

# ATLANTIC CAPE COMMUNICATOR

Atlantic Cape Community College's Information Source

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## NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

### Iron Student Chefs Vie for Trophy in 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Competition

Eighteen culinary students showed their passion for food and competed in the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Iron Student Chef competition at the Academy of Culinary Arts April 28.



*Above, from left, Chef Educator Rocky Tedeschi and first-place team members Xavier Baskerville, Jessica Scannapieco, Jacob Mann, Gianna Cottone and Brian Peters. At right, Chefs Tedeschi and Dagers taste a team's dish.*



At 9:25 a.m. sharp, it was time to start the competition coordinated by ACA Chef Educator **Vincent "Rocky" Tedeschi**. The students were organized into four teams. Their mission: to create four dishes, each incorporating a tightly guarded secret ingredient revealed only minutes before the start of cooking. The teams were given 15 minutes to create recipes and 90 minutes to cook.

The secret ingredient to be included in each team's four dishes, from appetizers to entrees: passion fruit. The teams were given passion fruit and a variety of other ingredients and told to produce three plates for each dish, one for display, and the others for judging.

The first place, trophy-winning team included: **Brian Peters, Xavier Baskerville, Jacob Mann, Gianna Cottone** and **Jessica Scannapieco**. Each teammate received a chef's knife from Mercer Cutlery.

The second place team, silver medal winners: **Adam Field, Anthony Dorando, Lindsay Bender** and **Alexander (Zander) Gatta**.

The bronze medal third place team: **Bruce Tice, Jose Otto, Jonathon Olivo, Anthony Scott** and **Eric Larmore**.

The winning team's menu included Pan-seared Scallops with a Parsnip Purée accompanied by a Passion Fruit Reduction Sauce; Deconstructed Lobster and Passion Fruit Salad with a White Balsamic Glaze; Pan-seared Salmon with a Passion Fruit Glaze and a Tropical Grilled Pineapple Mango Salsa over Risotto mixed with Quinoa; and for dessert, Yogurt Mousse Enrobed in Passion Fruit Glaze paired with Passion Fruit Cake.

Chef Tedeschi and Atlantic City Country Club Executive Chef Edward Dagers were this year's tasting judges. Kitchen judges were Chef Educators **Daniel J. Matt** and **Philip Cragg**. Judging was based on a

possible 50 points, including 10 points each for flavor, knowledge of item, presentation, originality and sanitation. Teams lost 10 points for lateness and 10 points if kitchen/lab clean-up was not satisfactory.

## **New Jersey Acting Secretary of Higher Education to Speak at Commencement**

Rochelle Hendricks, New Jersey's first secretary of higher education, will deliver the keynote address at the school's 47<sup>th</sup> annual commencement, 11 a.m., Thursday, May 22.



*Rochelle Hendricks*

Hendricks has more than 20 years of experience working on education issues in the Garden State and was appointed by Gov. Chris Christie to the Cabinet-level post in May 2011. Prior to that appointment, she served as acting commissioner of New Jersey's Department of Education.

She has served in the Department of Education in other capacities as well, including working as director of the Professional Development Office, manager of the Office of Policy and Planning in the Administration Division, assistant to the deputy education commissioner, and director of the Office of Vocational-Technical, Career and Innovative programs.

Before joining the staff of the Department of Education, Hendricks worked for Princeton University for more than 15 years facilitating a variety of duties. Highlights are serving as the interim director of the Women's Program and as director of the Educational Opportunities Program.

She began her career as a teacher at Rumson-Fair Haven Regional High School before joining the Department of Education in 1987.

## **Chapter of English Honor Society Inducts Eight New Members**



*Students and faculty celebrate at the SKD induction ceremony.*

Atlantic Cape inducted eight students into Sigma Kappa Delta, an English honor society for two-year colleges, April 22.

Inductees were: **Trischann Corcoran, Chun Lau, Chad Murnaghan, Brianna Yuhas, Lindsay Ferrugno, Amber Molina, Emma Marie Price and Jill Richman Heller.**

Students from all majors are eligible. To qualify, students must earn a minimum of 12 credit hours, a 3.5 average in at least two college-level English courses, and a 3.5 overall grade point average.



## **Bucs Play at Surf Stadium**

Atlantic Cape's men's baseball team hosted "Family Day" with prizes and festivities as they defeated The Williamson Free School of Mechanical Trades from Media, Pa., April 26, at Surf Stadium in Atlantic City. **Dr. Peter L. Mora** threw out the opening pitch. The Bucs will play several home games at the stadium beginning in 2015.

