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COUNTY COLLEGE OF MORRIS' AWARD-WINNING STUDENT NEWSPAPER

Multiple buildings at CCM behind on state-required inspection certificates

Officials say newer certificates issued, not displayed

BY JANNAT SHEIKH
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County College of Morris has not posted in eight areas on campus updated fire safety inspection certificates required by the state, with many expiring before Youngtown first reported on the issue in November 2016.

The Randolph Township Fire Department has inspected the entire campus, but the college has not posted current certifications, according to Dawn Latincsics, compliance officer of human resources and former environmental health and safety coordinator of the department of public safety.

The areas behind on posting certificates are the Student Community Center, Student Center Cafe, Dragonetti Auditorium, Henderson Hall, Sheffield Hall, Cohen Hall, Cohen Cafe, and Emeriti Hall.

The New Jersey State Uniform Fire Safety Act of 1983 contains the state's Uniform Fire Code which says that certain public buildings must be inspected periodically depending on their potential risk for fire-related incidents. It also says that when an area is inspected, there must be in it a certificate of inspection displayed in a conspicuous location. Each certificate includes dates of inspection and expiration.

Latincsics said that Richard Briant, Fire Official from the Bureau of Fire Prevention at the Randolph Township Fire Department, inspected every build-

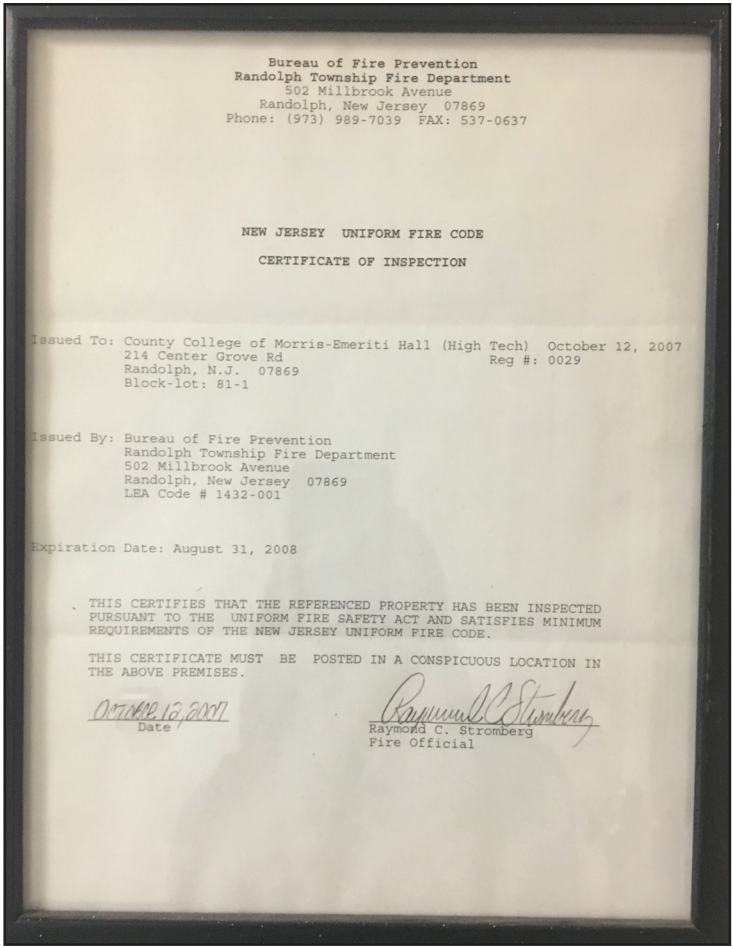


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A certificate expired in 2008 posted in Emeriti Hall.

ing on campus over the summer.

Briant said that the new certificates have not been issued because the college needs time to show that it has fixed violations that the Fire Department gives CCM 30 days to take care of the violations. However, Latincsics turned over to Youngtown a copy of an updated certificate for the Cohen Cafe which has not been posted. The certificate says that it was issued Thursday,

Sept. 14 and will expire Sept. 30, 2018 and explicitly says that there are no fire safety violations with the area.

In addition, Latincsics said there were minor findings that violated the code in some of the buildings during the inspection. Briant said that he expects to return in late October to re-inspect the campus.

