Culture & Arts

A key component of the Community Affairs Program is the promotion of culture and the arts. Black History Month and Holocaust Awareness events are held at the college's campuses in Mays Landing, Atlantic City and Cape May Court House. Also, Atlantic Cape joins with the New Jersey Theatre Alliance to present Family Week at the Theatre in March. Atlantic Cape students, staff and community members are invited to attend these free events.

Community Affairs Program Advisory Committee

The advisory committee is comprised of key leaders from various communities of Atlantic and Cape May counties and college faculty and staff members. The committee’s role is to review the program’s operation and provide programmatic suggestions concerning local needs that may be addressed through the program.

Membership is open to the public through appointment by the college president. Interested residents may contact:

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Atlantic Cape Community College is an equal opportunity/affirmative action institution.
Program Overview
The Community Affairs Program is a public service initiative linking college charitable contributions to community programs that promote the educational, economic and social welfare of residents in the Atlantic Cape service areas.

The college offers its public service contributions to the community in the following manner:

- Contribution of employee time to service on committees and boards, or by providing leadership expertise in projects supporting the welfare of the community.
- Offering non-revenue-generating programs and courses that meet a need within the community.
- Supporting the disadvantaged in the community through initiatives offered by student clubs, such as food and clothing drives, and volunteering to various social service agencies.
- Based on availability, granting nonprofit organizations limited use of certain facilities within the college.

Mission Statement
Atlantic Cape Community College's Community Affairs Program is based on the concept of Atlantic Cape Working in and Giving Back to the Community we serve.

We strive to enhance Atlantic Cape's image in the community by responding proactively to college and community-related issues and concerns.

To accomplish this goal, we will pursue solutions toward maintaining a mutually beneficial working relationship between the college and the communities in both Atlantic and Cape May counties.

Vision
We endeavor to expand our involvement in civic, cultural and social activities that support education, economic stability and growth in both Atlantic and Cape May counties.

Values
The Community Affairs Program advocates the following intrinsic qualities to guide it toward its mission statement:

- Collaboration formed through partnerships with educational and technical institutions, community leaders, organizations and businesses.
- Encourage an environment of mutual respect, diversity, equity and inclusiveness.
- Innovation in utilizing creative solutions and seeking new ways to achieve the program's mission.
- Create opportunities for lifelong learning.

Community Impact – Our Way of Giving Back
The Community Affairs Program has several ways of giving back to the communities it serves through civic and community engagement and volunteer initiatives by both employees and students.

Atlantic Cape Community College employees are active in college-wide initiatives that support local communities. Annually, the college supports the United Way Public Employees Charitable Campaign, American Red Cross blood drives, the American Heart Association Heart Walk and the Arthritis Foundation Walk.

Additionally, Atlantic Cape employees serve on various industrial and economic councils, boards and research groups aimed at promoting and strengthening the business communities within our service areas. Our president, deans, and directors are highly visible leaders and are proactive in creating change.

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