

President's Corner



Dear Atlantic Cape Alumni,

As our Spring Semester drew to a close, the Atlantic Cape Foundation hosted the Annual Scholarship Recognition Ceremony on May 19. This event provided a meaningful opportunity

to recognize our incredible students and their achievements, as well as thank all of our generous donors. We awarded a total of 422 scholarships to 242 students in the amount of \$408,815! Getting to see so many students, families, and supporters come together to celebrate our student's achievements was truly inspiring. This event perfectly showcased the opportunity, encouragement, and support we strive to provide our students. If you want to give back and be a part of giving to the next generation of students, please contact Chris Mularz '01 at cmularz@atlanticcape.edu.

The College community celebrated the 58th Annual Commencement Ceremony on May 22. Congratulations to the Class of 2025 and welcome to the Atlantic Cape Alumni Association! There were over 890 graduates this year, and 431 participated in the

ceremony, which was a record. Among the graduates, 31 high school seniors from Atlantic and Cape May counties received associate degrees through the College's Early College Program. We were honored to have Mr. Eric Scheffler '90, Executive Director of the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority (CRDA), deliver the Keynote Address, advising graduates to remember the strength of kindness and to be kind in their pursuit of their dreams and life moving forward as they graduate from Atlantic Cape.

I would also like to congratulate all of our 2025 President's Distinguished Alumni Award recipients. The achievements of our alumni, along with their ongoing support of Atlantic Cape and the broader community, are a constant source of inspiration. It has been an honor to showcase their contributions in this significant way. Congratulations to our 2025 award recipients: Dr. Karen Brundage Johnson '15, Raymond Williams '72, Walter Johnson, III '93, and Regina McCann Larsen '74. Additionally, congratulations to our 2025 Young Alumni Achievement Award recipients, Alana Maldonado '18 and Chef Kyle Timpson '16, who have already made an incredible impact in the short time since they graduated from Atlantic Cape!

And lastly, the Atlantic Cape Alumni Association kicked off the summer season with the Eighth Annual Alumni Bash on Sunday, June 22, by hosting nearly 400 alumni and friends at Morey's Piers in Wildwood. Attendees enjoyed the rides on the iconic Wildwood boardwalk's three amusement piers, two water parks, and were treated to a delicious all-you-can-eat barbecue lunch at the Rendezvous Beach Picnic Pavilion. Visit atlanticcape.edu/alumnibash for more details and photos from this year's event.

I encourage all Atlantic Cape alumni to remain engaged and connected with us through the programs, services, and events offered by the Alumni Association. We welcome the opportunity to hear about your achievements, celebrate your success, and share your stories with current and prospective students who may benefit from your inspiration. To share your success story, reach out to Kristin Jackson at (609) 463-3621 or kjackson@atlanticcape.edu.

Wishing all of our alumni a summer filled with health, safety, and well-being.

Sincerely,


Dr. Barbara Gaba, President



COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF THE VIETNAM WAR JOIN US SEPTEMBER 16-20, 2025 TO HONOR OUR HEROES

To mark the 50th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War, Atlantic Cape is proud to host a weeklong Vietnam Memorial Wall Tribute, to commemorate this milestone and honor the service and sacrifice of those who fought, those who were lost, and those who came home to a country that didn't always know how to welcome them.

All Events are Free and Open to the Public • Rain or Shine

For details about the commemorative events and a list of our generous sponsors, please scan the QR code or visit atlanticcape.edu/vietnam.



Atlantic Cape Awards Nearly 900 Associate Degrees & Certificates to Graduates at 58th Annual Commencement Ceremony



Before hundreds of proud family members, friends and loved ones gathered in the Quad and inside Walter E. Edge Theater to watch via livestream, 400 students in attendance received their associate degrees and certificates at Atlantic Cape Community College's 58th Annual Commencement Ceremony on May 22 at the Mays Landing campus.

The Class of 2025 featured 891 students, between the ages of 17 to 77, who were awarded 887 associate degrees and 37 certificates. Associate degrees were also conferred upon 31 high school seniors from Atlantic and Cape May counties including Absegami, Cedar Creek, Lower Township, Middle Township, Oakcrest and Pleasantville high schools taking part in Atlantic Cape's Early College Program.

Atlantic Cape President Dr. Barbara Gaba, who was joined on stage by members of the college's Board of Trustees, Foundation Board, President's cabinet, staff and university partners, joyfully welcomed all in attendance to the graduation festivities and commended each graduate on their tremendous accomplishments. *"Your determination has shown and it has brought you where you are today, to the finish line for the certificate or college degree from Atlantic Cape. You continue to inspire all of us with your tenacity, persistence and resilience"*

The Class of 2025's 4.0 honors student representative Roman Segov spoke of his journey to Atlantic Cape as an international student who had to learn a new language and culture while finding his true voice and calling academically. *"We all came here from so many different walks of life. The diversity of our experiences isn't just inspiring, it is powerful."*

Visit <http://bit.ly/46ZglZH> for more info, to read graduate spotlights and view photo galleries.



Atlantic Cape's Alumni Association Welcomes Hundreds of Alumni, Family and Friends to Morey's Piers in Wildwood for Day of Fun



The Atlantic Cape Community College Alumni Association, on a beautifully-warm and sunny early summer day, hosted its Eighth Annual Alumni Bash on June 22 at Morey's Piers in Wildwood.

