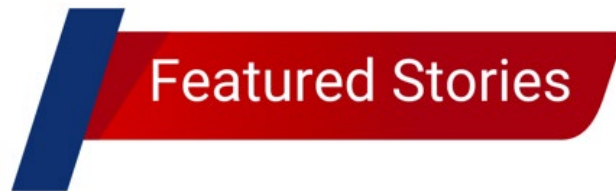


President's Report

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



Trustee Spotlight

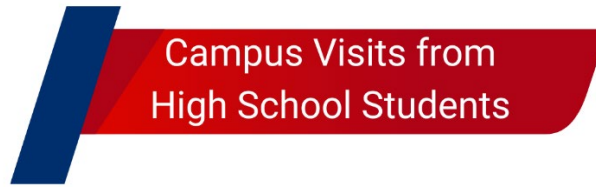
- **Trustee Mark Sandson** presented at the New Jersey's Council of Community College's *Building Pathways Summit* at Bally's in Atlantic City on June 13. Trustee Sandon discussed the Judiciary Opportunities for Building Success Stories (JOBS) program, that aids a successful recovery court system, probationary clients getting their life back on track, and local businesses in finding eager and qualified employees.

Leadership Spotlight

- **Jean McAlister, our Chief of Staff, Executive Director of our Foundation, and the Board Secretary** was inducted into Atlantic County's Women's Hall of Fame on June 25!

Faculty and Staff Achievements

- **Donna Marie McElroy, Professor of Social Science**, was honored with the statewide *Distinguished Faculty Award* by the New Jersey Council of County Colleges on June 11. The *Distinguished Faculty Award* is presented annually to a New Jersey community college faculty member who has had a profound influence on students academically and professionally inside and outside the classroom.

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Campus Visits from High School Students

Teen Summit

- The College also hosted the *Atlantic County Coalition for a Safe Community's Teen Summit 2024* on June 6 at our Mays Landing campus. Nearly 160 students from Absegami, Atlantic City, ACIT, Buena, Cedar Creek, Egg Harbor Township, Hammonton, Mainland, Oakcrest and Pleasantville high schools took part in the student-created and student-led discussions around the theme "Don't Fear Your Future".

Junior Achievement

- Atlantic Cape hosted Junior Achievement of New Jersey's *Inspire Career Expo* at our Mays Landing Campus on May 23, bringing 180 students to our campus. Students from Wildwood and Camden high schools, and the Atlantic County Institute of Technology (ACIT) also attended the event. They took part in interactive group activities and met with representatives from several local industries and businesses, including the Atlantic County Office of Workforce Development, Federal Aviation Administration, Bank of America, Atlantic City Electric, and Colliers Engineering & Design. The students also took part in a tour of the college campus.

Cyber Day

- Atlantic Cape Community College's 4th Annual Cyber Day brought nearly 70 students from three area high schools from Atlantic City, Egg Harbor Township and Lower Cape May Regional, to the college's Mays Landing campus on May 29, where they experienced hands-on technology and cybersecurity activities, practical demonstrations, and interaction with industry professionals and experienced facilitators. Atlantic Cape Computer Information Systems and Aviation Studies Department Associate Professor Dr. Bojan Zilovic spoke to the students during his opening remarks on the benefits of pursuing an associate's

degree in a burgeoning industry profession, such as Cybersecurity, at Atlantic Cape.

Aviation Day

- Over 50 high school students from Atlantic City and Egg Harbor Township high schools and the Atlantic County Institute of Technology (ACIT) attended Atlantic Cape Community College's Annual Aviation Day on May 22 at the Mays Landing campus. The students attended various workshops. Topics of discussion and demonstration included an experience with Atlantic Cape's air traffic control tower simulator, reading sectional charts for aviation navigation, learning about professional pilot careers from United Airlines pilot Cheryl Lynn Simpson and so much more.



Community Outreach – Atlantic County

- A Ribbon Cutting of AtlantiCare's *Community Mobile Market* was held on June 12. This mobile grocery store will travel to provide fresh produce at a reduced cost to communities in Atlantic City, and Atlantic Cape is a proud partner. The Mobile Market's stops will be at the Worthington Atlantic City Campus every Wednesday and will be open to the community.
- Atlantic Cape's *Inlet Community Development Corporation* partnered with Atlantic City's other CDCs to celebrate funders in Atlantic City on June 3. Ducktown, Chelsea, Midtown, and the Inlet hosted this reception for the Department of Community Affairs to thank our funders for what they have done through the Neighborhood Revitalization Tax Credit Program (NRTC). To date, we have received \$2,496,980 for the Inlet CDC in Atlantic City.
- Atlantic Cape's *Inlet CDC and the First Ward Civic Association* hosted a Summer Kick-Off and re-opened the newly landscaped Fisherman's Park on June 15.