*At left, the Atlantic Cape Buccaneers take the field at Surf Stadium.*

## **Financial Literacy Event May 2 to Feature NJ Banking and Insurance Commissioner**

The college will host Ken Kobylowski, New Jersey's Department of Banking and Insurance commissioner, at an upcoming presentation on financial literacy. As part of a series of workshops the commissioner is delivering at community colleges throughout the state, Kobylowski will present a town-hall style workshop and answer student questions from 9:30-10:30 a.m., Friday, May 2, in J-202.

The commissioner will discuss financial issues such as college-issued debit cards, credit cards, life and health insurance and student loans. He will also go over basic financial literacy principles, such as setting a budget and how to shop for banking services.

“When college students get to campus they are asked to make financial decisions that can have an impact as lasting as the major they choose and the careers they explore,” Commissioner Kobylowski said. “When college students set budgets and spend within them, select a low-cost bank account and manage their debt wisely, they set the tone for a strong financial foundation throughout life.”

## **Summer Hours Begin June 2; PSV Requests Due June 10**

Summer hours (flex time) begin Monday, June 2. Regular hours resume Monday, Aug. 18. Support personnel normally working 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. will work 8 a.m.-4:37 p.m. or 8:30 a.m.-5:07 p.m. During the four-day work week, support staff work 32.5 hours per week, a 2.5-hour reduction. Consult your supervisor regarding your precise reporting and dismissal times. Management, counselor and librarian personnel should maintain a 37.5 hour schedule per week during this period.

Planned Summer Vacation is designed for 12-month employees who, because of work responsibilities, may have difficulty using excess vacation hours before June 30. If your vacation balance is above the allowed balance, you must submit a leave request form to human resources by Monday, June 10. Mark PSV box on the leave request form.

If you do not use excess time, it will automatically be deducted and you will lose it. Balances are available on your online pay advice or from **Brenda Kuhar** at ext. 5604.

## **Atlantic Cape to Offer Classes in Hammonton This Fall**

The college will offer its first credit classes in Hammonton this fall at Kramer Hall, 30 Front St. Classes include:

- Intro to Computers, Tuesdays, 2-4 p.m.
- Composition I, Mondays/Wednesdays, 9:30-10:45 a.m.
- Western World I, Tuesdays/Thursdays, 9:30-10:45 a.m.
- Statistical Methods, Tuesdays/Thursdays, 5-6:50 p.m.

Fall semester classes begin Sept. 2. Visit [www.atlantic.edu/fall](http://www.atlantic.edu/fall) to view class schedules and to register online. For more information, email [register@atlantic.edu](mailto:register@atlantic.edu) or call ext. 5000.

## **Art Gallery Features Student Work; Reception Planned May 16**

Atlantic Cape's Art Gallery is open with a student exhibit after a two-year hiatus. The gallery is located in a large space in the William Spangler Library. A reception will be held May 16. For more information, contact **Joyce Hagen**, art gallery coordinator, at [jhagen@atlantic.edu](mailto:jhagen@atlantic.edu).

## **College Relations Looking for Interesting Graduation Stories**

The college relations office is looking for human interest stories for graduation. If you know of an Atlantic Cape student who is graduating in May who has overcome obstacles to complete school, is a senior graduate, is graduating with a family member or other unique



angle, email **Stacey Clapp**, [sclapp@atlantic.edu](mailto:sclapp@atlantic.edu), by May 2.

### **Visiting Professor Plans ‘Language and the Brain’ Workshop May 7**

Beacons by the Sea visiting scholar **Dr. Fatjona R. Lubonja** will present “Neuroscience: A Conversation with the Latest Research” at 5 p.m., Wednesday, May 7. The event is free and open to the public in the Walter Edge Theater, C-building.

Lubonja’s presentation will cover neurological studies applied to language development and learning, and other areas related to learning a second language. The Northfield resident and native of Albania is a multilingual speaker and her scholarly interests are on neuroscience and education, including language aphasia, impact and influence mechanisms that control language and learning.

### **Information Session on Accelerated Learning Program Planned for July 16**

Atlantic Cape’s Accelerated Learning Program (ALP) allows students who place into the developmental ENGL080 Reading/Writing II the opportunity to take the college-level ENGL101 Composition I course paired with ENGL099 Accelerated Learning Program Support (formerly ALPS099). Similar projects of English acceleration are happening around the country, many of them evolving from the Community College of Baltimore (CCBC) model, as Atlantic Cape’s did.

Join the faculty from 9-10 a.m., Wednesday, July 16, in H-116 on the Mays Landing Campus to learn more about the history and progress of ALP. Jamey Gallagher, co-director of CCBC’s program, will present an overview of their program, including its history, model and results, followed by Atlantic Cape ALP faculty who will provide a similar overview of our program.

