

# ATLANTIC CAPE

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# NEWSLETTER



Keeping our Alumni Association members informed of ACCC activities

WINTER 2006

## Trustees Okay President Mora's Senior Team

The Board of Trustees, meeting at ACCC's Cape May County Campus in January, approved five promotions and changed two administrators' titles to complete the reorganization of the college's senior management. All report to President Dr. Peter Mora.

Promoted from acting positions, effective Jan. 25, were:

Patricia Gentile Owens, Egg Harbor Township, from acting dean to dean of continuing education and resource development. She is responsible for managing continuing education, grants and fund raising, and external communica-

tions.

Dr. Richard Perniciaro, Pleasantville, from acting dean to dean of administration, planning and research. He is responsible for running ACCC's Center for Regional and Business Research and managing business services, facilities, research, planning and assessment.

Dr. Joseph Rossi, Cold Spring, from acting dean to dean of the Cape May County Campus and labor relations. His responsibilities include overseeing security, managing human resources, and providing leadership for the campus at Cape May Court House.

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Matthew McElmoyl, ACA '98, executive chef at Somers Point's expansive, upscale, bay front restaurant, Sails, recently revealed a secret in the "Let's Eat" column of the weekly "Current." After offering "tips and tidbits" for finishing soups and sauces, a chef's rub for seasoning wild game, and a recipe for French onion soup, McElmoyl said he rarely cooks at home, preferring the simplicity of a PB and J sandwich, and eats out at local sub shops and pizzerias in and around his Ventnor home.

Seventy-five friends and kin turned out to honor and dine with Eileen Fausey, '89 liberal arts, at a banquet in Avalon where she was awarded the 14th annual Alice Stokes Paul Award for her devotion to public service, including her strong voice for ACCC's Cape May County Campus. Fausey's list of voluntarism and membership on boards and committees of civic and political organizations is extensive. A ceremony honoring her was also scheduled for the garden of the Alice Stokes Paul Institute.

John F. Ciotti, '70, joined The Star Group in Cherry Hill as senior vice president of finance. Ciotti will oversee all Star Group financial operations, including the Wilmington office. He has 27 years of experience in agency financial

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## Two Free Performances of 'Schoolhouse Rock Live' On March 12 at ACCC and Middle Township PAC

"Schoolhouse Rock Live," a bright, entertaining and free theatrical production inspired by the popular 1970s Saturday morning children's cartoon series, will hit the boards on March 12 at two locations. The performances are sponsored by the college in association with the New Jersey Theater Alliance's Family Week at the Theater.

The musical will be performed by Beach Haven's highly regarded Surflight Theater on Sunday, March 12,



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## Strut Your Stuff at ACCC's Annual Restaurant Gala March 23

This year's premier black-tie fundraiser, The Press of Atlantic City Restaurant Gala, will take gala goers on a wild adventure of the senses. The event takes place on Thursday evening,

March 23, at the Atlantic City Convention Center. As always, the Gala raises scholarship funds for students at the Academy of Culinary Arts, more than \$1 million since 1984, including

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operations, most recently as chief financial officer at Eisner Communications in Baltimore.

Nursing grad Elizabeth (Betsy) Scheibein, '82, a registered nurse employed by Shore Memorial Hospital and a resident of Ocean City, was named Employee of the Month for December by the Somers Point facility. She is also working toward her bachelor's degree through Jacksonville University in Florida.

Registered respiratory therapist Petra Smith, '82 AAS in respiratory therapy, was selected by the employee recognition committee of Woodbury's Underwood-Memorial Hospital as employee of the month for December. Smith cares for patients requiring ventilator assisted breathing. She has been with the hospital since 1981.

"On a little side street in quaint and quiet Frenchtown, the Race Street Café is all too easy to overlook. But this gem has a lot to offer those seeking a peaceful spot with charm, and a kitchen that competently presents a nice range of possibilities." So begins a laudatory review of the casual eatery and its unpretentious menu in the Newark Star-Ledger. Chef-owner Jon Dennison, '91 ACA, opened this café three years ago after working in restaurants in casinos in Atlantic City and in New Hope, Pa., and the Flemington area.

