

 **President's Report**

TO: Atlantic Cape Community College Board of Trustees
FROM: Dr. Barbara Gaba
DATE: June 22, 2021
(Zoom Video Conference Call)

Grants

Securing Our Children's Future Bond Act

- The Legislature has approved an award to Atlantic Cape for \$4M in funding, along with eight other community colleges, totaling \$26 million in grants for our sector. In addition, Atlantic Cape has a match of \$1.3M from Atlantic County. With this funding (\$5.3M) we will be able to renovate Boyer Hall to create a state-of-the-art Innovation Center for our new esports and cybersecurity programs.
- Our students will be prepared for high-wage, high-skill, in-demand jobs of the future as we continue to create pathways for students from high school to four-year institutions to job attainment.

Neighborhood Revitalization Tax Credit Program

- In April 2021, the Board of Trustees approved the acceptance of a \$50,000 planning grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (NJDCA) Neighborhood Revitalization Tax Credit Program to develop a 10-year plan to revitalize Atlantic City's Inlet Neighborhood (Ward #1).
- The neighborhood planning process will bring together the neighborhood's diverse communities of residents, civic leaders, and businesses to communicate an inclusive vision for the Inlet. Promotion of the opportunity to provide feedback on the plan and to join the Inlet Neighborhood Community Advisory Committee are now in full swing. Click [here](#) to learn more and to view the promotional video.

Virtual Graduation

- The Virtual Graduation aired on June 9 and is available to view any time on the college's YouTube channel. There have been over 2,642 views of the virtual graduation to date - more than the 1,700 views from last year's Virtual Graduation.

Academic Affairs

- Atlantic Cape signed a new partnership agreement with Stockton University for a 2+3 AS/BS/MBA program in Business Administration. Upon completion of the Associate in Science degree, students would seamlessly transfer to Stockton's Dual BS/MBA program. The program will prepare students for professional careers in business. A formal signing ceremony is scheduled for July 27.
- Atlantic Cape submitted the first part of the application process to the State Board of Nursing for transitioning the LPN Program from ACIT to Atlantic Cape.
- The Nursing Program will admit 99 new students in the Fall. This included 14 LPN and 85 new admissions. The total number of students in the Nursing Program will be 226 for next year.
- The Advisory Boards for the Communications, sUAS (Drones) Field Technician, and Computer Science/OST programs met recently. The Advisory Boards are comprised of diverse groups of educational partners and leaders from local businesses and industries. They provide valuable input that helps ensure the college's programming continues to meet our community's needs.

Community Relations

- Victor Moreno, Community Outreach Manager, and Karen McCormick, Assistant Director, Grant Program Operations, conducted a virtual presentation to Recovery Court Probation Officers in Atlantic County on May 18, 2021. College information that was shared with probation officers included academic programs and resources for program participants, as well as eligibility requirements for the new Atlantic City Works Training Program available to Atlantic City residents and casino employees.

- Atlantic Cape hosted the Mexican Consulate on May 22-23, 2021 at the Worthington Atlantic City Campus. The Mexican Consulate of Philadelphia provided service to 350 nationals who reside in the Atlantic City and the South Jersey area with passports and consular identification. The Admissions department had a bi-lingual representative to provide college information and resources.
- Atlantic Cape sponsored a Supporting NJ Dreamers “DACA Hybrid Information Session” at the Worthington Atlantic City Campus on May 24, 2021. This session was presented by the NJ Consortium for Immigrant Children in partnership with the Hispanic Association of Atlantic County (HAAC) and Latino Motion. Online engagement reached over 2,000 viewers and attendance of 15 individuals in-person. Click [here](#) to view the DACA information video.
- Victor Moreno, Community Outreach Manager, conducted three individual virtual presentations to Recovery Court program participants on May 25, 2021. He shared information regarding the new Atlantic City Works training program funded by the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority (CRDA) for those who may be eligible.
- Atlantic Cape joined AtlantiCare’s Food Drive and Resource Fair at Brown’s Park in Atlantic City on May 26, 2021. Victor Moreno, Community Outreach Manager, shared college information to the community and the eligibility for the new Atlantic City Works Training Program.
- Victor Moreno presented two virtual information sessions in both English and Spanish to the Gateway CAP Fatherhood Program in Atlantic City on May 27 and June 3, 2021. He shared an overview of credit and non-credit programs, eligibility for CCOG, as well as training opportunities for the Atlantic City Works Training Program through Workforce Development.
- Atlantic Cape participated in the first Asian Consulate Day at the Atlantic City Convention Center on June 2, 2021. The event was sponsored by Ocean Inc., the City of Atlantic City, and the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority (CRDA). College information was provided to attendees.

