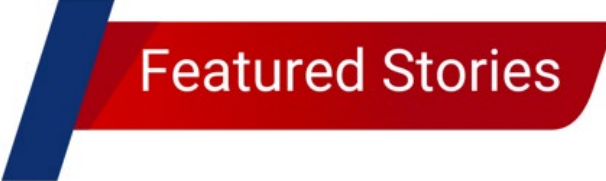




President's Report

TO: Atlantic Cape Community College Board of Trustees
FROM: Dr. Barbara Gaba
DATE: September 24, 2024
(Cape May County Campus)



Featured Stories

Community Partnerships

- The Cape May County Campus welcomed Cooper University Hospital Cape Regional to campus as Cooper hosted their staff training at the College, utilizing our nursing lab in Cape May from August 19 to September 20.

Inlet Community Development Corporation (CDC)

- The Inlet CDC Team attended the Governor's Conference on Housing and Economic Development at Harrah's Casino Hotel in Atlantic City. The event featured Governor Phil Murphy as a guest speaker, offering valuable insights into regional development and economic initiatives.



More News

Community Outreach – Atlantic County

- Atlantic Cape proudly sponsored and hosted informational booths at various back-to-school events in the community. These informational booths provided valuable insights into our programs, admissions, and student resources,

engaging with students and parents and sharing the opportunities at Atlantic Cape. These events included the Coalition for a Safe Community in Egg Harbor City, Pleasantville, Somers Point, and Atlantic City during late August and early September.

- Atlantic Cape's Inlet Community Development Corporation (CDC) hosted the Summer Send-off Cruise for Inlet residents on August 25. The event featured light hors d'oeuvres, music, and a scenic boat tour that showcased the Inlet, Snug Harbor, Absecon, and Brigantine Beach.
- Atlantic Cape partnered with the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and Hard Rock Atlantic City at their annual *Out of the Darkness Walk* on September 7. At the Walk, Atlantic Cape shared information about our educational programs and resources. It was a meaningful way to support mental health awareness and engage with the community.
- The Police Academy held their annual Correctional Police Academy Graduation on September 17 at Atlantic Cape's Mays Landing Campus. Eight Officers graduated from the program, and these graduates will be working in our county jails.

Hispanic Heritage Month

- The College sponsored and hosted an information booth at Atlantic City's *Latino Festival* at Showboat Atlantic City and the Boardwalk on September 8. With over 1,500 guests in attendance, this event celebrated the start of Hispanic Heritage Month and allowed us to engage with the community and share information about our programs and resources.
- The College also sponsored the *Viva Mexico Festival* on September 14 in Pleasantville, hosted by Organizacion Azteca and El Pueblo Unido of Atlantic City. The event celebrated Mexican culture and heritage and provided live music, entertainment, and community resources.
- The Student Government Association (SGA) and Los Latinos Unidos (LLU) student organization hosted their annual *Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration* on September 16. The event featured a flag-raising ceremony on both the

Mays Landing and Atlantic City Campuses. Several Hispanic Heritage month events have been planned for the Atlantic City and Cape May Campuses as well.

- The Community Outreach Department participated in the Hammonton Hispanic Heritage Month Fiesta on September 19. The College hosted an informational booth, providing attendees with details about our programs and resources and fostering community engagement and connection in the Hammonton area.

Community Outreach – Cape May

- The Cape May County Campus hosted TEDX's Cape May Salon TED talk, featuring Sean Burcher in his presentation on the Monarch Butterfly on September 19 in the auditorium, with nearly 80 attendees in attendance. Burcher's presentation examined his work on Project Monarch, a high-tech community science effort to provide scientists and conservationists with the data they need to protect this iconic species.
- **Krista McConnell, Director of the Cape May County Campus and Community Outreach**, attended the Cape May “Unity in the Community” event hosted by the Cape May Coalition for a Safe Community on August 26. The event offered an afternoon of fun with music, entertainment, raffles, and more.
- Krista also attended the NAACP’s Back to School event at No Limits Academy in Rio Grande on August 30. The event provided the essential back to school supplies for the community, featuring a back pack give away. Atlantic Cape’s Cape May County Campus had an information booth about its programs and resources available in Cape May County.

Cape May County bizHub

- The Cape May County bizHub attended the Airfest event at Naval Airstation Wildwood on August 30 to September 1. The bizHub provided information about its services, training opportunities, and other resources available for small business owners and entrepreneurs in Cape May County.

Student Engagement

- Atlantic Cape's Student Engagement Department hosted *Welcome Back Week* from September 3 to 5. These events provided a setting for students to learn about campus life, upcoming events, how to connect with campus groups, and engage with peers to kick off the academic year.
- Atlantic Cape's Student Engagement Department and the Student Government Association (SGA) hosted their annual *Welcome Back Club Recruitment Celebration* that took place on our Mays Landing and Atlantic City Campuses on September 10, 11, and 17. The event featured live music, a barbecue, giveaways, and prize drawings. Additionally, Southern Jersey Family Medical Centers provided COVID-19 and flu vaccinations.
- Student Engagement hosted a *Constitution Day and National Voter Registration Day* celebration on September 17. The event, held in the Student Center and Library on our Mays Landing Campus, featured Rock the Vote and Energizing Young Voters, assisting with voter registrations and nonpartisan information. Attendees received pocket constitutions, vote stickers, and pins while enjoying light refreshments. This collaborative effort aimed to promote civic engagement and informed voting decisions.

Athletics

- Atlantic Cape's Women's Cross-Country team participated in their first race at Stockton University on August 30. We were one of four colleges that participated in the event, and Atlantic Cape was the only community college in attendance. Other teams that participated included Montclair, Stockton, and Rowan Universities.
- Atlantic Cape Men's Soccer and Women's Volleyball teams officially kicked off their fall seasons on September 3 and 4. Both teams opened their season with enthusiasm and skill, delivering impressive performances. Their hard-fought matches promise an exciting season ahead, with the expectation that they continue to excel on the court/field.

Faculty and Staff Spotlights

- Adjunct Professor, **Kyle J. Rooney**, was appointed to the Chief Clinical Officer of Addictive Services and Clinical Director at the Lifetime Recovery Center. Kyle's experience in the field and as an Adjunct Professor of Psychology was noted in a press release from the Center on Newswires.com.

Technology Updates

Atlantic Cape Connect

- Information Technology Services is pleased to announce the implementation of Atlantic Cape Connect. This technology provides a single window to the most frequently used applications and is part of the much anticipated Single-Sign On platform. Single-Sign On capabilities for Self-Service have been implemented during this cutover.