Latincsics also said that

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Veteran professor to run for US Senate on anti-cronyism platform

BY BRETT FRIEDENSOHN
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Fueled in part by Senator Bob Menendez's ongoing bribery trial, Alexander J. Kucsma, an English professor of 45 years at County College of Morris, has announced he will run against Menendez in the June 2018 Democratic primary election for one of New Jersey's two seats in the United States Senate.

Menendez is accused of favoring Dr. Salomon Melgen, a Florida-based eye doctor charged in 2015 in unrelated fraud case, for giving him campaign donations and lavish gifts, according to CNN.

In his unorthodox campaigning approach, Kucsma is running under Democratic Liberty Tea, a trademark federally registered to his name in December 2015, rather than under the support of a party. Kucsma said he is using this race in part to bring attention to his cause of eliminating money as a factor in deciding legislation and policy.

Kucsma is announcing his intention to run through Youngtown and said he wants to attain the needed 1,000 signatures on his petition to run at County College of Morris.

"This would be the first college ever to get a Senator on the ballot and that he is Democratic Liberty Tea, and the people just Google in there and see exactly what that is," Kucsma said. "And



PHOTO FROM FACEBOOK

Alexander J. Kucsma, English Professor at CCM

we start getting out stories as to what is a trademark name? And we don't need lobbyist money. We don't need lobbyist money. I mean, one day, I'm offering Democratic Liberty Tea for somebody to run for Congress for \$100. Maybe one day, that business is going to be \$10,000 to run for Congress. That's what it'll be because people understand, if they understand the trademark name, they'll buy into it. It's like a McDonald's franchise. It takes \$150,000 to get it. Doesn't it?"

Candidates who run under Democratic Liberty Tea must follow the set principles of the organization, according to Kucsma, who said that he can lose his trademark otherwise. Among these principles is the refusal to seek out campaign donations. Instead, candidates who use the trademark must pay to the organization a \$100 registration fee and,

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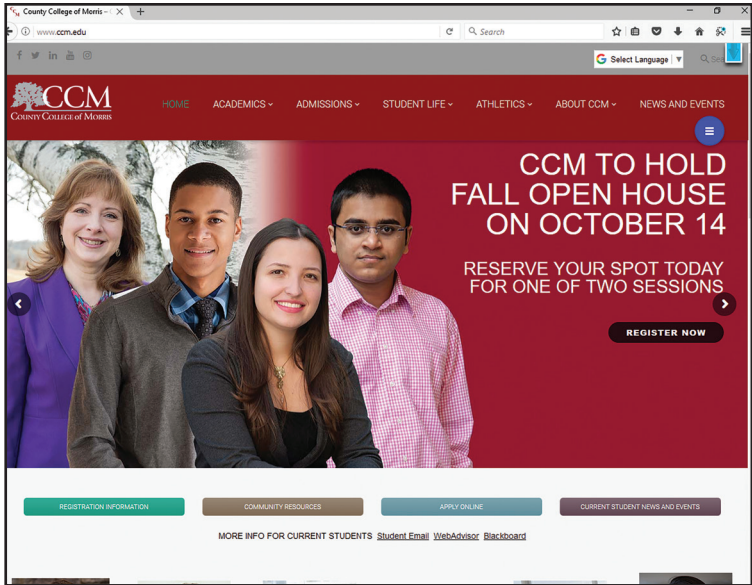
CCM website refurbished for modern look, easier navigation

BY TYLER BARTH
Contributor

County College Of Morris launched a new version of its website with a WordPress page Monday, Sept. 25, marking its first major update in eight years.

The site was created largely by John Hester, the digital communications coordinator for CCM, and his team made up of Marianne Perfetto, the technology help desk specialist in information systems; Claire Menzer, the data systems coordinator in Career Services; and CCM students Jeremy McArthur and Timothy Stapp. Their website project began in fall 2016.

"The site we've been using, we've had it since 2009, so the technology that was useful then, we haven't been able to expand on that, so WordPress is pretty much a standard as far as large



SCREENSHOT FROM CCM WEBSITE

New CCM website homepage.

websites," Hester said.

McArthur said that while the new site does still need progress, but he very much prefers it to the old version.

"A big problem students always said about the past website, and even parents, was that things were really hard to find," said McArthur, a computer science

and game development major. "So we spent a lot of time trying to make it as easy as possible with big pictures and easy-to-read text and all that."