- Dr. Natalie Devonish conducted a 45-minute workshop titled “College Bound” to the Leaders in Training (LIT) Youth Employment Program in Atlantic City on June 3-4, 2021. Dr. Devonish covered several topics from admissions, scholarships, and choosing the right college. The L.I.T. (Leaders in Training) Workforce Development Program began in 2019. The program mixes onsite job experiences with weekly training and personal development workshops.

Workforce Development

- Kids College is currently accepting registrations for the summer programs beginning July 12. Based on the current registrations, the Mays Landing and Cape May County campuses will have Kids College programs running this summer.
- Atlantic Cape conducted virtual Microsoft Excel trainings to 40 South Jersey Industries employees in May.
- Workforce Development has begun conversations with Cape Regional, Shore Regional, and AtlantiCare to begin planning apprenticeship programs for the fall of 2021 through the Scaling Apprenticeship Grant. The apprenticeship programs allow our healthcare partners to identify current employees and begin moving them into high-demand Certified Medical Assistant positions. In addition, the apprenticeship program requires employers to award the participants two pay increases as they gain their skills after training.
- The Atlantic City Works Program has received over 70 participant intake forms. Currently, there are 12 participants funded by this program who have started their training programs.

Athletics

Buccaneers Baseball Academic Achievement Award

- Atlantic Cape students and members of the Buccaneers Baseball Team Shane Nanek and Collin Bradley earned 4.0 GPAs. As such, both received the Buccaneers Baseball Academic Achievement award for the Spring Semester '21.

- This is Mr. Bradley's second consecutive Academic Achievement Award.
- Recipients of this award have their name placed on a plaque hanging in the vestibule of the gym, and they will also receive their own individual plaque. Additionally, they will receive blazers with the Buccaneers Baseball crest. The blazers, along with all necessary tailoring, are donated courtesy of Boscov's Department store in Egg Harbor Township as part of their effort to support our team's pursuit of academic excellence.

Baseball Division III All-Region 19 Team

- Congratulations to Jacob Brennan (pitcher), Angel Murray (Infield), and Luis Sauri II (Infield) for earning this year's baseball honors. These student athletes have been selected to the Division III All-Region 19 team.
- Our Buccaneer Baseball team had a great season ending #3 in the conference and #4 in the Region Tournament.

Soccer

- Atlantic Cape continues to recruit for our new soccer teams for the Fall Semester. Information regarding this opportunity has been shared with community organizations, partners, and local high schools.

Capital Projects

MAYS LANDING

Boyer, Morse, and Richards (B-Buildings)

- The bidding process is in place for Charles B. Boyer Hall, which is funded by the Securing Our Children's Future Grant and the County of Atlantic. The renovations of Silas Morse Hall and Samuel Richards Hall will be funded by Chapter 12.

Richard Somers Hall (D-Building)

- The Richard Somers Hall renovation, funded by Chapter 12, was completed this month and Instructional Technology and Workforce Development staff are returning to the building.

Public Safety Building

- The new Public Safety Building, funded by Chapter 12, is scheduled to be completed in July.

CAPE MAY

Surveillance Camera Project

- The Cape May County Campus is complete, and the Mays Landing Campus is scheduled to be completed by the end of June. Work to the Worthington Atlantic City Campus will begin in July and is expected to be completed by the end of August. This project was funded by Chapter 12.

Cape May Campus Cooling Tower and Emergency Generator Replacement

- This project, to be funded Chapter 12, is in the final design stage. Bidding is planned for July.

Staff Accomplishments

- Dr. Josette Katz, Vice President of Academic Affairs, has been elected to serve as the Chair of the Statewide Academic Affairs Affinity Group.

New Jersey Higher Education Collaborative (NJHEC)

- Dr. Gaba was invited to serve as a member of the New Jersey Higher Education Collaborative (NJHEC), a forum with 30 leaders (policymakers, commissioners, college presidents, student representatives, and workforce leaders), to inform strategies that will enable our state to make progress advancing the student rights established in the State Plan for Higher Education.
- The New Jersey Office of the Secretary of Higher Education (OSHE), in partnership with The Hunt Institute, created and convened this independent collaborative. The NJHEC's work will build on the state's Plan for Higher Education, published by OSHE in February 2019, which serves as a launching pad for the strategies and best practices that members of the collaborative will develop.