Upcoming Events

Year-End Holiday
December 26 - January 2
This is to confirm that, in accordance with the year-end holiday schedule, the college will be closed beginning December 26 and will reopen on January 3, 2012.

Save the Date
January Professional Days
January 12 and 13, 2012
You can find Professional Days under “Calendars” on the Academic Affairs links and Information on the Faculty/Staff webpage.

CCM in Morristown Open House
January 27
Noon - 2 p.m.
Tour the new facility and take the chill out of winter over a hot cup of coffee or hot chocolate. Light refreshments also will be served.

Disaster Recovery and Business Continuity
What You Should Know and Why You Should Become Certified
Disaster recovery and business continuity are two issues often overlooked by business owners in the hubbub of running their businesses, managing employees and ensuring they remain profitable. To help simplify the process, County College of Morris is holding a free informational breakfast on Business Continuity for Small and Medium Businesses on Thursday, January 19, from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m., on its Randolph Campus.

The session will cover the three critical components of a successful business and continuity plan. Serving as keynote speaker will be Al Berman, executive director for the Disaster Recovery Institute. Berman is a certified Master Business Continuity Professional, a National Fire Protection Association member, a member of the ASIS BCP technical committee, a member of the Committee of Experts for ANSI-ANAB, a former member of the New York City Partnership for Security and Risk Management, executive director of the Disaster Recovery Institute (DRI) and the co-chair of the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation committee to create the new standard for the U.S. Private Sector Preparedness Act. Over a career that has spanned 25 years, he has served as a president and CIO for a major financial institution, national practice leader for Operational Resiliency for Price waterhouseCoopers and Global Business Continuity practice leader for Marsh.

The snow date for the session is Thursday, January 26.

Those interested in attending the session are asked to preregister at https://webadvisor.ccm.edu and select course number 28746. For more information, please contact Linda Lower at llower@ccm.edu.

Highlights of Dr. Edward J. Yaw’s 25th Anniversary Celebration
View highlights of Dr. Yaw’s 25th anniversary celebration, with banners linking to the video on youtube and photos on flickr at http://www.ccm.edu/aboutCCM/yaw25/default.aspx.

Learning Resource Center Director Appointment
The Board of Trustees recently approved the appointment of Heather Craven as the director of the Sherman H. Masten Learning Resource Center effective January 25.

A reception will be scheduled early in the Spring Semester to welcome her to CCM.
Landscape and Horticultural Technology Chair Appointment

Brian Oleksak has been appointed as the new Chair of the Landscape and Horticultural Technology Department effective January 9.

Oleksak comes to County College of Morris from Rutgers University Cooperative Extension Service and has been an adjunct professor with the Landscape and Horticultural Technology Department for a number of years. He is also a recent recipient of the NISOD Award for his commitment to student success and his many contributions to the LHT department.

Faculty/Staff Discussion Board - Forum

The Information Systems department has finalized the development of an online forum where members of the CCM community can communicate with one another. The link provided below offers a brief tutorial to this new communication tool. A number of discussion topics have been established; please read/subscribe to them and/or start some of your own. Take a few minutes to review the tutorial and establish your profile.

Tutorial:
http://camtasia3.ccm.edu/media/CCM_Forum_Software_Tutorial_-_iPod_and_iPhone_20111014_01.52.48PM.mp4

• Forum Software Tip
You can unsubscribe to a forum by following these steps after you log in:
• Select “Member Control Panel”
• Click on “Subscriptions”
• Click in the box next to the topic you wish to unsubscribe to
• Click on “Unsubscribe.”

Swap and Shop

For Sale: Two tickets to a Community Theatre event for The Machine on Friday, March 9, 2012 at 8 p.m. America’s top Pink Floyd tribute band performs a diverse mix of The Floyd’s extensive repertoire - complete with faithful renditions of popular hits as well as obscure gems - with stellar musicianship, dramatic lighting and video, and passionate delivery that sets them above other Floyd tribute bands. Tickets are in orchestra left, row E, seats 1 and 3. $44 per ticket. Call Cindy Johnson at ext. 5631.

Kudos

Handbook on Measurement, Assessment, and Evaluation in Higher Education Edited by Dr. Charles Secolsky

This month marked the publication of the Handbook on Measurement, Assessment, and Evaluation in Higher Education edited by Dr. Charles Secolsky, director of Institutional Research and Planning, with Brian Denison of Champlain Regional College, Sherbrooke, Canada. The book, published by Routledge Press, is 702 pages in length and has 42 chapters. It is intended to bridge the gap between outcomes assessment and the fields of measurement, assessment and evaluation at a time in history when accountability concerns within higher education have become very prominent.

“Many County College of Morris faculty members and administrators played a tremendous role in getting the project completed,” said Secolsky. They include Dr. Jane Armstrong, Denise Schmidt, Margaret Shepard, Shelley Kurland, Dr. Dwight Smith, Kathleen Brunet Eagan, Dr. Stephen Levy, Dr. Bette Simmons, Dr. Janet Eber, Dr. Jack Bernardo and Dr. Edward J. Yaw, CCM president, who wrote the foreword to the book.

The contents of the book can be viewed on the Routledge website at http://www.routledge.com/books/details/9780415880763. The authors of the chapters are world renowned scholars and include professors from UCLA, Stanford, Virginia Tech, West Point, University of Maryland, the College Board, University of Nebraska, University of Iowa, University of Illinois, University of Colorado and CCM.

Reviewers of the book have lauded the content for higher education professionals. Reviewers include J. Fredericks Volkwein of Penn State University, Peter Ewell, an originator of outcomes assessment, Eleanor Chelimsky, former director of evaluation for the United States Government Accountability Office (GAO) for Congress, and Debra Humphreys, vice president for the American Association of Colleges & Universities.

It took Secolsky over three years of hard work to complete the book. In the acknowledgements, he thanks the reviewers, Dr. Yaw and Joseph Vitale, executive director of Advancement and Planning, for their support while working on the book. Secolsky can be reached at ext. 5056.