Faculty and staff from all departments are welcome. Reserve your seat with **Stephanie Natale-Boianelli** at [snatale@atlantic.edu](mailto:snatale@atlantic.edu).

### **Earn Credits Online This Summer at Atlantic Cape**

Atlantic Cape will offer more than 100 classes online this summer to accommodate a range of lifestyles. Whether you’re a current student, recent high school graduate or attending a four-year college and home for the summer, you can earn credits toward your degree in just a few weeks.

In-person registration hours are weekdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit [www.atlantic.edu/summer](http://www.atlantic.edu/summer) to view summer and fall class schedules and to register online.

Some courses offered during the first six-week session, May 27-July 3, include: Financial Accounting, Art Appreciation, Business Ethics, Composition I, Creative Writing I, Earth Science, College Algebra and Principals of Sociology.

During the second session, which is eight weeks, June 30-Aug. 21, classes include: Principles of Management, Intro to Computers, Criminal Investigation, Western World II, Calculus I, Child Psychology, World Religions and Technical Communication.

Course offered during the six-week third session, July 14-Aug. 21, include: Web Graphics/Animation, The Human Body, Interpersonal Communication, Literature for Children, Precalculus, Word Processing I and Concepts of Physical Fitness.

It is recommended students taking online courses possess excellent organizational and time management skills.

Payment for summer classes is due at the time of registration. The college accepts Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express. To register online or view a schedule of summer and fall courses, visit [www.atlantic.edu/summer](http://www.atlantic.edu/summer). For more information, email [summer@atlantic.edu](mailto:summer@atlantic.edu) or call ext. 5000.

## Register Now for Summer Classes at Cape May County Campus

Atlantic Cape is offering a variety of credit classes this summer at its Cape May County Campus. Some courses include:

**Summer Session One, May 27-July 3:** Human Anatomy Physiology I, Intro to Computers, Public Speaking, Western World I, Introduction to Algebra II, College Algebra, Statistical Methods and Elementary Spanish I.

**Summer Session Two, June 30-Aug. 21:** Psychology of Exceptionality, Reading/Writing I, Reading/Writing II, Composition I, Composition II, Introduction to Literature, General Psychology and Principles of Sociology.

**Summer Session Three, July 14-Aug. 21:** Human Anatomy Physiology II and Intro to Algebra II.

For more information, email [summer@atlantic.edu](mailto:summer@atlantic.edu) or call ext. 3960.

## HERE'S THE SCOOP



*Student clubs celebrate Earth Day.*

Student clubs kicked off Earth Day with a free celebration for students including Earth friendly displays, games, giveaways and more. Highlights included an airbrush artist creating hats, inflatables and a free keepsake photo. The events were organized by the Student Government Association.

**Rhonda Petruzzi**, WACC administrative services, and her family recently traveled to Florida to enjoy a family vacation. She is proud to have attended her son-in-law's graduation ceremony from Full Sail University and spent time exploring Disney World with her grandchildren.



*Rhonda Petruzzi with her family in Florida.*

Save the date for other upcoming retirement parties for departing staff, including:

- A farewell for **Dr. Art Wexler**, vice president of academic affairs, at 5:30 p.m., Friday, May 9, at the Mays Landing Country Club. RSVP by May 1 to **Laura Campbell**, ext. 5001; **Lisa Apel-Gendron**, ext. 3619; or **Vita Stovall**, ext. 4832. Cost is \$39.
- A send-off for **Terry Budd**, dean of administrative and business services, at 5:30 p.m., Friday, May 30, at the Mays Landing Country Club. Cost is \$39. Call **Marge Mettelle**, ext. 5115.
- A celebration of **Linda Mcleod**, assistant director of college recruitment, at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, June 5, at Tuscan House Hotel at the Renault Winery Resort. RSVP by May 23 to **Kristin Jackson** or **Barbara Clark**, ext. 4916 or ext. 5006. Cost is \$38.

Happy birthday to: **Mark Streckenbein**, May 2; **Cynthia Correa**, **Michael Mettelle**, **Penny Gardner**, **Peter Mora**, May 4; **Kelly McClay**, May 5, **Mary Yoa**, May 6; **William Dougherty**, **Lauren Laughliln**, **James Sacchinelli**, **Marilou Trinh**, May 7; **David Capelli**, **Richard Russell**, May 8; **Wendy Gray**, May 10; **Tim Kelleher**, May 11; **Laura Campbell**, **George Taylor**, May 12; **Joe D'Agostino**, **Richard Perniciaro**, May 14. Adjunct birthday: **Joanne Kulzer**, May 9; **Myra Caplan**, May 13.

