

President's Report

TO: Atlantic Cape Community College Board of Trustees
FROM: Dr. Barbara Gaba
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(Mays Landing Campus)



60th Anniversary

- In celebration of Atlantic Cape's 60th Anniversary, faculty, staff, and students gathered outside in front of J-Building and took a giant human 60 photo in Atlantic Cape colors on April 17th.

President's Distinguished & Young Alumni Awards

- The Atlantic Cape Community College Foundation recognized six members of the college's alumni during the Annual President's Distinguished Alumni and Young Alumni Awards Dinner on Wednesday, April 10th at Carême's, our student-run gourmet restaurant on the Mays Landing campus. Honored this year were *Distinguished Alumni Award* recipients **Christian Bolf '93, Chef Michael D'Angelo '84, Dr. Terri-Lynn Hamby '94 & '98, Chef Deborah Pellegrino '92 and Dr. Antoinette Wilson '84**, as well as *Young Alumni Award* recipient **Latoya Mcglone '17**.

Inlet Community Development Corporation

- Atlantic Cape's Inlet Community Development Corporation's *Atlantic City Inlet NOW!* project has been awarded \$1 million in grant funding through the Neighborhood Revitalization Tax Credit Program (NRTC) from the State of New Jersey's Department of Community Affairs.

Atlantic Cape Drone Program

- The Atlantic Cape Drone Program was featured on social media to cover a current class made up of military veterans trying to further their career in aviation and drone training.

College Leadership Spotlight

- **Dr. Natalie Devonish, Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management,** and **Victor Moreno, Senior Manager of Special Projects,** were honored at the Greater Atlantic City Chamber of Commerce's *Annual Business Excellence Awards Ceremony* on March 28th. **Dr. Devonish** received the *Outstanding Young Professional Award*, and **Victor Moreno** was recognized as a *Top 20 Under 40 Professional* in Atlantic County.
- **Tasha Rivera, the Director One-Stop Enrollment & Recruitment,** was elected to serve a two-year term on the Board of Directors for the New Jersey Association for College Admissions and Counseling.
- **Caesar Niglio, Director, Enterprise Applications,** and **Jeff Wenzel, Director, Restricted Accounting,** presented at Ellucian's Annual Conference in San Antonio on April 8th. Their session titled, "*Self-Service Procurement Implementation: Where Do We Begin?*", focused on how we are streamlining our requisition approval process. They showed the audience how to set up self-service requisitions, approval routing, and a flow that works for their institution.



Community Outreach – Atlantic County

- The College partnered with the City of Atlantic City's Office of Multicultural Services to host the *Peruvian Consulate* for the second year in a row on our Worthington Atlantic City Campus on April 6th. At the event, 210 families were served, allowing them to renew their passports, their National Identity

Documents (DNI), Public Writings, and Powers of Attorney Outside the Registry.

- Atlantic Cape partnered with the Atlantic City Youth Services Department and sponsored a portion of their first “Autism Fun Day” celebration in Atlantic City’s Pete Pallitto Field on April 20th.
- Atlantic Cape’s Science Department hosted an Eclipse Extravaganza on April 8th. Students and the public created their glasses to see the eclipse from cereal boxes and viewed it from the Mays Landing Campus Quad. Also, the event featured speakers that gave different perspectives on the eclipse. It was a very successful event that made the first page of the Press of Atlantic City.

Recruitment

- The College’s One-Stop/Recruitment Department hosted its *Annual College Awareness Day* event on April 17th. Over 138 local high school students from 6 High Schools in our region, from Oakcrest, Atlantic City, Middle Township, Atlantic County Institute of Technology, Chartertech, and Absegami, participated in the event. This initiative promotes college and career awareness and provides high school students with opportunities for self-discovery and postsecondary planning.

Community Outreach – Cape May County

- Atlantic Cape also hosted Junior Achievement and the Woodbine Elementary School’s *Career Exploration Day* at the Cape May County Campus on April 16th, with fifty-six (56) middle schoolers in attendance. Students investigated career options as they prepare to move on to high school, featuring a presentation from Junior Achievement that invoked thoughtful discussion of career opportunities for the students to begin thinking about their future careers.
- Atlantic Cape’s Cape May County Campus hosted a successful Open House event on April 9th. Guests learned about Atlantic Cape and the programs available at the Cape May County Campus, such as the Culinary Certificate and the Nursing Cohort programs; a campus tour was provided as well. In attendance were Middle and Lower Township High Schools students, adult

learners, and members of the public, with fourteen potential students identified.