This event celebrated the newly opened Community Garden Natural Life Habitat.

- Atlantic Cape’s Inlet CDC sponsored the *7th Annual Juneteenth Community Cookout* at McClinton Park in the Inlet Neighborhood of Atlantic City on June 19. Atlantic Cape’s Community Outreach team hosted a booth with information about our Inlet CDC efforts as well as Atlantic Cape educational offerings. This event is presented every year by a local non-profit organization, *Ubuntu The Community*.
- Atlantic Cape and the Inlet CDC sponsored and hosted a *SuperHero Fun Day* event in partnership with Oceanside I Family Success Center and the Absecon Lighthouse on June 22. This free event open to the community offered a wide range of community resources and activities. Atlantic Cape’s Community Outreach team hosted a booth with information about our Inlet CDC efforts and Atlantic Cape’s educational offerings.
- **Lizbeth Castro-James, Director of Worthington Atlantic City Campus & Community Outreach**, hosted an Atlantic Cape information table at the P.R.A.C. of South Jersey-Hispanic Women’s Resource Center’s Family Community Fair in Hammonton on June 1. The Centers focus on helping women gain workforce development skills.
- Atlantic Cape hosted its first *“ESL Shadowing Pilot Event”* in partnership with our Community Outreach Department, One-Stop Welcome Center, and our ESL Department on our Worthington Atlantic City Campus on June 5. In attendance were 37 Pleasantville High School students who had the opportunity to shadow an ESL college student and receive a campus tour and information on financial aid and One Stop.

Community Outreach – Cape May County

- On May 28, Wildwood Middle School returned to the Cape May County Campus to experience another *Career Exploration Day*, where 6th grade students got to explore Atlantic Cape and all the different career options available to them as they begin to think about their future.

- In partnership with the *Cape May Point Science Center*, Atlantic Cape faculty member, Dr. Frank Toriello, was the keynote speaker for the Science Center's stargazing events on June 8 and June 22. Dr. Toriello took the audience on a journey through the stars exploring our solar system and other wonders of the universe.
- **Krista McConnell, Director of the Cape May County Campus and Community Outreach**, gave closing remarks to Cape May Technical School's Class of 2024 on June 4.
- Atlantic Cape hosted the *2nd Annual Non-Profit Mini Summit* on the Cape May County Campus. Over 50 organizations came out to share with us what they do, network, and learn about the Funding Information Network-Candid, which is available at the Cape May County Campus' Nonprofit Resource Center (NRC), located in the Mullock Family Library. The NRC is free and open to the public and helps nonprofits and individuals raise money for the causes they care about. Thank you to the Cape May County Chamber, the Cape May County Women's Commission, and Ascenda Integrated Health for partnering with us on this event.

Student Engagement

- The College proudly celebrated *Pride Month* with an annual flag-raising ceremony hosted by Atlantic Cape's Pride Club on June 3. The LGBTQ+ Pride flag will wave in the Quad on our Mays Landing Campus throughout the month of June. We're proud to remind our community that Atlantic Cape is a safe and welcoming space for everyone.

Student Spotlight

- **Chris Walia, physics major**, has been accepted to the *NASA Community College Aerospace Scholars (NCAS) program*. Students participating in NCAS program can expect to advance their capabilities in STEM, helping to prepare them for better representation and service in STEM fields. NCAS has three missions designed to challenge and build student knowledge and skills by focusing on NASA's mission goals, collaboration, and career pathways.

- Shore Medical Center's School of Radiologic Technology promoted 18 students during a ceremony on May 14 at Atlantic Cape's Mays Landing campus. The Radiologic Technology program is a cooperative program between Atlantic Cape and the Shore Medical Center School of Radiologic Technology (SMCSRT) in which students complete the pre-professional phase of the program at Atlantic Cape and the professional phase of the program at Shore Medical Center. The Bureau of X-Ray Compliance analyzed the performances of radiologic technology students throughout the state, and the students at Shore's program ranked number one, as well as all 17 graduates passed their boards on the first attempt and secured employment within six months of graduation.

Alumni News

- **Cole Perfetti '23**, valedictorian of the Academy of Culinary Arts' Class of 2023, has opened a new coffee shop in Historic Smithville, *Surf Road Coffee Bar and Beach Bowls*. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on June 8 and was attended by several members of the Academy. Perfetti plans to attend the Rhode Island School of Design in the fall.

Athletics

- Atlantic Cape Athletics teamed up with SkyHawks Youth Sports (a youth sports instruction organization) with a "Day of Play " in honor of Atlantic Cape's 60th and Skyhawks' 45th anniversaries.