## NEWS FROM ATLANTIC CAPE'S OTHER LOCATIONS

### Greetings from the Cape May County Campus

By Lisa Apel-Gendron

Food, fun and learning were on the agenda as the month of April closed out.

April 17 marked CMCC's inaugural model Seder, where students and employees learned about the history and traditions of Passover. Adjunct instructor of humanities **Neil Brandt** and his students put on an information-packed event that included singing and plenty of traditional Passover foods. The event, which will become an annual tradition, was open to all current students and employees. About 25 individuals took advantage of the opportunity to expand their knowledge.



*Adjunct instructor Neil Brandt, as Moses, explained the why's and how's of Passover.*

The campus celebrated Earth Day April 21 and 22, including a Let's Dance competition with refreshments provided by SGA, and a seed packet giveaway courtesy of the Circle K Club. Displays about how recycling works, in the dining room, were also part of the observance.



*The Circle K Club, the collegiate arm of Kiwanis International, has been quite active since its February inception.*

Speaking of Circle K, the new club, under the guidance of **Donna Marie McElroy**, social science, misses no opportunity to spread the word about The Eliminate Project. This project aims to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus worldwide. The group had its first bake sale in support of the project April 15, and they did quite well! Another bake sale is set for May 6, 4 – 7 p.m., in the first floor lobby. If you like brownies, better get there early! Also, the Earth Day seed packets all included a message regarding the club and The Eliminate Project. For more information, check out <http://bit.ly/19kIKeE>.

Volunteering 101, a new project at CMCC, kicked off April 28. The plan is to bring to campus one nonprofit agency that uses volunteers each week so that students and employees alike can explore the myriad of local volunteer opportunities. The first agency was Beacon Animal Rescue of Ocean View, Upper Township. Volunteering 101 will resume in the fall semester with a variety of agencies exhibiting throughout the semester.

**Glenda Stogel**, health career recruiter, visited CMCC April 30, as she offered a health care career info session for current students and the community. This is the second time Glenda has brought this importation session to CMCC. Thank you, Glenda!

The final phase of the solar array construction in the CMCC parking lot was completed two weeks ago. This final job had nothing to do with the solar panels, though. After all of the asphalt was patched and the lot was cleaned in the fall, the parking lines and crosswalks were in serious need of repainting. But the extended winter and frosty spring temperatures postponed the repainting several times. Finally, however, on April 18, the lot was restriped. Thanks to facilities management for coordinating the job!

With the arrival of spring comes a plethora of outdoor chores, like mowing the lawn. CMCC has quite a bit of lawn to mow! Kudos to **Rob Townsend**, facilities, for troubleshooting the problem with our tractor's carburetor and getting it humming once again. Let the mowing begin!

Breakfast and lunch service concludes May 8 for the summer. Madison's Bakery will continue to handle CMCC catering over the summer, and they will be back for the start of fall semester Sept. 2. Have a worry-free weekend!

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**Ellen Parker**, reference and instruction librarian at the Mays Landing Campus, was guest lecturer for San Jose State University's Graduate School of Library and Information Science April 10. Ellen spoke about library instruction strategies to engage community college learners. The lecture, held online through Blackboard Collaborate, was followed by a discussion on SJSU's SLIS Facebook page.



*From left, Christina Kane, Darcel Durr, Hamel Brahmhatt, Natalie Espinosa, Richard Alejandro, and Erica Pratts enjoy New York City.*

The Atlantic Cape Review welcomed two guest speakers recently, who shared their professional expertise with the student newspaper staff. Vernon Ogrodnik, photo editor at The Press of Atlantic City, spoke to the staff April 17, and Peter Brophy, managing editor at The Press, addressed the group in March.

The Asian Student Alliance and club advisor **Jay Peterson** took a trip to New York City April 18, where they visited the Bodies Exhibit at Discovery Times Square, Madame Tussaud's, the Empire State Building and Chinatown.

## ATLANTIC CAPE IN THE NEWS

Chef Educator **Michael Huber** wrote an article for The Press of Atlantic City about the influences of Hammonton and Puerto Rico on Chef Jorge Barreto Jr.'s cuisine at Assaggio <http://bit.ly/1iwJ4vw>, and the new owners of Chatterbox in Ocean City adding flair to the iconic restaurant, <http://bit.ly/1j8KmMX>.

The Press of Atlantic City reported on the drop in NJ STARS enrollment, <http://bit.ly/1nyzWXd>.

