

## President's Report

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TO: Atlantic Cape Community College Board of Trustees  
FROM: Dr. Barbara Gaba  
DATE: April 28, 2026  
(Mays Landing Campus)

### Featured Stories

#### *Baseball Field Welcome Home Event*

- The Atlantic Cape Foundation and the Athletics Department hosted the *Welcome Home* event to celebrate the official completion of Atlantic Cape's Baseball Field for our men's baseball team. We thanked the donors and supporters for their in-kind and cash donations to enhance the field. Attendees included members of the Board of Trustees, Foundation Board members, Atlantic County Commissioners, and original members of the men's baseball team from 1969, and of course the families of the current men's baseball team, who gathered to watch a doubleheader; good news, they won the second game.

#### *President's Distinguished & Young Alumni Awards*

- The Atlantic Cape Community College Foundation recognized nine members of the College's family of alumni during the Annual President's Distinguished Alumni and Young Alumni Awards Dinner on April 20 at Carême's. Honored this year were *Distinguished Alumni Award* recipients **William Davenport '84**, **Wayne Richter '76**, and **Indira Santiago '13**; *Community Service Award* recipients **Jean Haspel '86**, **Rita Rothberg '91**, and **Eric Scheffler '90**; and *Young Alumni Achievement Award* recipients **Harrison Furman '13**, **Patrick Reidy '15**, and **Ahmet Sahingoz '19**.

### *Billboard in Atlantic City*

- Atlantic Cape Community College received a generous in-kind donation of billboard space in Atlantic City, located across O'Donnell Memorial Park from **Christopher J. Paladino and the Atlantic City Development Corporation (AC DEVCO)**. The billboard will help promote the college's programs and services, increase community awareness, and support the college's mission to expand access to higher education and strengthen the local workforce.

### *Alumni Spotlight*

- **Cathie Skinner**, an Atlantic Cape Alumna and retiree, was a featured student artist at the Noyes Art Garage of Stockton University at their "Emerging Visions: Southern New Jersey University & College Visual Arts Showcase" event on April 11.

### *Athletics*

- The Atlantic Cape Men's Volleyball team has been selected to compete in the *2026 NJCAA Men's Volleyball Championship*, which will take place from April 23 to 25 at the College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn, Illinois. The team concluded the season ranked among the Top 10 nationally, earning recognition as one of the leading programs in the country. This achievement is a testament to the hard work, discipline, and commitment of our student-athletes and coaching staff, as they represented the institution on the national stage.

### *Bring Your Child to Work Day*

- Atlantic Cape participated in "Bring Your Child to Work Day" on April 23, where twenty-eight children of employees in grades three to eight visited their parents at work and toured our Mays Landing Campus. The event was organized by the Human Resources department.



- Atlantic Cape student **Jayed Hasan Sourov** has been accepted into the *Princeton Transfer Scholars Program*, which recognizes his outstanding academic achievement and high GPA. The *Princeton Transfer Scholars Program* is a highly selective initiative designed to prepare exceptional New Jersey community college students for transfer to prestigious four-year institutions. Through this program, students receive academic enrichment, advising, and leadership development opportunities at Princeton University, and they also enroll in a one-credit course accredited by Princeton.
- For the second year in a row, Atlantic Cape Community College's chapter of the *National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS)* inducted, 22 new students on April 2, where current students and alumni were recognized for their perseverance in completing the program. This organization offers a life-changing leadership program that promotes personal growth and career success, and empowers students to positively impact their communities.
- Psi Beta and Phi Theta Kappa Honor Societies held their induction ceremony on April 15, honoring the outstanding accomplishments of 93 inductees (PTK-60; PSI-30 respectfully). Dr. Gaba provided welcoming remarks for the event that celebrated our students' achievements.
- Atlantic Cape Community College's Academy of Culinary Arts (ACA) raised \$2,070 during its annual Italy Dinner fundraiser, held on April 2 at Carême's, the college's student-run gourmet restaurant located on the Mays Landing campus. The funds will support the 18 students who are set to participate in the Marco Polo Program Abroad in Italy this May.
- Three students, **Alex Barr, Jaymin Lucas, and Michael Heston**, facilitated a workshop as part of the *Stockton Leadership Conference* on April 3. This event contributed to initiatives focused on regional leadership development and student engagement.
- A delegation of 15 Atlantic Cape students, including campus student leaders and student-athletes, participated in the *New Jersey Community College Student Leadership Summit* at Brookdale Community College on April 24. The group engaged in leadership development programming centered on the theme Connect, Collaborate, and Lead. Victor Moreno, Student Affairs Project

