

 **President's Report**

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

Academic Affairs

- Academic Affairs is offering over 900 course sections this fall on the three campuses. This is the “inaugural” seasonal semester for the Cape May County Campus. Courses will run from September 23-December 14. We also offer the traditional 15-week semester and 2 eight week sessions.
- *Nursing Program Expanded (Fall 2019)*
 - New admits include a total of 224 students and represent a 20% increase in program enrollment compared to last year.
 - Demographic data for the new admits indicates 46.2% self-identified as Black, Asian, or Hispanic (up 5% from Fall 2018), with 24% males.

Stockton Transfer Pathway Program

- Atlantic Cape staff attended the Stockton Transfer Pathways Orientation at Stockton on August 29, 2019.
- 50 students enrolled in the program (Fall 2019):
 - 34 New
 - 14 Returning
 - 2 Atlantic Cape students that opted into the program
 - 18 are living on campus at Stockton

Partnerships – High Schools

- Initial meetings are being held with area high schools to determine what curriculum the schools will be submitting for dual credit consideration.

- This semester we are offering concurrent classes at ACIT, Middle Township, Lower Cape May Regional High School and Cape May County Technical School

Professional Development

- The *Center of Teaching and Learning Excellence* is offering a number of workshops this semester and will be implementing a New Faculty Orientation Program to acclimate our recent hires to Atlantic Cape. Plans are underway to offer the Adjunct Academy again in March 2020.

Student Support

Express Enrollment Days

- Express Enrollment Days allowed students to complete all of the enrollment steps in one day, from completing the application, testing to enrollment.

Overall Yield 45 Attendants 29 Completed Enrollment 64%

Athletics

- This year Atlantic Cape has a Women's Volleyball team for the first time since the 2013 season. Home games are scheduled for October 10, 2019 at 6pm against Rowan College Gloucester County and October 12, 2019 at 12pm against Middlesex County College.

Upcoming Recruitment Events

Open House

- October 3, 2019, Atlantic City, 11:00 – 1:00
- October 19, 2019, Mays Landing, 11:00 – 2:00

Retention

Math Boot Camp Enrollment Outcomes

- Over the summer, 11 Math Boot Camps were held at all three campuses. Of the 180 students who participated, 83% registered for classes this semester.
- These "Boot Camps" are designed to provide intensive math instruction and move students from the developmental math sequence into college-level math courses. All of the students who passed the Boot Camp are now on a more direct path to earning their degree from Atlantic Cape.

Partnerships – Cape May County

- The college was been approached by stakeholders in Cape May County to partner with the college on Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) / Drone initiatives. Credit and noncredit programs to be offered at the Cape May County Campus would be signature programs for the campus. We are currently engaged in the planning stages.
- Cape May County, as part of their economic development initiatives, has been actively involved in attracting this industry and is extremely supportive of our programs.

Community Relations – Cape May

- Dean Kellett and I, along with members of our faculty and staff, attended the two-day 5th *Annual UAS/Drone Conference* held at the Wildwood Convention Center and the FAA William J. Hughes Tech Center. The conference theme was "Air Mobility" and included a tour of the FAA Research Center. Freeholder Morey acknowledge the college in his remarks for our partnership with the county on drone technology initiatives.
- As we continue our ongoing community outreach, Dean Kellett spoke at the International Soroptimist Club of Cape May on 9/17/19. She discussed (with the 50 women in attendance) our college programs, the Community College Opportunity Grant (CCOG), and what was new at the college. Plans are underway for the group to hold one of their upcoming meetings at the Cape May County Campus.

- Dean Kellett serves as the Chairwomen of the Cape May County Women’s Commission and spoke to the group about the work of the Commission that include encouraging girls to pursue study in STEM fields, informing the community about the perils of human trafficking and celebrating the accomplishments of local women in Cape May County. She promoted the Women of Wonder event scheduled for Thursday, November 14 at the Flanders Hotel.
- Dean Kellett is collaborating with Adjunct Professor David Jungblut to develop a new Lecture and Discussion Series about Coastal Resiliency and environmental issues facing Cape May County. Atlantic Cape faculty from the Science disciplines are also working with Professor Jungblut. The series will be hosted on the Cape May County Campus. The first lecture will be held on Thursday, September 26 at 1:00 PM. The speaker will be Dr. Ryan Rebozo, Director of Conservation Science at the Pinelands Preservation Alliance. Dr. Rebozo will give a presentation on preservation of native species and beach management practices to create habitat that facilitates dune growth and native species occurrences.

Dr. Rebozo is an ecologist whose interests included fire ecology, plant – insect interactions, mycology, and rare plant demography. He grew up in Union County, New Jersey and attended Rutgers University for his undergraduate degree in ecology earned Ph.D. from Drexel University 2015.

Workforce Development

- Workforce Development received a grant for an *Out of School Youth program* in Cape May County. The program will focus on providing two certifications to eight (8) youth. Participants will have an internship experience at a Cape May County hotel or motel.

College Wide Meeting

- I held my annual fall College-Wide Meeting with all faculty and staff on September 20, 2019. The meeting was simulcast to the Worthington Atlantic City Campus and Cape May County Campus. The meeting focused on Recent Updates at the college, including renovations and technology upgrades over the summer; a review of the CCOG grant; the State of the College which

addressed enrollment trends, student demographics and a look at our strengths and opportunities for future improvement.

Foundation

- A dedication ceremony was held on September 5th for the *Gerri Black Publications Room* donated by Prof. Richard Russell. Prof. Gerri Black was a faculty member in the English Department at Atlantic Cape from 1992-2013. She made a tremendous impact on Atlantic Cape students, evident by consistently positive student evaluations and the student body voting her “Faculty Member of the Year” in 2006 and 2007.
- She was awarded a fellowship to Princeton University in 2010-2011 and served as faculty advisor to the *Rewrites* Literary and Art magazine for 10 years. In 2014 Professor Black established the Gerri Black Creative Writing Endowment Scholarship for students with an interest in writing and majoring in either English or Communications at Atlantic Cape.
- Professor Black passed away in March 2015. A recognition plaque in her honor has been permanently installed outside the Publications Room on the first floor of the Student Center.