An alumna called in the other day inquiring how we found her after 15 years of mutual silence. We have our ways, we told her. She is Rosemary Ellis, A.A. '78, B.A., '82 (Glassboro, now Rowan) of Altoona, Pa. She was responding to our latest mailing to alumni. Ellis, a former journalist (she was a feature writer with The Press of Atlantic City for 10 years), said she had written "The Bible Diet: Forty Days to Cleanliness" (2003, 200 Pgs.) and wanted to know if Spangler Library

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## New Club on Campus

Rotaract, a branch of the service club Rotary International, designed for young adults, usually college students, was chartered at ACCC on Jan. 31. Rotary and Rotaract's motto is "Service Above Self." The ceremony included acceptance of the charter by President Peter Mora, a member of Rotary, presented to him by Donald Guardian, Rotary's Southern New Jersey district governor.

Four students were inducted as officers of ACCC's Rotaract Club, which is now one among four in South Jersey and 8,100 around the world. Assistant professor of education and psychology, Mike Bolicki, is club advisor.



*ACCC's Rotaract Club received its charter at a ceremony on campus last month. From left Carmen Royal, dean of students; Brittany Mitros, vice president; Michael Bolicki, club advisor; Kathryn Tomlinson, Ricardo Castro, Lori Holman, Helene Gillman-Hanna, treasurer; Jennifer Sikora, president; Elizabeth Dull, Cristie Ricciotti, secretary; Samantha Welsh, Bernadette Jennings of Egg Harbor City, past district governor of Southern NJ Rotary; and Dr. Peter Mora, ACCC president.*

## Want to be a Teacher? Attend a Certification Workshop at CMCC on Feb. 28 at 12:30 pm

Alumni interested in joining the ranks of the teaching profession should attend a workshop led by Nancy Fiedler of the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey's Teacher Education Department.

The workshop begins at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 28, in room 102 at the new Cape May County Campus, 341 Court House-South Dennis Rd., Cape

May Court House.

Attendees should bring a copy of their college transcripts for Fiedler to evaluate. She will advise what action is needed to complete the state and the college's requirements for teacher certification.

Seating is limited, so reservations are required. Sign up at the CMCC front desk, or call (609) 463-3960.

### *'Trustees Approve Promotions' continued from page 1*

Bobby Royal, Sr., Vineland, from acting dean to dean of the Worthington Atlantic City Center and community affairs. Besides managing the Worthington facility, his portfolio includes affirmative action efforts and supervision of community and cultural affairs.

Dr. Arthur Wexler, Mays Landing, from acting senior dean to senior dean of academic affairs charged with executive leadership of, among other responsibilities, academic curricula and faculty, the Academy of Culinary Arts, and academic support services.

Effective Jan. 26, titles for Catherine Skinner, Mays Landing, and Douglas Hedges, Vineland, were changed from

executive director to dean. Skinner, finance, oversees the budget, accounts payable and receivable, payroll, audit and financial reporting. Hedges, information technology services, is responsible for these services: desktop personal computers, Internet and data network, voice and video, as well as administrative and academic systems servers.

Carmen Royal, Vineland, dean of students, continues to serve in that capacity, completing the college's senior staff. She heads an area that provides a wide range of student services, including admissions, counseling, student activities, athletics, financial aid, testing and enrollment.

## Careme's Café Series Marks 10th Anniversary Feb. 16



Careme's Café Series marks 10 years of pairing fine food and fine music when it kicks off the spring 2006 line-up with the performer who started it all in

1996, Joseph Parsons on Thursday, February 16. The evening begins with a four-course gourmet dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by the show at 8:15 p.m.

Since his debut with the Café Series in April 1996, Parsons has released nine albums, including his latest, *The Vagabond Tales*. He'll be joined at ACCC by his touring partner, Tom Gillam.