Kathleen Brunet Eagan, director of communications and college relations, said that the lack of mobile support and the upcoming expiration of the prior system were major reasons for the update. The college was not given a firm date on which the prior system would expire.

"The college community has known for quite some time that we have been in the process of redesigning the website," Eagan said. "How well that has been communicated to students, I honestly do not know."

According to Eagan, the new website will incorporate more visuals and video, and will also provide further information for transfer students who are trying

to decide their major. Additionally, she said that CCM wishes to overhaul their online application process to make applying to the school easier. WordPress will provide the backbone of the site itself; however, the new application process will be done with other software.

Eagan said that the prior site's lack of mobile support led to pages failing to load and improperly sized screens on tablets, phones or other handhelds, leading to a massive drop in individuals accessing the site from a mobile device according to unspecified analytics.

Anyone who is still confused about what the site has to offer has been encouraged to contact the college's Technology Help Desk at helpdesk@ccm.edu to receive a short tutorial video on the site's new features.

Religious, ethnic clubs recruit new student members

BY KATIE COYNE
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Country College of Morris has a vast array of cultural clubs to choose from, and most represented themselves Thursday, Sept. 21 at the Welcome Back Bash held on campus.

Music and the rich smells of ethnic cuisines emanated through the air.

Pertaining to culture and religion, there are a wide variety of clubs to choose from at the campus. These clubs include the Campus Christian Fellowship, Orthodox Christian Fellowship, Muslim Student Association, United Latino Organization, Asian Student Association, Jewish Student Association, and Black Student Union.

By joining each or any club, students are welcome to learn about different cultures, customs, and traditions of each native heritage.

The Asian Student Association is planning an upcoming cooking event to show students how to cook Asian cuisine, such as sushi right, at home. The Muslim Student Association had different types of food they were



PHOTO BY ALEXA WYSZKOWSKI

Muslim Student Association members recruit at the Welcome Back Bash.

serving at the bash, such as baklava and halal.

Halal, a Muslim way of cooking, translates into English, as “lawful or permissible.” Baklava is a dessert containing chopped nuts and honey baked within a

pastry.

“We eat Kosher, too, said said Saba Gatabi, the vice president of the Muslim Student Association and nursing major at CCM. “It’s the same thing; we have it in a different way ... We

have religion, and we have culture. So in culture, there’s different kinds of food and different people. In culture, there are different kinds of religions, too.”

A majority of different religions follow the same principle,

which is belief in a sole God.

“Basically all religions are the same, like different ways of following them, different ways of doing things,” Gatabi said.

The Orthodox Christian Fellowship is based on the Roman Catholic religion which is also monotheistic. Any and all students who worship within the Christian faith are welcome to join.

“We discuss Orthodox Christian rules amongst ourselves basically,” said Simeon Brasowski, a member of the Orthodox Christian Fellowship and a business administration major at CCM. “We’re open to inviting any and all other denomination of Christian or whatnot and basically to discuss today’s issues with teens and problems that we go through to try to relate to our lives and to Christian beliefs, basically.”

Culture clubs are also about having fun and introducing different games to students from different countries.

The United Latino Organization plans events such as bingo and gymkhana, games that are played a lot in their native regions of Latin America. Gymkhana translates into English as a “scavenger hunt.”

Writers’ Club gives new voice to budding artists

BY GINA N. FICO
Contributor

This semester, County College of Morris introduced the Writers’ Club, a new student organization to help students expand their skills in writing.

The club is designed for students who either want to succeed in their classes or utilize their creative writing skills, according to founder and president Michelle Mardis. The club meets at 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays in Cohen Hall 265. Three members of the club introduced the student body to the club at the Welcome Back Bash Thursday, Sept. 21.

Mardis, a liberal arts major at CCM, said she was motivated to start this club so CCM students’ “voices can be heard.” Mardis said that this club will also benefit students using writing as a “stress reliever” and that it will present guest speakers that can help students learn how to get their work published.

Mardis said her hope for this club is that it will get more people talking about writing and will help students understand how much writing can extend one’s knowledge and open up students’ minds to “thinking outside the box.” The club will present guest speakers that can help students learn how to get their work published.

