

President's Report

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



Leadership Spotlight

- **Dr. Barbara Gaba** was honored with the Education Award by the Sheila Y. Oliver Foundation at its 2nd Annual Legacy Brunch in Clifton, NJ, on July 26. The award recognized her exemplary leadership, dedication to education, and service to the community, aligning with the legacy of the late Lieutenant Governor Sheila Y. Oliver. Dr. Gaba was one of nine trailblazing women leaders celebrated for their impact across New Jersey.

New Student Orientation

- The Office of Student Engagement held New Student Orientations across all campuses this past month, with events on August 7 in Mays Landing, August 13 in Atlantic City, and August 19 in Cape May. Each orientation featured keynote speakers, interactive workshops, and essential college resources, helping students build a foundation for success and fostering a sense of belonging.
- The Athletics Department hosted an Athletics Orientation with AtlantiCare on August 7. Their personnel provided a no-cost on-site physical exams for over 100 student-athletes. The event covered eligibility, team expectations, and athletic resources, ensuring students completed their medical clearances for the season. This event marked a strong start to the athletic year and

underscored the college's commitment to student-athlete success and wellness.

National Night Out

- Atlantic Cape's Recruitment and Community Outreach Departments took an active role in National Night Out events across Atlantic and Cape May counties. Representatives from the college participated in celebrations in various communities, including Pleasantville, Wildwood, Atlantic City, Galloway, Absecon, Somers Point, Mays Landing, Lower Township, Middle Township, and Buena. Their involvement aimed to strengthen community relationships, raise awareness of Atlantic Cape's programs and services, and demonstrate the college's ongoing commitment to supporting and engaging with local neighborhoods during this nationwide initiative.



Inlet Development Corporation (CDC)

- The Inlet Community Development Corporation (CDC) hosted a *Community Clean-Up and Summer Kick-Off* event on June 28 and was held at Altman Park and Fisherman's Park, attracting around 80 volunteers to revitalize the Inlet area. With strong participation from Atlantic Cape staff, the event highlighted the college's commitment to community involvement. After the clean-up, attendees enjoyed a celebration featuring catering from Tony Boloney's, DJ entertainment, and activities like face painting, successfully blending community service with celebration and strengthening the bond between the college and the local community.
- The Inlet CDC held a two-part grant funded Nonprofit Workshop Series on *Leadership*, presented by **Sherwood Taylor, Dean of Workforce Development, College and Career Pathways**. Available online and in person, the workshops provided valuable training and resources to enhance leadership skills for nonprofit organizations in Atlantic County and Cape May.

- The Inlet CDC partnered with the Atlantic City Board of Education and Oceanside to host a lively *Back-to-School Bash* on August 19. The Inlet CDC proudly sponsored the event's DJ, helping to create an energetic and festive atmosphere that united families and community members in celebrating the start of the new school year.

Community Outreach – Atlantic County

- **Dr. Gaba, Lizbeth Castro-James, Jean McAlister, and Victor Moreno** attended the Nuestro Pueblo Awards at the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino on July 10. This event was sponsored by Community Outreach and the President's Office, with proceeds dedicated to supporting scholarships for high school seniors in Atlantic County.
- Atlantic Cape's Worthington Atlantic City Campus hosted the 2nd Mexican Consulate on Saturday, August 9th, and Sunday, August 10th. This marked the consulate's second visit this year for the community.
- Atlantic Cape's Worthington Atlantic City Campus also partnered with AtlantiCare to host the AtlantiCare FQHC (Federally Qualified Health Center) Annual Health Fair on August 8. The event offered community members and students a variety of free health screenings, wellness resources, and educational materials. This initiative reinforced the campus's commitment to promoting health and well-being within the local community.
- From late June through early August, Atlantic Cape and its Atlantic County Community Outreach efforts engaged in a series of community-focused activities in Atlantic County, including hosting the Inlet CDC of Atlantic County's monthly meeting and multiple JFS Food Distributions for students. Outreach efforts included participation in local festivals, farmers markets, health fairs, and family events such as the *Prom with Mom and Daddy-Daughter Dance*, both in partnership with Oceanside. Our community outreach efforts also supported neighborhood celebrations like *Culture Fest* and *Community Day*, providing information tables, refreshments, and sponsorships to strengthen community connections and promote regional resources.

Community Outreach – Cape May

- The Cape May County Campus proudly kicked off its 20th year of serving Cape May County residents on August 10 by taking part in the City Tri Jersey Shore race. Joining more than 400 athletes and community members, the campus team came together to support the impactful work of The Atlantic Cape Foundation, making the milestone celebration both active and meaningful.
- The students of the Cape May Tennis Club visited the Cape May County Campus on August 4 to explore the opportunities that Atlantic Cape has to offer, including a “Shark Tank”-style activity where they created a business with the BizHub, and a culinary experience with one of the BizHub clients, *Baked by the Bay in Cape May*, utilizing the culinary kitchen at our Cape May County Campus.
- The Cape May County Zoo returned for its second year of hosting the *Zoo Education Program* at Atlantic Cape’s Cape May County Campus, running from June 23 through August 20. The program offered two sessions each day, a morning and afternoon session, with each session capped at 50 participants. The participants, ranging in age from 5 to 17 depending on the program focus, engaged in hands-on learning experiences with live animals and participated in the Zoo’s interactive education curriculum.

Student Engagement

- In July, the Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) Program launched several student engagement initiatives. From July 24 to August 31, sixty EOF students participated in 30-minute sessions with a professional consultant to develop customized résumés and cover letters. The program also hosted its Annual Summer Institute on July 29 and 30, offering academic enrichment, skill-building workshops, and opportunities for community building among EOF students.