The series continues with alternative country songwriter Kerri Powers from Massachusetts on Thursday, April 6. Her latest album is *You, Me, and A Redhead*, a meld of Americana, blues, heartland rock, and soul. The spring series will conclude on May 1 with local favorite, Patty Blee.

As always, the chefs and students of the Academy of Culinary Arts will prepare and serve a delicious four-course dinner consisting of soup, salad, a fish, meat or vegetarian entrée, and dessert. Tickets for the Careme's Café Series are \$30 and can be ordered by calling (609) 343-4907 or e-mailing Anna Simmons at [simmons@atlantic.edu](mailto:simmons@atlantic.edu). Reservations are required. For information visit ACCC's Web page at [www.atlantic.edu](http://www.atlantic.edu). At press time the Parsons show was sold out.



*Kerri Powers performs in Careme's on Thursday, April 6.*

## Benefactor Donates \$10,000 to Establish Dr. James Callaway Memorial Fund at ACCC

Mrs. Barbara J. Callaway of Cape May Court House in December donated \$10,000 to the Atlantic Cape Community College Foundation to establish an emergency aid fund in memory of her late husband, dentist Dr. James Callaway.

Named the Dr. James Callaway Memorial Aid Fund, the gift is earmarked for "emergency funds for African-American male students with financial needs not covered by financial aid." The fund will be administered by ACCC's financial aid office.

Lynda Pagliughi of Avalon, president of the Foundation, said, "Both Mrs. Callaway and her late husband were great supporters of building a new cam-

pus in Cape May County. I am very excited about this gift because it attests to the pride residents of the county take in their marvelous new educational facility and the services it provides to Cape May County students."

ACCC President Peter L. Mora wrote Mrs. Callaway, "I wish to offer my sincerest thanks for your donation of \$10,000...your generosity will make a tremendous impact on students in need."

The ACCC Foundation will invest the gift and use the income it generates to provide the aid to students. Others interested in making a gift through the Foundation can do so by calling (609) 343-5634.

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had a section for books by alumni authors. No, but library staff were happy to accept her offer to donate a copy for the collection. The biblical diet is based on the vegetarian regimen of the Hebrew prophet Daniel, but also discusses Ellis's take on other issues like macrobiotics, food additives and healthful eating. Her Web page is [www.biblediet.us](http://www.biblediet.us).

Brooklyn-born, Jersey-reared, ACA-educated, Michael Schlow, '87, owner or co-owner of three Boston area restaurants, Radius, Via Matta and Great Bay, was written up in the fall '05 issue of the hard-cover, slick culinary magazine, "art culinaire." The article included some of Schlow's favorite recipes (Hamachi with pickled lotus root and ponzu vinaigrette), and revealed that the chef is both a stickler for discipline in the kitchen and an inveterate party giver since he was a teenager. He says, "I get to throw one every night that I work in one of the restaurants."

Adam Grohman, '97, published his first book, "A Bright Shining Light," available in hard and soft cover editions. Here's the description from the dust jacket: "Commanding an isolated and vulnerable lighthouse station in the Aleutian Islands, a junior U. S. Coast Guard officer struggles to define his leadership style during the early stages of World War II. A riveting, fast paced story of love and the challenging responsibilities that will ultimately forge a young man into an accomplished officer and an honorable gentleman." For more information or to order contact [www.adamgrohman.com/abrightshininglight](http://www.adamgrohman.com/abrightshininglight). He is the director of student conduct and community education at Long Island University - C. W. Post and is a member of the U. S. Coast Guard Reserve.



## ACCC Marks Black History Month with Events in February

ACCC celebrates Black History Month in February with a variety of interesting events that include theatrical performances, exhibits, sale of African artifacts, and dinner and music at Careme's campus gourmet restaurant.