Writing is a key skill for students as taking English Composition classes is required to obtain a degree in most majors at CCM. However, some students feel uncomfortable with expressing their thoughts. Gabby Cuevas, a liberal

arts major at CCM, said that is another aspect the Writers’ Club can assist students with.

“If you are afraid to tell how you feel in public, you can definitely write down how you are feeling,” Cuevas said.

She said that the club will also focus on helping students construct their thoughts better for essays if that is something they struggle with.

Louis Perez, a music recording major at CCM, said he looks forward to the variety of work this club will present.

“Just more expanding on music related works, it could just be short stories, songs, any sort of writing,” said Perez.

Perez said he hopes this club will make his own “creative juices flow” and he wants the club to push students to speaking their minds more than they may be comfortable with.

Mardis said that the club will host an event called “The Writers’ Block,” which will give students a chance to share their story in a forum similar to an open mic, and students will be free to share their writing and singing their songs. Mardis said there are many phenomenal writers whose voices are not heard, and this event and others like it can help these students more confidently share their work.

“I think it will really show that community college students are just as good as a four year school,” Mardis said. “And it’s really important to me that everyone has a chance to have their voice heard. That’s the main thing I’ve been saying all day. Make sure your voice is heard.”

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Wednesday, Oct 18
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SCC Lobby

Yoga

Thursday, October 19
2 Sessions:
12:30p.m. & 1:15p.m.
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EDITORIAL: Food changes have brought fewer options, lower quality, higher costs

As many people are aware, the food options at CCM have changed drastically and not for the better. Over the summer, the cafeteria in the Student Community Center was removed and the menu at the Cohen Cafe was revamped severely. There are new options as well as new dynamics for the preparation as well as presentation of the food in the cafes.

The cafe in the student center was removed to make room for several vending machines. They removed the healthy options, such as salads and soups, and the wonderful hot entrees, such as pizza and pasta, in order to plunk down vending machines chock full of trans fats, carbs, and chemicals that you can acquire and consume for such prices in the \$1.50 to \$5 range. Isn't that just delicious?

Not only are they full of trans fats, carbs, and chemicals, they're all pre processed foods. According to Observation of Cardiovascular Risk Factors in Luxembourg, a study by Cambridge University found that "Increased consumption of ready-made meals was found to be independently associated with abdominal obesity." Do we, as a community of students and educators, really want to be obese just because we do not have good eating options in 50 percent of the selection of foods? It is not that students are purposely choosing the food with the poor nutrition, they have to, as it is often the cheapest food that is available. A near broke student would more likely choose a cheaper snack than paying more for something that would be significantly healthier. While there is food in the vending machines that is slightly higher in nutritional value, it is not that much more healthy than the cheap garbage, yet they charge between three and five dollars for it. What a delightful price gouge on hungry students! For \$6 at a local deli, a student can purchase a sandwich, bag of chips, and a soda. Those are some incredibly expensive vending machines and the food is not even as healthy as it's claimed to be.

In the Cohen Cafe, they have reduced the total amount of available food from selections such as tater tots, chicken tenders, empanadas, Quiznos, and healthier soups down to fresh-to-order burgers, sandwiches, and breakfasts as well as the elimination of the Quiznos, one of the soups, and downsizing the healthier pre-made cold cut wraps and sandwiches. Despite the effort to offer more, they actually offer less. The burgers end up cold, missing requested ingredients, or including unnecessary ones.

This is absurd as this will drive down the willingness of students to purchase the food.

Winston Courboin, a design student at CCM, said he'd rather go to the Starbucks on campus and "It's not even a real Starbucks," Courboin said.

Couple the bad results with a wallet murdering \$8-\$10 a burger, and one can see why the students are hesitant to purchase food on campus and why they complain that there's nothing to eat on school grounds despite a positive response on the option of customizable burgers.

"The food options are kind of limited because there's only one cafe and some vending machines, but I do like the options for creating burgers," said Ashley VanSickle, a game design student

Not only is price and nutritional value a factor, but so are the cancer-causing chemicals created when the meat is grilled. According an article from cancer.com called "Chemicals in Meat Cooked at High Temperatures and Cancer Risk," grilled meats contain HeteroCyclic Amines (HCA's) which are created when proteins within the meat are heated at high temperature as well as containing Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAH's) are also created when the fat in the meat is cooked or burned. These chemicals can lead to cancers of the breast, colon, liver, skin, lung, prostate, gastrointestinal tract, and other organs. This is not something we want to promote on campus as one of the reasons for the renovation of the cafe's was to offer healthier options.

