

President's Report

TO: Atlantic Cape Community College Board of Trustees
FROM: Dr. Barbara Gaba
DATE: March 24, 2026
(Worthington Atlantic City Campus)

Trustee/Board Alumni Spotlight

- **Chairperson Daniel Money** was honored with the *Lifetime Achievement Award* by the Cape May County NAACP on March 14, 2026 at their annual Freedom Gala.

Leadership Spotlights

- **Dr. Natalie L. Devonish, Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management**, participated as a panelist in the session titled “*Comprehensive Approaches to Supporting Adult Learners*” at the Achieving the Dream (ATD) 2026 Conference. The panel included ATD national staff and highlighted Atlantic Cape Community College as the institutional example within ATD’s Improving Economic Mobility for Adult Learners initiative. During the session, Dr. Devonish presented *Atlantic Cape’s Pilot Stop-Out Reengagement Project*, outlining the strategy used to identify and reengage adult learners who had previously stopped out of the college.
- **Stacey Zacharoff, Dean of Students**, will be honored by the Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. at its *23rd Anniversary and Community Service*

Awards Gala on April 11. Dean Zacharoff will also receive the *Educational Leadership & Community Service Award* alongside **Trustee Brigitte White**.

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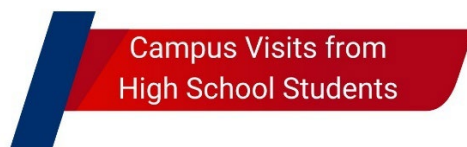
Featured Stories

Foundation Update

- Atlantic Cape Foundation's 43rd Annual Restaurant Gala on March 12 at Harrah's Waterfront Conference, raised a **record breaking \$312,130 for student scholarships** while also honoring two members of our community: **Gary Musich**, President and CEO, Visit Atlantic City, and **Chef Giancarlo Generosi '99**, Executive Chef, Bally's Atlantic City. Guests enjoyed a '70s Disco theme with live music from the era along with great food provided by nearly 40 different restaurants.

Grants & Awards

- The Inlet Community Development Corporation (Inlet CDC) was awarded the *Neighborhood Revitalization Tax Credit Project* grant from the State of New Jersey for a grant total of **\$800,000**. The funds will be used to continue our revitalization mission of the Inlet Neighborhood in Atlantic City. Since its inception in 2021, the Inlet has received **\$3.4 million** in funds for its revitalization efforts.

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Campus Visits from High School Students

Media Day

- Nearly 100 students from four local high schools attended the Atlantic Cape's Early College Program's *Annual Media Day* at the Mays Landing campus on March 6. Students learned about the latest technological media and communication innovations, such as artificial intelligence (A.I.) and drones, to

educational programs and the career opportunities available in an ever-changing world.

Esports Tournament

- Atlantic Cape's Esports Team hosted *the 2nd Annual High School Esports Tournament* at the Atlantic Cape Community College Mays Landing Campus on March 7. The event welcomed 70 middle and high school students from several participating high schools and middle schools including: Egg Harbor Township, Cumberland Regional, Cape May Tech, Old Bridge, Clayton, West Deptford, Wildwood High School and Middle School, and Fernwood Avenue Middle School.

Teen Summit

- The College also hosted the *Atlantic County Coalition for a Safe Community's Teen Summit 2026* on March 13 at our Mays Landing campus. Nearly 170 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 "Living in the Moment". **Dr Gaba and Mayor Judy Ward of Pleasantville** gave remarks.

Recruitment Events

- Atlantic Cape provided an in-depth campus tour and presentation to *ACIT High School* students on March 18. The recruitment team shared information about academic programs, tuition savings, and college resources with 90 students in attendance.
- The College partnered with Junior Achievement to host the *JA Inspire Career Fair* for middle and high school students, their annual event at the Mays Landing Campus STEM Building on March 19. Attendees learned about Atlantic Cape programs and resources available at the College as they begin to think of their career aspirations.
- Atlantic Cape welcomed *City of Atlantic City Youth Services Program* participants to the Mays Landing Campus on March 19, offering a campus tour

with a focus on the Allied Health programs, including a guided visit to the Nursing Lab.