The Press of Atlantic City printed a brief about the proceeds from Atlantic City Mayor Don Guardian's Inaugural Ball going to support student scholarships at Atlantic Cape, <http://bit.ly/1f1CYi2>.

InsuranceNews.net printed a news release announcing a financial literacy workshop at the college, featuring New Jersey Commissioner of Banking and Insurance Ken Kobylowski, <http://bit.ly/1nyTSw7>.

A Press of Atlantic City article about the difficulties South Jersey vets encounter finding jobs referenced the college's recent veterans resources fair, <http://bit.ly/1iwJIP8>.

The Current promoted the Performing Arts Club's performance of *London Suite*, <http://bit.ly/1iubGk8>.

The Cape May County Herald reported on the inaugural model Seder held at the Cape May County Campus, <http://bit.ly/1fJQCWT>.

The Cape May County Herald printed a news release on summer classes at CMCC, <http://bit.ly/1lpgtsu>.

## THE ACCCEA AND YOU!

**By Daymis Alicea**

Let's extend our welcome to new union members **Ramona Smith**, student support services, and **Edwin Nieves**, facilities. Please make sure to stop by and visit or wave hello and introduce yourselves.

**Did you know?** In an article recently published by The New York Times, the "Cadillac Tax" is part of the Affordable Care Act and public employees will be subject to this tax, even though workers often

accept smaller wage increases in order to retain benefits. This tax will be placed on plans that cost more than \$10,200 annually for individual plans and \$27,500 for family plans. The tax is 40 percent of costs in excess of the limit. Did you know that this law may affect you? This was discussed in an interactive forum on one of the Workshop Wednesdays that your union representatives scheduled during April. This and many other important topics, changes, benefits were discussed and your questions were answered. Plus, dinner was provided. If you missed them, please reach out to your union leadership.



**Look at That!** The ACCCEA was busy celebrating Earth Day April 22 with the students. The event is always a hit and PRIDE was there to join in the fun. The students totally loved the strawberry bundle that opened up into a cute-as-a-button bag with the earth day buttons. Kudos to **Heather Peterson** who put those bags together in record time. Thank you to the membership that participated and supported our PRIDE efforts at all campuses.

**Opportunities Abound!** Members participated in the NJEA Higher Education Conference in Princeton. Members were excited to join in the many learning opportunities through the sessions offered. The keynote speaker, Benjamin Ginsberg, author of *The Fall of the Faculty*, was exceptional and engaging. An opportunity to meet the author and get an autographed book immediately followed dinner. There were opportunities to engage with other members from the state's many community colleges. We were proud to attend workshops that were facilitated by our union leaders, **Sandi Greco**, "PRIDE in Public Education," and **Marcia Kleinz**, "Associations in Generational Transitions." Both sessions were well attended and interactive. As a model of unity, Atlantic Cape ACCCEA members are among the groups that are really leading the way in new ways to engage our members and engage in our respective college communities. We should all be very proud.

**Save Money!** Before booking your day trips, destination vacations (like Disney), Broadway or other shows, and other family or solo adventures, call 866-273-5825 and to save yourself some money. New Jersey Education Association Entertainment Discounts for Employees (code NJEA) is ready to save you up to 40 percent on most of your summer plans. For more information, log in to the member section of the [njea.org](http://njea.org). For a flyer, email [dalicea@atlantic.edu](mailto:dalicea@atlantic.edu).

**Save the Date!** Spring means baseball season is just around the corner. Our weekend at the South Jersey Field of Dreams is May 16-18. Please consider getting a group together to help out at the Field of Dreams. It is a great event to get members active. Family and friends are encouraged to come and cheer you and the kids on in the stands. Sign up online at <http://bit.ly/1s7XQw9>.

Keep your area of ACCCEA-related news exciting and informative. Send your photos and interesting stories, and other ACCCEA event happenings to [dalicea@atlantic.edu](mailto:dalicea@atlantic.edu), subject: CommuniCator. 'Til next time, keep working together!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The calendar is updated regularly at <http://www.atlantic.edu/calendars/index.php>. Be sure to add your events. Go to [www.atlantic.edu](http://www.atlantic.edu) and at the top right, click on calendars. Scroll down and at the bottom left, select "Add Event Form" and submit your event!

## Next Issue of the Atlantic Cape CommuniCator May 16

The next issue of the *Atlantic Cape CommuniCator* will be Friday, May 16. Deadline is noon, Monday, May 12. Email your submissions to Stacey Clapp, [sclapp@atlantic.edu](mailto:sclapp@atlantic.edu).

--Stacey Clapp, editor