Even the chicken tenders have decreased in quality. Instead of tasting like chicken, they seem to taste of fryer oil more and more as the semester goes on. This is nauseatingly unappetising. According to "Eating fried foods tied to increased risk of diabetes, heart disease," a study from Harvard University, fryer oil is a cause of "weight gain, higher cholesterol, and higher blood pressure—all risk factors for type 2 diabetes and heart disease" (HSPH/ NUS Study). The results, listed in the article, go on to say, "Participants who ate fried food 4-6 times a week had a 55 percent increased risk." For any student eating in the Cohen Cafe at that rate, roughly one meal a day, they are significantly more likely to suffer the symptoms of the over-consumption of the fryer oil.

On the other hand, there are some positive aspects to the upgraded food. Although the meat is not at the higher quality level we all hoped for, the vegan and vegetarian options are delicious yet limited.

In the new Cohen Cafe, the make-your-own burger and salad stations are great for people who are trying to avoid meat and even dairy. There is a veggie burger option that one can customize to his or her liking. The salad station is loaded with nutritious options for anyone looking to stay healthy. There are little slips of paper on which customers can check off what they want on their burger or salad. It is an effective way to stay organized.

Also, one of the many ways that the Cohen Cafe can improve is if there are more pre-made burgers and salads for students to pick up on the go. Often, students who many eat dinner on campus end up spending too much time waiting for their food to get prepared because of the amount of hungry students. If there are more pre-made burgers and salads, there would not be a waiting problem.

Unfortunately, the Student Center Cafe is not as vegan and vegetarian friendly as the Cohen Cafe. However, students can still purchase the processed foods from the vending machines.

For the students who might enjoy vending machine food, the Student Center Cafe may not be much of a disappointment. Perhaps some may find it faster and easier to grab things without having to converse or interact with another human being.

In addition, some students are upset that there are no longer any pizza, pasta or soup options in the Student Center Cafe. Twisted Mac will be dearly missed. The mouthwatering basil pesto pasta will forever be remembered.

It seems as though the cafes are trying to drive students into over spending on food when the price of a college education is already exceptionally high. Considering that students tend to go get food with their friends it's easy to see that students would buy the less-than-appetising fair in order to be able to share a meal with their friends.

"It seems like they're trying to skim off financial aid a little at a time" and for students that are already broke, this seems to be true," said Cameron Caceres, a electrical engineering tech major at CCM.

One could say that it would be easy to go off campus for food but the low cost healthier options are, often, too far to walk to, which seems to drive students away and back to the Cohen Cafe or the vending machines in the ruins of the Student Center Cafe. For a student body that generally believes Parking Lot 1 is too far to walk to, it seems that affordable and healthy options are an unpalatable distance away.

SATIRE:Textbook prices soar, students pursue other options

BY JOHN DUMM
Satire Editor

Literally no one owns a legitimate, school-sponsored copy of the textbook for the Thursday and Saturday 3:05 p.m. statistics class taught by Dr. Xavier Bush, a recent survey by the Youngtown Satirical Research Team has found.

Most of the students said that they refused to buy the textbook, I Just Wrote This So I Can Retire by former CCM statistics professor Andrew Gallows, because they could not afford the \$420.69 cost of the Pearson-published textbook required for all statistics classes.

"Well, we walked to the back of the shop, saw copies of Gallow's book for 400-something bucks and reported the school store to the Better Business Bureau for their extortionate pricing schema," said hobbyist mathematician Alex Jared Styles, helpfully bundling the obscene quantity of expletives used in his exposition into a single, easily omissible paragraph-length rant. "Last I heard, they only got in half as many 'Good Job' stickers as they ordered, which is either a ridiculously poor legal punishment or a very illegal money laundering gambit. Could be both. Either way, this shortage is going to cause a massive dip in the number of students recognized for exemplary work."

In the meantime, the student body has been struggling to cope with the ridiculous location based pricing at the School store- many of them resorting to means that do not require a book whatsoever.

