program participants, there was a striking and unexpected difference. Far more ESL participants stayed in their jobs compared to the average employee.

In January 2007, ACCC received a one-year customized training contract with the NJ DOL in the amount of $613,590 to fund incumbent worker training in ESL, leadership, team building, Microsoft Office and other skills. ACCC partnered with Borgata Hotel Casino and Spa, Tropicana Casino and Resort, Trump Entertainment and Harrah’s Entertainment to provide training for their employees.

Casino Career Institute Expands Customized Training Projects

As part of its ongoing customized training projects, Casino Career Institute created a computerized online training program in Adult Learning, Strategies and Customer Services for Gaming Professionals, as a complement to the Table Games Dealer Train the Trainer Program for Macao Tourism and Casino Career Centre. Prospective CCC instructors participated in the online program and several of the participants were selected to receive training at CCI.

In addition, CCI developed a partnership with the West Virginia Council for Community College & Technical Education to lease CCI’s table games curriculum for its higher education system. CCI sent a team to West Virginia to conduct Table Games Dealer Train the Trainer classes for West Virginia Northern Community College.

CCI also hosted representatives from Fylde College in Blackpool, England, and the government of Singapore.

ACCA Graduate Named Pastry Chef of the Year

The American Culinary Federation named Patricia Nash, a 1997 graduate of the Academy of Culinary Arts, National Pastry Chef of the Year. Nash received the honor at the 2007 ACF National Convention in Orlando in July. Nash, a former pastry chef at Trump Plaza in Atlantic City, is pastry chef at Westchesteer Country Club in Rye, N.Y.

Tenure Granted

Tenure was granted to Cheryl Knowles-Harrigan, Assistant Professor of Art; Amy Shelton, Assistant Professor of Mathematics; Lydia Lehr, Assistant Professor of Art; Svetlana Marzelli, Assistant Professor of Computer Information Systems; and Karen Zaniewski, Assistant Professor of Nursing.

EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS

ACCC honored employees with 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 or 35 years of service and retirees at the annual Employee Service Awards, May 4 at May’s Landing Country Club. Honorees included:

10 Years
Daymis Alicea, Chris Gamboa, Maryann McCall and Mary Jane Santilli

15 Years
Geri Black, Tom Clark, Bill Dougherty, Dolores Giannini, Robin Haynes, Jim MacNair and Judy Niewender

20 Years
Carol Drea, Linda Hair, Dan Matt, Sandy Meischker, Mitch Mischlich, Roze Nicholson, Serena Palmer, Rhonda Petruzzi, Effie Russell and Mariann Sozio

25 Years
Grace Adams, Debbie Ciarrochi, Paula Hamilton, Ann McClaskey, Klaus Muller and Debby Starr

30 Years
Diane Damask and John Mohr

35 Years
BettyAnn Inloes Hines, Dennis Huey and Yechiel Lehawy

Retirees
Dr. Agnes Armao, Janet DeCicco, Philip DeCicco, George Duboff, Gretchen Harris, Kitty Kalman, Klaus Muller, Moe Nagrod, Debby Starr and John Torscasio

Marian Reinheimer, center, was honored for her 23 years of volunteer service as coordinator of ACCC’s Studio Arts Workshops series. She is shown with Dr. Joe Rossi, left, and Cheryl Knowles-Harrigan, chair of Arts and Humanities, with whom she works closely on scheduling.
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