All events are open to the public and most are free. Events include:

- Tuesdays-Thursdays, Feb. 1-23, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., "*African-American Market Place*" with vendors specializing in African-American art, books, jewelry and prints, "J" Bldg. hallway, Mays Landing Campus.
- Monday, Feb. 6-Friday, March 3, "*Ed Lea Photographs*," presenting prints from a private collection of Lea's photographs. Call (609) 343-5040 for hours of the ACCC Art Gallery on the Mays Landing Campus. An open-to-the-public reception will be held on Sunday, Feb. 12, from 1-4 p.m. at the Gallery.
- Tuesday, Feb. 14, noon, "*Let No Man Pull You Down So Low*," a performance by the PleasanTech Shining Stars of the PleasanTech Academy Charter School, Walter Edge Theater, Mays Landing Campus.
- Thursday, Feb. 16, 11 a.m., "*The Souls of Black Baseball*." Voices from the Field of Dreams Deferred, an oral history project by Dr. Bob Allen, Mays Landing Campus.
- Tuesday, Feb. 21, 12:30 p.m., "*Power on Earth*." Van Leer transforms himself into some of history's most important and influential African-American figures. Leer, in this one-man show, becomes eight characters from former slave Nat Turner through the late Justice of the Supreme Court, Thurgood Marshall, Walter Edge Theater, Mays Landing Campus.
- Tuesday, Feb. 21, 6:30 p.m., *Educational Opportunity Fund Scholarship Dinner* sponsored by the EOF Advisory Board at Careme's gourmet restaurant on the Mays Landing Campus. For ticket information contact Shilon Carter, (609) 343-5646.
- Wednesday, Feb. 22, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., "*The African-American Heritage Museum Traveling Exhibit*," a private collection of historical and cultural artifacts. Cape May County Campus, Cape May Court House.
- Tuesday, Feb. 28, 12:30 p.m., "*Grupo Capoeira*," a demonstration of Afro-Brazilian martial art that combines self defense, Brazilian music and dance.

For additional information, call Lisa Givens, (609) 343-5010.

## New Degree Program for Those with Technical Training

A new degree program that provides up to 25 credits for union technical experience and training for certification or licensing is expected to be available at ACCC in the fall semester. The program was developed under a state-wide program spearheaded by the N.J. Council of County Colleges. The program leads to an associate in applied sci-

ence degree in technical studies.

In addition to 25 credits allowed for prior experience and study, earning the degree requires 20-23 credits of general education courses and 19 in directed electives. The total meets the 64 to 67 credits requirement for all associate degrees.

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## Cape May County Campus Wins Betterment Award

The new full-service campus in Cape May Court House was commended by the Cape May County Chamber of Commerce and the New Jersey legislature for its contribution to the county.

ACCC President Peter Mora accepted the chamber's Betterment Award at the organization's recent installation fete, where he was installed as a board member.

On behalf of the college Mora also accepted a proclamation of "commendation and praise for demonstrating outstanding citizenship" from Assemblyman Jeff Van Drew and a similar award signed by Assemblymen Nicholas Asselta and John Gibson.

## Attention ACCC EOF Alums!

Don't miss out on the 2006 New Jersey EOF Alumni Gala on Saturday evening, March 25, at the Atlantic City Sheraton. This black tie affair celebrates 38 years of educating and graduating more than 30,000 students through the Educational Opportunity Fund.

This is your chance to dine, dance, reunite, network and give something back through the scholarship fund raiser. Tickets are \$100 per person. Visit the EOF web site to register and for hotel and ticket information at [www.njeofpa.org/gala](http://www.njeofpa.org/gala).

## Help support New Jersey's community colleges!

- : State funding for community colleges has dropped
- | 13 percent per student over the last four years.
- : The NJ Council of County Colleges is sponsoring an
- | ad campaign to ask for support of New Jersey's
- : community colleges. Upcoming TV ads will drive
- | people to the web for more information.
- : Please visit
- | <http://www.supportcommunitycolleges.com/> where
- : you can tell your state legislators to make sure
- | New Jersey's community colleges stay available,
- : accessible and affordable.



## BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Alumni Association is open to all students who have received a degree or completed the two-year culinary arts program. Membership affords cost-saving benefits, including a discount at Careme's, reduced cost of noncredit workshops, and a discount on purchases at the campus bookstore, plus free use of certain campus facilities.

Perhaps most important, the Alumni Association keeps members up on what's happening to old friends among ACCC graduates, and connected to programs and news about events at their alma mater.

Annual membership in the Association is \$15 and provides free access to the William Spangler Library on the Mays Landing Campus, and the new information commons library at the Cape May County Campus in Cape May Court House.

To join the Alumni Association call (609) 343-5616 or visit [www.atlantic.edu](http://www.atlantic.edu) for information.

## ACCC Offers Computer Literacy Courses Free to Employees of Small Business

Beginning in March, the college will extend computer literacy courses free to workers employed in small businesses, thanks to a partnership with the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

These additional courses will help train employees of small- and medium-sized transportation and distribution, health care, hospitality, landscaping, custodial and building services, food service, and maintenance and repair companies in Atlantic and Cape May counties.

Training will begin on Wednesday, March 8, in Atlantic City at the Worthington Atlantic City Center and run through May 17 from 6-9 p.m. At the Cape May County Campus the course will be offered on Tuesdays beginning March 7 through May 16, 6-9 p.m.

This free computer basics training will provide participants with introduc-

tory skills in using Windows, the Internet, Microsoft Word and e-mail. Instructors are experienced in using state-of-the-art computer equipment.

"These courses will provide critical skill sets necessary to improve workers' on-the-job performance and open up opportunities for them to advance on the job," said Dr. Peter L. Mora, ACCC president, "and will help participants gain the literacy skills they need to enroll in technical skill programs available at New Jersey's 19 community colleges."

Participants must be employed 30 hours or more per week by a business in Atlantic or Cape May County. For more information, contact Ron Penza, corporate training, (609) 343-4871 or e-mail [rpenza@atlantic.edu](mailto:rpenza@atlantic.edu). In Cape May County, call (609) 463-4774, ext. 4871.

## ACA Chefs to Conduct Culinary Workshops in Spring Term at Mays Landing, CMC Campuses

Six culinary workshops are scheduled in March, April and May in preparing foods and edible table decorations described in such palatable terms as delectable, sensuous, exotic, succulent, hearty, and fast.

Doesn't that quicken your pulse? It should, when you consider that for the first time, educators from the Academy of Culinary Arts are conducting these workshops, and at both the Mays Landing Campus and new Cape May County campus.

### March Workshops:

- Country French Cooking, taught by the Academy's native French educator, will cover classic dishes like chicken chasseur and other bistro favorites. Bon appetit. Wednesday, March 8, 6-9 p.m., in the seminar dining room at the Cape May County Campus.
- Sensuous Seafood dives into identifying local and exotic seafood,

its availability, how to judge its quality and, perhaps most importantly, how to prepare it at home. Tuesday, March 21, 6-9 p.m., in ACA's professional kitchens at Mays Landing.

### April Workshops:

- Figures, Flowers and Unique Decorations, all made from marzipan, the succulent confection that is almond paste. This is a hands-on workshop in creating edible table decorations. Wednesday, April 5, 6-9 p.m. in the seminar dining room on the Cape May County Campus.
- Creating Artisan Bread unveils secrets of preparing tasty and hearty old world bread dough. Tuesday, April 11, 6-9 p.m., in ACA's professional kitchens at Mays Landing.
- Meals on the Run delves into using simple ingredients in planning

healthful meals that can be cooked in less than one hour. Tuesday, April 25, 6-9 p.m., in the professional kitchens at Mays Landing.

### May Workshop:

- The Wonderful World of Chocolate, the art of preparing delectable truffles and other treats from chocolate, probably the world's most tempting edible. In the seminar dining room on the Cape May County Campus on Wednesday, May 3, 6-9 p.m.