"In standard mathematics courses, it's easy," said Jace Wang, a self-proclaimed culinary smuggling expert. "Stultifyingly hard, but, y'know, fair about it. The books barely explain the core concepts, their indexes are harder to use than Wikipedia, and half the time if you poke an adjunct professor hard enough they'll squeal out a random selection of homework questions like you just woke them from an amphetamine-induced sleep-deprivation nightmare about postgraduate theses. So you just hunker down with a net-capable computer, an established mathematician, and a pointy stick."

The model standard mathematicians have taken seems to be an extremely popular form of learning aide throughout the hard sciences and rigorous humanities, used even by more orthodox students during the 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. classes between finding out what books they need and receiving them from Chegg or other non-monopolistic online retailers.

"As long as you have a

notebook, external resources for vocabulary and quirky grammar, and a willingness to stay conscious through your 8 a.m. classes, you can basically hold parity with the top of the class," said French major Philippe Thomas. "I literally just kept my hand to the notebook in class and started watching anime in French- first exam, 94 percent. Learning to use unorthodox sources in your education is the single most helpful thing you can do in college- it improves your grades, self-confidence, rate of learning, and most importantly your taste in television. If you'll excuse me, I need to go lobby something with the Asian Student Association."

Methods like this have spread to every class with textbooks above \$30 in-school, only skipping over English composition courses with hilariously easy alternative sources and correspondingly cheap materials. However, new developments in educational exploitation could spell trouble for even those student communes who got around book-based homework by collectively funding a single extortionate purchase.

Following a 30-minute unprintable diatribe towards the educational conglomerate Pearson, Christina Jericho urged the Youngtown Satirical Research Team to defund, defame, and protest any classes using their software. Running at an average of \$100 for an online access code without the relevant textbook, students campuswide consider Pearson to be the greatest threat to their financial solvency outside of 4-year schooling, made worse by its mandatory inclusion in every soft-mathematical or business degree.

"The microeconomic curriculum used to self-select for the best, most resourceful, most motivated, and generally diplomatically professional students simply by their ability to get away with a nonexistent or insufficiently legal copy of the text, producing graduates widely claimed to be more economically savvy than most world leaders," Jericho said. "And the strong oral tradition of the macroeconomics program, which had predictively given up on written language altogether, was the gem of the CCM liberal arts department. Now the only people who can learn how money works are the bourgeoisie, incompetent fatcats rich enough to treat it like a liability."

Jericho recommended that prospective students in this track take the controversial move of majoring in liberal arts, taking a gap year to work in the service industry on Wall Street, and somehow convincing a store regular to let you use his diploma.

CCM parking lots ranked from bottom to top

BY MICHELLE MARDIS
Contributor

“Hey, are you leaving? Can I take your spot?” This is a common statement made by County College of Morris students. Now, you might be wondering, how are we going to rank this? Well, It’s based on convenience, location, and availability. We won’t even go into Lot 10. I personally don’t even count it as a lot. Lot 10 is the Public Safety lot and really isn’t used for students to park throughout the day.

9. Lot Eight

As a student, you can’t park there. It’s just there to taunt your soul as you struggle to find parking. As professors casually stroll in at any time of the day, you are having close call accidents in Lot Seven. Parking is hard for us students.



PHOTOS BY BRIAN SCHNELL



8. Lot Five

Yes, you can park here but after 5 p.m. By that time, you aren’t even struggling to find a spot anymore! It’s as simple as that. It’s not even that convenient. It’s in the middle of nowhere, basically. You have to walk to get to the academic buildings. The only place this it’s convenient for is Henderson Hall, and who goes there other than administration and one or two classes?



7. Lot One

This lot, situated below “Cardiac Attack Hill,” is meant for those special individuals who enjoy running out of breath or simply don’t mind hills as a whole. They park here and never break a sweat. I applaud them immensely. I am in no way, shape, or form ready to take on that hill. I avoid it at all costs.



5. Lot Three

Steps, steps, and more steps. If you enjoy trudging up flights of steps and then back down at the end of the day, this is surely the lot for you! Not for me, but for you! Enjoy those steps; that’s all I have to say.

6. Lot Two

You think you’re going a shorter distance compared to Lot One, but you’re actually going up the same dang hill. Think about it for a moment and time yourself, if you dare to do so. This requires actually parking in Lots One and Two for experimental purposes.