The Inlet Community Development Corporation

- Inlet Community Development Corporation (Inlet CDC) partnered with Skate AC to host “Shovel and Shred” at the Uptown Skatepark on February 28, where community members helped clear snow from the recent blizzard before enjoying a community skate session.

Community Outreach – Atlantic County

- Atlantic Cape partnered with the Empowerment Tools Coalition to host the Neighborhood Assistance Corporation of America (NACA) Homebuyers Workshop on February 21 at the Worthington Atlantic City Campus. The event welcomed approximately 100 attendees to campus.
- Atlantic Cape Community College sponsored, attended, and participated in the *Captain’s Table* event on February 26. Students from the Academy of Culinary Arts served appetizers during the event, which benefited the *Let Us Eat* program of the Community FoodBank of New Jersey, supporting summer feeding initiatives across South Jersey.
- The College’s Community Outreach team, led by **Lizbeth Castro, Director of the Worthington Campus and Community Outreach, and Victor Moreno, Student Affairs Project & Operations Lead**, partnered with the Atlantic City Community Fund to host the inaugural *Nonprofit Summit 2026* on February 27 at Stockton University’s Atlantic City Campus. The event welcomed over 120 local non-profits from Atlantic City and provided opportunities for networking, funding discussions, and collaboration among local nonprofit organizations.

Community Outreach – Cape May

- Throughout the month of March, the Cape May County Zoo hosted their various Zoo Education Programs at the Cape May County Campus. Their programs invited children from ages 3 to 10 to our campus, as well as adults for their Adult Learners Program, exposing Atlantic Cape and its resources to the community.
- The Cape May County Campus also hosted a week-long event for the *4-H Club* from March 16 to March 20. The 4-H club participants and their families heard student presentations on agriculture, farming, raising animals, salt and freshwater fishing, leadership, community services, and more, as well as students got to see the resources we provide at our Cape May County Campus. There were over 100 presenters, ranging from first grade to twelfth grade.
- The Cape May County Campus hosted the *NJ Business Action Center*, a business advocacy team within the Department of State dedicated to solving problems and maximizing growth opportunities for New Jersey businesses, on March 18. With nearly 130 attendees, the event provided Cape May County business owners and entrepreneurs to meet with 26 different State and Federal departments and inquire about the resources available to business owners such as assistance with grant applications, project management services, guidance on small business issues, and more.

Cape May County bizHub

- The Cape May County bizHub continued its *Small Business Seminar Series* this month by hosting five workshops with topics ranging from business plan development, Cape May County resources for business owners, starting, registering and running a business, and financial resources and small business lending, to help business owners and entrepreneurs navigate their business goals.

Student Engagement

- Student Engagement hosted its Black History Month Closing Program on February 26, featuring the *African American Heritage Traveling Museum* and a

documentary produced by ArtC, highlighting the history of Chicken Bone Beach. The program also shared the story of Ralph Hunter and his work preserving the history of Atlantic City and its residents.

- In honor of Women's History month, Atlantic Cape hosted a panel discussion on March 3, featuring Carmen Perez-Jordan, activist and founder of the Women's March. She shared her journey as a community college student and spoke with students about advocacy, justice, and the importance of support systems in finding one's voice.
- The Student Government Association (SGA) hosted an Open Forum event on March 5, which provided an opportunity for students to share feedback, discuss campus issues, and engage in an informative dialogue with student leaders and college leadership.

Financial Aid and Scholarships

- The College provided emergency financial assistance to students totaling \$26,000 provided through the Atlantic Cape Foundation, and emergency textbook assistance provided by the Follet Bookstore to students totaling \$13,800, helping students address unexpected financial hardships and access required course materials to continue their studies successfully.