



President's Report

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



Featured Stories

Veterans Day Observance

- The Financial Aid and Veterans Affairs Department hosted the annual *Veterans Day Observance*, honoring and recognizing the service and sacrifices of our nation's veterans. The event featured a special video presentation of the *Vietnam War Memorial Mobile Wall*, filmed during its opening day on the Mays Landing Campus in September. The Student Government Association (SGA) proudly supported the ceremony, with **President Clive Morgan** performing the National Anthem and members leading the Pledge of Allegiance.
- The Community Outreach team hosted the *3rd Annual Veteran Resource Fair and Stand Down* on the Atlantic City Campus, in partnership with Oceanside I Family Success Center, on November 12. The event provided comprehensive support for veterans, including access to veteran services, onsite healthcare navigation, benefits enrollment assistance, and personalized resource guidance. Attendees also enjoyed a veteran's brunch, fostering community connection and honoring their service while ensuring they had the tools and resources needed for success both on and off campus.

Faculty Spotlights

- Professors **Dr. Bojan Zilovic, a Professor of Computer Science**, and **Michele Togashi, an Assistant Professor of Business and Esports**, presented their NSF-funded project, "Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning for Computer Programmers," at the ATE PI Conference from October 29-31. The poster session highlighted the creation of new educational pathways in AI and machine learning, aimed at preparing students for careers in data-driven technologies. They emphasized hands-on learning, an industry-aligned curriculum, and collaboration with local employers for internships and job opportunities. The event showcased Atlantic Cape's role in advancing AI and machine learning instruction in community college programs, contributing to regional workforce development and national innovation.

More News

Inlet Community Development Corporation (CDC)

- The Inlet Community Development Corporation (CDC) has partnered with the Oceanside I Family Success Center to provide \$100 ShopRite gift cards to Inlet neighborhood residents impacted by the recent government shutdown. This collaborative effort is helping to address immediate food insecurity and provide meaningful relief to families facing financial hardship. We are proud to partner with Oceanside and remain committed to supporting our community through outreach, compassion, and tangible assistance during challenging times.

Community Outreach – Atlantic County

- The Community Outreach team, in partnership with Oceanside I Family Success Center, hosted a *Multicultural Day* event on campus on October 29.

The event drew over 200 attendees and featured international cuisine, live performances, and more.

- Atlantic Cape sponsored the *2nd Annual Día de los Muertos* event in Atlantic City on November 1, in partnership with the Noyes Arts Garage of Stockton University and local Hispanic organizations. With over 700 attendees, the event featured live music, folkloric dance performances, traditional food, artisan market shopping, sugar skull face painting, cultural exhibits, and contests celebrating Día de los Muertos traditions.
- Atlantic Cape's Community Outreach team hosted an information table and provided refreshments at the *Pleasantville Community Day* event on November 15.
- The Community Outreach team also hosted a *Friendsgiving Dinner* at the Atlantic City Campus on November 21, providing a free, hot meal to community members and students. The event, held in partnership with Oceanside I Family Success Center, and Ocean Casino, created a welcoming space for connection and gratitude ahead of the Thanksgiving holiday, bringing together families, students, and local residents to share in good food and fellowship.

Community Outreach – Cape May

- The Cape May County Campus hosted Surrogate E. Marie Hayes, an Atlantic Cape Distinguished Alumni, for an informative seminar, titled "Lunch and Learn," on the significance of having a will on October 28 and was open to the public. The event was such a success Surrogate Hayes will conduct another seminar on November 18.

Cape May County bizHub

- The Cape May County bizHub continued its *Small Business Seminar Series*, featuring two seminars: "Financial Resources & Small Business Lending" and "Excel 2: Intermediate." These sessions aimed to provide business owners and entrepreneurs with valuable insights into financial resources for their business

plans, as well as guidance on how to effectively use Excel for financial management in their daily operations.

Student Engagement

- The Student Government Association (SGA) hosted a *Tailgate Party* celebrating First-Generation students, in collaboration with Atlantic Cape's Student Support Services (SSS) Program and the Center for Student Success (CSS) on November 6. The event featured interactive games, food, and social activities, offering an opportunity to recognize and honor first-generation students, foster campus engagement, and create a welcoming environment that encouraged community connection and participation.
- The SGA hosted the *Movember Men's Mental Health and Wellness Event* on November 13, which aimed to raise awareness and encourage open conversations about men's mental health, resilience, and leadership. Guest speaker **Les Squair, an alumnus of Atlantic Cape**, shared his personal and professional insights on mental wellness. **Christian Ragland from AtlantiCare, who is also a member of the Foundation Board**, provided information on health screenings and distributed wellness resources and giveaways to attendees.

Recruitment

- The One Stop Enrollment and Recruitment team hosted *Fall Open Houses* at both the Worthington Atlantic City Campus on November 3 and the Cape May Campus on November 13. The Atlantic City Open House attracted over 80 attendees, including prospective students and their families, and the Cape May County Campus attracted over 70 participants. Attendees at either campus had the opportunity to meet with faculty and staff, explore academic programs, tour campus facilities, and learn about financial aid and student support services. The events demonstrated strong community interest and continued momentum in student recruitment and engagement across the campuses.

- The One Stop Enrollment & Recruitment team has been very active this fall. They attended major college fairs, including National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC), Absegami, and the National Hispanic Fair, and hosted events such as the ACIT Application Workshop, where over 100 students applied on the spot. In terms of community engagement, they participated in activities like Trunk or Treats, the Cape May 20th Anniversary, and local cleanup events. On campus, the team hosted tours for Department of Children and Families (DCF) and NJ Youth Corps, conducted NJ Stars webinars, and continued to offer bi-weekly tours.

Athletic

- Women's Cross-Country runner **Alexandra Ramirez** placed fourth at the NJCAA Region 19 Championship on October 26, earning *First Team All-Region honors*—a historic achievement for the program. From November 6–9, she represented Atlantic Cape at the *NJCAA Open Nationals* in Iowa, where **Alexandra placed 24th out of 80 runners**, making her one of the only three Region 19 athletes to finish in the top rankings. This is a tremendous accomplishment and a proud moment for the Atlantic Cape Cross Country team.
- On October 29, **Braelyn Bryant** from the Women's Soccer team earned **First Team All-Region** honors. From the Men's Soccer team, **Jan Carlos Bados** was named to the **Second Team All-Region** honors, and **Mathew Sanchez** earned **Third Team All-Region** recognition.