4. Lot Four

You still did not hit the jackpot by parking here. You avoided a flight of stairs. That’s impressive, but you still have ways to go. Best of luck to you.



3. Lot Nine

Yes, it’s a walk, but there are no hills. It’s a perfectly relaxing walk to your designated destination. How nice is that? As long as you aren’t late for class, I highly recommend this lot.

2. Lot Seven

This lot is hard to get a spot in at certain parts of the day; if you’re lucky, you will find someone who is leaving and take their spot. It’s all about timing. My recommendation is to arrive when classes are just getting out. You will always find someone leaving in this case.



You may or may not agree with what order these are in, but you have to agree with at least one thing on this list. “Are you leaving?” is necessary, but it is annoying if you are on the receiving end of the question. We all do it, but at the end of the day, do you fight for a spot or park far away? Each lot has its positives and negatives. It’s up to each individual to decide; which lot will it be?



1. Lot Six

If you get a spot in this lot at any point in the day, you have hit the jackpot. Right in front of the Student Community Center, it is a perfect location that leads you directly to where you need to be! It is very rare to get a decent spot but Lot Six is the absolute best location across campus. If you see a spot there, go get it. Don’t waste any time because some people will disregard the one-way signs just to get that spot. Follow the rules, but get there as quickly as you can.

Glassblowing comes to CCM with new art class in Morristown

BY DAN BRODHEAD
Contributor

New to the fall semester, County College of Morris has partnered with an off-campus art school to offer a glassblowing class.

The new class, Beginning Glassblowing I (ART-250), offered at the Morris County School of Glass (MSCOG) in Morristown, is a three-credit free elective in which students can learn about the history of glassblowing and create delicate, crafted glasswork. Currently, the MSCOG has one class for CCM students on Thursdays from 1

p.m. to 4:20 p.m. at 89 Whippany Road.

The process of making a glassblowing class available to CCM students would not have been possible without the help of Art and Pat Plonski, owners of MSCOG.

“Art took a glassblowing glass many years ago and fell in love with it,” said Dr. Bruce Dutra, dean of liberal arts at CCM. “He loved it so much that he wanted a glassblowing class in Morris County.”

They decided to buy a small gas station garage on the outskirts of Morristown and dedicated two and a half years of renovation to

offer glassblowing to the public starting in the spring of 2017. From there, Plonski reached out to Clay Allen, an art and design professor at CCM, who then told Dutra that interest in glassblowing among CCM students was quite high.

The challenge was filling seats. With a cost of \$1,500, not every student is able to afford this class. For the fall class, seven students are currently enrolled.

While New Jersey has a long history of glassblowing, MCSOG is the only school of its kind in northwest New Jersey.

Plonski is considering a

second glassblowing class, Intermediate Glassblowing (Glassblowing II), for which Beginning Glassblowing I will be a prerequisite. If there is enough interest, Dutra and Plonski want to add more classes next school year.

“We are definitely going to be offering this class again in the spring,” Dutra said. “Instead of Thursdays, the class will be on Friday afternoons.”

Glasswork is hard to make a living on. The average salary for glassblowers in the United States was \$29 thousand in 2015, according to the U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics. However, students

interested in the field have few other options around, according to MSCOG studio manager Michelle Knox.

“There’s nothing like this class through any surrounding college,” Knox said. “It was perfectly designed to bring college students into the world of glass.”

Some students have already found this new class curious and want to gain knowledge about glassblowing.

“There are so many talented people at school; this class is going to gain popularity,” said Luis Tosado, a musical theater major at CCM. “I would love to take this class.”

Jukebox app service to be added to cafeterias

BY NICK SISTI
Contributor

In mid-October 2017, County College of Morris will be implementing the services of Rockbot, a “jukebox” app which allows patrons of a given public space to influence the soundtrack by requesting songs from their smartphones and voting on the next track to be played. Since its inception in 2013, Rockbot has been used by companies such as McDonald’s, Buffalo Wild Wings, GAP, and Jetblue.

Tentatively, the service will be available in the Cohen Café and LRC Café which serves Starbucks products.

The addition of the jukebox app is the latest in a string of CCM cafeteria renovations, most of which culminated in late August. Cohen Hall Café’s Quiznos and Chickendipity have been replaced with a new “Create” section by Chartwells, and the food service area of the student center has been removed in favor of vending machines filled with fresh food.