- The Cape May County Campus hosted the Sustainable Jersey Regional Atlantic and Cape May Hub's meeting on Natural Resources on April 11th. The Regional Hub provided information about the natural resources, environmental commissions, tree protection ordinances, and much more resources unique to Atlantic and Cape May counties to the college community and the public.

Student Engagement

- The Student Vision Care Voucher Program, funded by the New Jersey Office of the Secretary of Higher Education (OSHE), has begun to be implemented and carried out by the Office of Student Engagement. This voucher program provides Atlantic Cape students with a \$150 credit for eye exams, glasses, and frames. Visionworks in Mays Landing will continue scheduling appointments in person on campus for the remainder of the semester.
- Atlantic Cape held its annual *Earth Day Celebrations* on all three campuses on April 15th and April 18th. Several activities were held this month in honor of *Earth Day*, such as outdoor extravaganzas, information hubs, and sustainability stations, to help raise awareness of creating a cleaner, greener future for our planet.
- This past month the Office of Student Engagement held several cultural awareness events among all three of our campuses with topics ranging from sexual assault awareness, open mic events in continuation of the *Women's History Month* celebration, and the second annual *Iftar Party* hosted by the Muslim Student Association.
- Student Engagement, under the DEI FY24 Success Initiative Program, hosted *The Defamation Experience* on April 23rd. This groundbreaking interactive diversity experience challenged perceptions and sparked dialogue amongst the participants. *The Defamation Experience* is a unique courtroom drama where race, class, religion, and gender intersect in a narrative that captivated and provoked thoughtful discussion of our justice system.

Athletics

Volleyball

- The Atlantic Cape's Men's Volleyball team was invited to their first *NJCAA National Men's Volleyball Invitational* in DuPage, Illinois, held from April 12th-14th. The tournament consisted of eight participating teams in the nation.
- The Atlantic Cape Volleyball team has a 13-6 record and two of their players received all conference honors. **Joshua Baez** received **First Team All-Garden State Athletic Conference (GSAC)**, and **Emmanuel Waugh** received **2nd Team All-Garden State Athletic Conference (GSAC)**.

Student Success

- The Greater Atlantic City Concierge Association hosted a career drive this past month that benefited our *Campus Closet*; they donated plentiful amount of professional clothing for Atlantic Cape students. The Greater Atlantic City Concierge Association is an elite organization made up of Concierge and Hospitality business professionals in Atlantic County.
- Five (5) Atlantic Cape Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) Program students attended *The Circle of Change Conference* in Miami, Florida from April 11th through April 13th. Over a three-day period, first generation students from across the country networked with one another, heard from dynamic guest speakers who were also first-generation students, and learned techniques and skills they need to become highly successful professionals from Top-Tier Organizations.
- Twenty-Eight EOF program graduates were recognized for their outstanding academic achievements on April 19th at Rutgers University-New Brunswick. The recognition of EOF student graduates is part of the EOF Board of Directors and the New Jersey Office of the Secretary of Higher Education (OSHE) initiative to honor EOF students who demonstrated exceptional achievement during their student career.

Cape May Bizhub

- *The Cape May Bizhub* hosted two seminars in the month of April, led by the **Economic Development Manager of Cape May County, Joe Molineaux**. **Mr. Molineaux** instructed business owners in Cape May County about designing a Marketing Plan for their Business on April 9th, and about starting and registering a business for new entrepreneurs in the region on April 10th.
- *The Cape May BizHub* received the **2024 Professional Services Award** at the Middle Township's *2024 Business of the Year Awards Dinner* on April 12th. The event celebrated local businesses and services in Middle Township.

Center for Accessibility

- During the month of April, Atlantic Cape's Center for Accessibility partnered with *Faces 4 Autism*, a local non-profit organization, to host *Bubbles for Autism* on all three campuses in honor of *Autism Acceptance Month*.
- The Center for Accessibility in conjunction with Atlantic Cape's Recruitment Team were on hand at the *Atlantic County Special Services Community Resource Fair* this past month where they held an information table and interacted with graduating seniors transitioning into college.