and Operations Lead, served as a panelist on the Alumni Panel Discussion, Launch. Lead. Return: The Community College Leadership Journey, sharing insights on student engagement, leadership pathways, and the community college experience.



### Campus Visits from High School Students

- The College hosted *College Awareness Day* on April 17, welcoming 10 schools and over 240 attendees. Participating high schools included Ocean City, Atlantic City, Pleasantville, Eagle Academy, Middle Township, Atlantic Christian School, Oakcrest, Lower Cape May Regional, Cedar Creek, and students from the NJ “*Give Something Back*” program. The event featured motivational speaker **Eddie Cortez** from California, who spoke on the topics of resilience and self-worth. Additionally, attendees participated in academic and career exploration workshops that covered various fields, including engineering, nursing, culinary arts, business, sciences, mathematics, and athletics.
- The Cape May County Campus collaborated with the New Jersey Statewide Student Support Services Program (NJ4S) and the Cape May County Prosecutor’s Office to host the *Pathfinders Career Expo* on March 27. The event attracted over 130 high school students and young adults to the campus, allowing them to explore more than 30 careers and trades offered by local businesses and to learn about the Cape May bizHub and the services it offers to entrepreneurs and small business owners.
- The Cape May County Campus held an Open House event on April 7, which attracted over 50 attendees. During this event, participants had the opportunity to explore the academic programs, resources, and services that Atlantic Cape offers to residents of Cape May County.



### More News

## Community Outreach – Atlantic County

- On March 26 and April 2, Atlantic Cape Community College hosted a free two-part session titled "*Skills for Nonprofit Leaders*," designed for all nonprofits in Atlantic County. The sessions were facilitated by **Sherwood Taylor, Dean of Workforce Development, College & Career Pathways**, and were made possible through a grant and partnership with the Atlantic City Community Fund. The sessions focused on enhancing presentation skills, including techniques for managing speaking anxiety, understanding audience needs, and delivering clear and compelling messages.
- **Lizbeth Castro, Campus Director of the Atlantic City Campus, and Victor Moreno, Student Affairs Project and Operations Lead**, attended the *ACBOE Professional Development District Convocation* on March 27. The team promoted academic programs, student support services, and enrollment opportunities to enhance engagement with local educators and emphasize pathways to student success and workforce readiness.
- Atlantic Cape partnered with the Midtown CDC to host the *Community Housing Support* event on April 8 at the Worthington Atlantic City Campus. This event served students and the broader community, connecting approximately 100 attendees with housing specialists and local organizations. Participants received valuable resources, including information on affordable housing, rental assistance, utility assistance, and support for credit and budgeting.
- The College proudly hosted the Mexican Consulate for the fifth consecutive year on April 11 and 12, reaffirming our commitment to supporting the local community. Over the course of these two days, the event provided essential consular services, documentation support, and various resources to approximately 300 attendees, including local students, alumni, and community members.
- The Community Outreach team from Atlantic Cape Community College participated in the *Re-entry Resource Fair* held by the City of Atlantic City on April 14. They showcased academic programs and support services while also

connecting attendees with resources to aid in successful reintegration and promote long-term success.

- The Community Outreach team participated in the *Career Fair* organized by the Atlantic City Board of Education's Title I Parent Resource Center on April 15. They promoted educational pathways and workforce opportunities, connecting Atlantic City residents with job openings and offering onsite interviews.
- Atlantic Cape participated in the Pleasantville Community Walk on April 18, sharing information about Atlantic Cape Community College and sponsoring water and snacks for community members engaged along the route to support positive community engagement and visibility.