The fee for each workshop is \$49. Participants are advised to bring an apron, hand towels, sharp knives, and notepads and pens. Registrations are being accepted. at (609) 343-4829, (609) 463-4774, ext. 4829, in Cape May County, or visit [www.atlantic.edu/conted](http://www.atlantic.edu/conted).

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at noon at the Middle Township Performing Arts Center in Cape May Court House and at 4 p.m. in the Walter Edge Theater on ACCC's Mays Landing Campus, 5100 Black Horse Pike.

"Schoolhouse Rock Live" is good, clean fun and educational, too, like the cartoon series that taught history, grammar, math, science and politics through songs and comical live action. Songs include: "A Noun is a Person, Place or Thing," "Three is a Magic Number," "Unpack your Adjectives," "Just a Bill," "The Preamble," "Do the Circulation," "Conjunction Junction," "Great American Melting Pot," "Interplanet Janet," "Interjections," and many more. It is recommended

for students in grades K to 5.

Family Week at the Theatre is an annual statewide festival offering free tickets to young people and their families. It was developed to encourage families to attend professional theatre together.

Performances are free of charge for everyone, but reservations are necessary. For more information or to make a reservation, call College Relations at (609) 343-4907. To receive a full schedule of events for Family Week at the Theatre (March 4-12, 2006), call 1-800-THE-ARTS or visit [www.familyweek.com](http://www.familyweek.com).



## Casino Career Institute Offers Training in Gaming this Spring

ACCC's Casino Career Institute, where more than 50,000 had gaming training for casino careers, is offering 10 courses this spring at CCI's Charles D. Worthington Atlantic City Center.

Classes start monthly and run from 40 to 375 hours. For the best hiring opportunities, CCI recommends that students begin with Introduction to Casino Games, then select one primary game and one, preferably two, secondary games.

Besides the introductory course (40 hours), CCI will offer blackjack (80 hours), craps (160 hours), baccarat (80 hours), poker (80 hours), pai gow tiles (80 hours), roulette (80 hours), pai gow poker (80 hours), carnival games (40 hours), variations of poker (40 hours), and slot technician (375 hours).

As part of the college, the CCI can offer extensive college services to students, including training on a large mock casino floor with a slot laboratory and a student lounge. Also available is free and secure parking.

For additional information, call (609)-343-4848 or visit [www.atlantic.edu/conted](http://www.atlantic.edu/conted).

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and training will be evaluated by the American Council on Education and transferred to ACCC as a "core cluster." General education is the liberal arts courses required of every degree student. Courses designated "directed electives" will be determined by ACCC departments.

The new degree program is targeted to begin in the fall 2006 semester. A model of the program was developed by New Jersey Pathways Leading Apprentices to a College Education, or PLACE.

*For a complete,  
up-to-date calendar  
of ACCC events  
check our web site:  
[www.atlantic.edu](http://www.atlantic.edu)*

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\$168,000 last year.

The 23rd annual Gala invites patrons to "Feast Your Eyes" on the culinary delights presented by about 40 of the area's best restaurants. The annual event also features music, dancing and a dessert extravaganza. The Gala provides a venue for top drawer restaurants to showcase their house specialties to nearly 1,000 community leaders, business people, casino executives and just plain connoisseurs.

This year's Restaurant Gala will honor Vernon Hill, founder and chairman of Commerce

Bank, for his long-time support of education and the scholarship fund-raiser. Parent Commerce Bancorp has 370 branches in New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Washington, D.C., Virginia and southeast Florida and is headquartered in Cherry Hill.

Beginning with a sumptuous cocktail, raw bar, hot and cold hors d'oeuvres reception prepared and served by ACA students at 6:30 p.m., the evening will progress to a dining extravaganza buffet at 8 p.m. Live music by A Sharp Productions and an elegant dessert reception will complete the night's events.



Preview the big event at a Taste of the Gala cooking demonstration by chefs from leading area restaurants and the Academy on Thursday, Feb. 23, from 6-8 p.m. Tickets are \$25, proceeds go to the ACCC Foundation, and reservations are required.