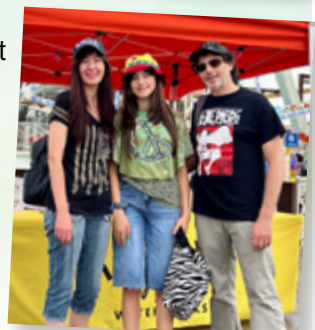
Nearly 400 Atlantic Cape alumni, family, and friends, who traveled from as far away as New York and Pennsylvania, descended upon the iconic Wildwood boardwalk to enjoy the rides on the three amusement piers and two water parks, while also enjoying a delicious all-you-can-eat barbecue lunch at the Rendezvous Beach Picnic Pavilion.

The Alumni Bash is the Alumni Association's largest annual event, which has served as a celebratory kick-off to the summer for thousands of Atlantic Cape graduates and their guests since 2016. Atlantic Cape is grateful for the long-standing partnership with Morey's Piers and the More family, who support ongoing fundraising efforts and scholarships for students attending Atlantic Cape.

The Atlantic Cape Alumni Association would also like to thank the friendly and attentive staff at Morey's Piers for their hospitality throughout the day as well as our volunteers and event attendees for their support!

View a photo gallery of the Eighth Annual Alumni Bash on Flickr.

For more information about the Alumni Association and other Atlantic Cape Foundation events, please contact Kristin Jackson at kjackson@atlanticcape.edu or (609) 463-3621.





Atlantic Cape Awards \$408,815 in Scholarships to 242 Students During 58th Annual Scholarship Recognition Banquet

The 58th Annual Atlantic Cape Community College Foundation Scholarship Recognition Ceremony acknowledged the unwavering generosity and continued support of the College's sponsors and donors. The Foundation also recognized the tremendous academic achievements of Atlantic Cape's students by awarding 422 individual scholarships worth \$408,815 to 242 students on May 19 in the Jonathan Pitney Hall Gymnasium on the Mays Landing campus.

Seated at the tables together throughout the duration of the ceremony, student scholarship recipients, and their invited guest(s), had the opportunity to meet their respective donor(s) who generously provided the funding for their academic scholarships.

Atlantic Cape President Dr. Barbara Gaba thanked the many scholarship donors in attendance for their continuous support of the College's students and welcomed members of the College's Board of Trustees, Leadership Cabinet, Scholarship Selection Committee and Financial Aid department for their hard work and commitment to this annual celebration.

"I am honored as President of Atlantic Cape to be here tonight to celebrate the achievements of our students, as well as recognize and thank our donors for supporting and creating opportunity for our deserving students," said Gaba.

The evening's festivities were attended by 107 students, 103 guests and 106 College faculty/staff/Board members and donors. The outpouring of giving from such donors has allowed the Atlantic Cape Foundation to support thousands of Atlantic and Cape May County students over the past 58 years and given them the financial means to pursue their academic dreams.

Michael Heston, a Liberal Arts with a Sociology option major who received the Samuel & Gladys Levinson and Day of Giving scholarships, spoke about how his two scholarships will allow him to continue his higher education journey.

"Thanks to the scholarships I have received tonight, I will be able to continue to pursue my long-term goal of earning a college degree while being able to take care of my family comfortably. I am very grateful for being chosen as a recipient. Thank you to the donors and the Foundation for making this possible."




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Thank you for staying connected and paying it forward to future grads!



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Honoring the Past, Investing in the Future

Atlantic Cape is proud to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War with a week of special events taking place September 16–20, honoring the service and sacrifice of our veterans. This important milestone offers an opportunity to reflect on the impact of the Vietnam War Era (1955–1975) and to recognize the bravery of those who served, including many of our own Vietnam veteran alumni. Please click the QR code for more information about each day's events. We welcome our alumni, families and friends to join us in honoring this powerful chapter in our nation's history.



As we remember the past, we are also looking ahead by investing in the future of our students. Planning is underway to raise support for the Alumni Association Scholarship for next year and we invite our alumni to be part of this important effort. Your gift, no matter the size, directly supports students working hard to achieve their goals. The Alumni Association Scholarship Fund is one way our community gives back, and your contribution can help ease the financial burden for the next generation of Buccaneers. Please consider making a gift by visiting atlanticcape.edu/foundation and click "Donate Now" and select Alumni Association Scholarship.

In addition, we are now establishing new scholarships to support students. If you are interested in leaving your own lasting legacy, I encourage you to consider establishing a named scholarship in your own name, your business's name, or in memory of a loved one. It's a meaningful way to honor someone special, while making a direct impact on students' lives. If this is something you would like to explore, please do not hesitate to reach out to me and I would be happy to discuss the process with you. Have a great rest of your summer and look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming events!

BE INVOLVED. STAY CONNECTED.

And Continue the Buccaneer Tradition of Excellence

There are many opportunities for Alumni to Volunteer:

- Mentor Students
- Classroom Guest Speaker
- Volunteer at Alumni or College Events
- Serve on the Advisory Committee
- Assist at College Open Houses and Recruitment Events



Tell us how you want to volunteer. Please contact Kristin Jackson at kjackson@atlanticcape.edu or (609) 463-3621



**FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 3, 2025**
at Cape May National Golf Club

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