### **Community Outreach – Cape May**

- The Cape May County Zoo hosted a Spring Break Zoo Camp from April 7-9, where students ages 6-10 years of age got to explore the *Dr. Alex Ernst Memorial Education Center* and interact with live animals at our Cape May County Campus.
- **Professor Dr. David Jungblut's** Physics 102 - Introduction to Astronomy class hosted a "Family and Friends Stargazing Night" on April 14. The event provided an opportunity to view celestial objects and learn about our solar system. Over 50 attendees participated, many of whom were families who brought their children to explore and learn about astronomy.

### **Cape May County bizHub**

- The Cape May County bizHub continued its *Small Business Seminar Series* this month by hosting three workshops with topics ranging from organizational planning, small business accounting, and introduction to sales and cyber security, to help business owners and entrepreneurs navigate their business goals.

## Athletics

- Atlantic Cape Athletics Department collaborated with the *HERO Leadership Group* to host an event titled “When the Ball Stops: Redefining Success Beyond Sports” on April 24. The event featured motivational speaker Schwartzen Precil, who shared valuable insights about life beyond athletics, emphasizing themes such as identity, resilience, mental health, and personal growth. Attendees left the session equipped with useful tools and inspiration for achieving long-term success after their athletic careers.

## Student Engagement

- The Student Government Association (SGA) hosted its first *Caribbean Festival* on March 24, featuring island music, line dancing led by DJ Ashley, and tastings of Caribbean food for students, faculty, and staff. The event celebrated and showcased the diverse Caribbean cultures represented within the Atlantic Cape student body.
- The Office of Student Engagement hosted a coffee giveaway in partnership with 7 Brew on March 26, a new drive-thru coffee company opening in Egg Harbor Township. Students enjoyed complimentary iced coffee and fruit refreshers while also receiving information on employment opportunities and the company’s upcoming grand opening events.
- The Atlantic Cape Campus Closet, in collaboration with the Career Services Office, hosted the *Styled for Success Career Fair Pop-Up Market* on April 2. At this event, students had the opportunity to shop for free business-casual attire appropriate for interviews and professional events. Additionally, Career Services provided information about the Career Fair, which was held on April 7 at the Mays Landing Campus.
- The Student Government Association (SGA) hosted an *Open Forum Discussion* on April 8 at the Cape May Campus to gather student feedback on campus life, where students shared ideas and recommendations, including a key request for improved intercampus transportation.

- The Office of Student Engagement hosted the *41st Annual Holocaust Awareness Program* in partnership with the *Sam and Sara Schoffer Holocaust Resource Center* of Stockton University on April 9. The event featured Holocaust survivor Fran Malkin, who presented her powerful testimony titled "The Miracle Child." Students, faculty, staff, and community members attended to hear her inspiring story of survival and resilience.
- The Student Government Association (SGA) held a *Sexual Assault Awareness Day* on April 16. During this event, students created tote bags to honor the victims and survivors of sexual assault. The day concluded with a candlelight vigil in remembrance and support of those affected.
- The Student Government Association (SGA) hosted its annual Earth Day celebration on April 21, under the theme "*Our Power, Our Planet.*" The event featured student-led displays and exhibits focused on sustainability. A prize of \$300 was awarded for the most creative display, which will be deposited into the club's funds.

### **Center for Accessibility (CFA)**

- The Center for Accessibility, in collaboration with Professor Anthony DeFranco, hosted a presentation and discussion on *Deaf History* for students, faculty, and the public on March 24 at Mays Landing Campus. The event aimed to raise awareness of the perseverance of the Deaf community and to highlight their significant contributions to American society.
- In honor of *Autism Awareness Month*, the Center for Accessibility organized *Autism Awareness Resource Fairs* across all three campuses, offering resources, education, and support about autism to the campus community.

### **Recruitment**

- Atlantic Cape's One-Stop and Recruitment team carried out targeted outreach initiatives in both Atlantic and Cape May Counties to promote enrollment, academic programs, and student support services. These efforts included participation in events organized by school districts, college fairs, and community engagement activities such as College and Career Fairs and

community walks. These initiatives aimed to enhance awareness of Atlantic Cape Community College and expand access to educational and workforce opportunities.