

 **President's Report**

TO: Atlantic Cape Community College Board of Trustees
FROM: Dr. Barbara Gaba
DATE: November 30, 2021
(Worthington Atlantic City Campus)

Technology Upgrades

Security Camera Upgrade

- The Security Camera upgrade project has been completed at all three campuses. This project increased the number of cameras on our campuses by 152% from 102 cameras to 257 cameras.

Cost Saving Measures

- The Information Technology department has designed a solution to replace the college's phone system maintenance currently provided by Converge One and Avaya with Hunter Technologies. This will save the college approximately \$27,000 annually. Additionally, in early 2022, the team is planning to replace Windstream Communications for all Telephone connectivity, which is expected to save an additional \$25,000-\$30,000 annually.

Single Sign-On

- The Information Technology department, in collaboration with key stakeholders and departments, has initiated the Single Sign-On project. Single Sign-On provides efficiency for authenticating into multiple applications. It allows faculty, staff, and students to utilize one username and password for various systems. This is a multi-phase project currently in the planning stage. Phase 1 of the project is expected to be focused on faculty and student applications such as G-Suite, Blackboard, and Colleague Self-Service.

Community Outreach – Cape May

- On November 8, the Cape May County Campus hosted a *Mental Health/Law Enforcement Community Awareness Symposium* that included a panel

presentation/discussion with representatives from the Prosecutor's Offices from Atlantic and Cape May Counties, the Arc Offices of both counties, the Middle Township police, and representatives from several mental health providers. The discussion covered the ways law enforcement is training their personnel on how to deal with people that have disabilities and mental illnesses when they are called to an incident.

Community Outreach – Atlantic City

- The Worthington Atlantic City Campus hosted several community outreach events this month, including:
 - *Thanksgiving Luncheon on November 19th at Center City Park in Atlantic City.* Atlantic Cape and Angels in Motion provided a hot meal, blessing bags, COVID-19 vaccines, and resources to the less fortunate community in Atlantic City. This initiative was in partnership with our Academy of Culinary Arts and the Culinary Student Association. This event received TV coverage from NBC10.
 - *Thanksgiving Dinner in a Box Distribution on November 20th at the Worthington Atlantic City Campus.* The College, in partnership with the Fellowship of Churches, hosted a food distribution for the community to include free turkeys and meal kit boxes, as well as COVID-19 vaccination information and appointments.
 - *Harvest Men's Health Fair on November 23rd at the Worthington Atlantic City Campus Cafeteria.* Atlantic Cape hosted WellCare of New Jersey's fall event, which will include free health screenings, community resources, and food giveaways. This is open to students and staff.

Student Support – Food Insecurity Initiatives

- The **Mays Landing Campus** hosted a Drive-Through Turkey Giveaway for our students on Tuesday, November 16th. Fifty turkeys, along with ingredients for Thanksgiving side dishes, were distributed. The turkeys, along with 26 gift cards to local grocery stores, were donated by the Community Food Bank of New Jersey. The Atlantic Cape Community College Education Association (ACCCEA) purchased \$2,000 in groceries to provide the side dishes for this event. In total, 76 students were assisted.

- The **Cape May County Campus** hosted a free turkey giveaway with side dishes for students in need on November 22, 2021. In addition to a donation of turkeys by the Community Food Bank of New Jersey, Kim Stowell, Cape May County Campus Operations Manager, arranged for Kara Catering (the campus' food service provider) to donate the turkeys and side dishes, making them complete Thanksgiving meals for our students.

Student Support - Technology

- The Student Laptop Loaner program is continuing to distribute laptops to students. As of November 2nd, approximately 1,450 laptops have been distributed to students and is expected to continue at a consistent rate over the Fall semester and into the Spring semester.

Community Engagement – On Campus

- Dr. Gaba is hosting *Coffee with the President* on all three campuses this semester to engage faculty and staff in conversation, as well as *Pizza with the President* to give students an opportunity to personally meet with the President. The Coffee and Pizza events at the Worthington Atlantic City Campus were held on November 18, the sessions at the Mays Landing Campus will be held on December 2, and the sessions at the Cape May County Campus will be held on December 8.

Atlantic Cape Foundation

- The Women of Wonder Luncheon was held at the Flanders Hotel in Ocean City on November 10, 2021. This year marked ten years that the Women of Wonder League has raised scholarship funds for Cape May County at-risk students attending Atlantic Cape. Since 2018, the Atlantic Cape Foundation has co-sponsored this event with the Cape May County Women's Commission.
- We hosted 220 people, raised over \$17K, and honored three outstanding Cape May County women: Michele Gillian, Executive Director of the Ocean City Regional Chamber of Commerce; Chase Jackson, Executive Director of the Ocean City Arts Center; and Marilyn Miller, Director of the Samuel De Vico Senior Center in Middle Township. We also paid tribute to Veteran Doris "Doie" Barnes, a 100-year-old retired Marine Sgt. Stories about the event

appeared in the *Press of Atlantic City*, the *Cape May County Herald*, *OCNJ*, and the *Ocean City Sentinel*.

Athletics

Archery 2021 Eastern Seaboard Championships

- The archery team hosted the 2021 Eastern Seaboard Championships November 13-14. The two-day event was attended by over 100 archers, including archers from Rowan University and the University of Delaware. The Atlantic Cape team performed very well, winning every collegiate division, except one, and the team was featured on ABC News.

Archery Matthew Byrnes

- Matthew Byrnes competed in the Eastern Regional Collegiate Championships in April, scoring 695 out of a possible 720 points at the regional tournament at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia. His score broke the male national collegiate compound record for USA Archery.
- The performance also earned him a spot on the all-Eastern Regional team and qualified him for the U.S. Collegiate National Championships in May. He finished sixth at the national tournament, earning All-American status.
- Byrnes applied for the record after the tournament, but due to COVID-19-related delays, he didn't receive the official news until last month.

Women's Volleyball

- Atlantic Cape's Women Volleyball team had a very successful 2021 season, proceeding all the way to the NJCAA Region 19 Division III championships on October 30th in the No. 4 spot before losing to No. 1 seed Raritan Valley Community College. The team ended the regular season with a 10-6 record, which included a 9-win streak during which they won against Rowan College of South Jersey-Gloucester, the #8 ranked team in the nation. They then won their Region 19 Tournament game against Union County College before competing in the NJCAA Region 19 Division III championships.
- Congratulations to Isabelle Felix and Angelina Cox for receiving 2nd Team ALL-Region honors for Women's Volleyball.

Men's Basketball

- The Men's basketball team has had a great start to their season with a win against Bergen County Community College on November 20th bringing their record to 4-1. They are currently second place in the Region.

Staff Accomplishments

- Atlantic Cape Community College received two Medallion Awards at the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations (NCMPR) District 1 Conference Oct. 25-27 in Long Branch, NJ. Winning materials from Atlantic Cape included the oversized brochure and the overall marketing campaign for the 2021 Restaurant Gala, which both received a bronze award.
- The NCMPR is the leading professional development association exclusively serving those working in communication at two-year community and technical colleges. The Medallion Awards, held each fall during district conferences, recognize outstanding achievement in design and communication at community and technical colleges in seven districts.
- Erin Mercer, Social Media Manager, also presented a breakout session during the conference titled, "Pop Culture, Personality & Puns: How to Stand Out on Social Media." Her presentation gave attendees tips on using humor and social media to attract a larger audience and improve engagement.

Campus Improvements

- Our Facilities team continues working to beautify the college's campuses to make them attractive and comfortable for our students, faculty, staff, and visitors. Most recently, the water tower on the Mays Landing Campus has been adorned with the college's logo.