According to Rockbot’s website, the company aims

to “change the way businesses everywhere control their soundtracks and engage their guests.” Students will be able to request tracks from a preselected list of songs, and they even have the ability to create playlists of their favorite songs which the app automatically requests whenever they walk into a Rockbot enabled space.

While many students are excited to be able to have a say in the lunchtime playlist, some feel that the school cafeteria environment doesn’t necessarily require a soundtrack.

“I think it can be a bit disruptive,” said Hope Motzenbecker, a communication major at CCM. “If I’m at an actual restaurant, I think the music is part of the ambience. If it’s a Mexican restaurant, for example, you’d expect to hear Mexican music. It adds to the overall vibe. But I’m not sure if the cafeteria atmosphere needs music.”

For others, the volume of the music either makes or breaks the equation.

“The only time I notice the music is when I’m in the LRC café,” said Valentina Marmolejo,

a communication major at CCM. “I used to do a lot of my work there my first year here, but now I feel like because the music is being incorporated it’s becoming more of a hangout place instead of a work place.”

Despite these grievances, Marmolejo remains quite fond of certain aspects of the soundtrack, particularly Train’s 2001 hit “Drops of Jupiter.”

“It’s a bop,” Marmolejo said.

In regards to the recent food option alterations, some students appreciate the added personalization.

“I like how customizable the Create options are,” said Alexa Metro, a broadcasting major at CCM. “It’s so much more personalized than other create-your-own places. The amount of combinations you can put together is crazy.”

However, others haven’t been happy with the administration rustling things up.

“Personally, I’m not a fan of the changes,” said Shane Sayre, a liberal arts major at CCM. “I usually hang out in the ping pong room, so it’s kind of a bummer that they took out a ton of the op-

tions in the student center café. Plus, I can’t even find the things they had there at the Cohen Café now. There’s no pizza.”



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if elected, a one percent royalty fee for campaign funds raised, according to Democratic Liberty Tea’s website. Kucsma said that he is legally obligated to report all of his organization’s funds as income as would any other corporation.

“It took me five years to get that trademark; I’m not about to lose it because somebody wants me to cut a deal and slash into a budget,” Kucsma said. “If the NRA knows I’m friendly to the

Second Amendment, which I am, I’d certainly like their members to come out to support me, but I’m not going to ask them for a donation which would then obligate me to do that. Every politician of the world would do that.”

To create an environment that does not pressure its members’ opinions and policies, members of the organization are forbidden from discussing certain issues, including abortion and gay marriage, among each other, according to the website. However, other issues are included in the organization’s core principles. Upon signing up,

members agree to strive toward reducing government spending to not unduly burden taxpayers and small businesses, increasing military spending to “keep our country the foremost military power in the world,” passing legislation to counter illegal immigration, and supporting to replace the Affordable Care Act with a system that will restrict omission of people with pre-existing conditions and force no one to maintain health insurance.

Kucsma received 6 percent of the vote in the Democratic primary of New Jersey’s 12th Congressional District in the House of Representatives elec-

tion of 2016, when, according to his website, he received a public endorsement by New Jersey Right to Life Committee, a non-profit whose purpose is to legally combat abortion rights.

Kucsma hopes to become the first member of his trademark elected into public office.

“I think there’s a snowball’s chance in hell,” Kucsma said. “I think even if Menendez was indicted, but somebody’s got to do what I’m doing.”

Eighty four percent of likely New Jersey voters believe Menendez should resign if indicted, according to a Suffolk University poll.

If elected, Kucsma said that he does not plan on introducing legislation to limit the power of money in politics as members of the Senate and House of Representatives benefit too much from campaign donations to pass such laws. Instead, Kucsma said that such a change will only come when voters begin electing politicians who stand against cronyism.

“What I’m saying is you need a political reorganization here of what we do in political parties,” Kucsma said. “Never trust those who have created a problem to give you a solution.”

Freshmen seek fresh start at CCM

BY BRIAN SCHNELL
Features Editor

As it dawns on that time of year when school opens, temperatures change, and academics get into full swing, County College of Morris veterans have the opportunity to welcome first year students.

Kaitlin Dias, one of the counselors on campus, said that all first year students should not assume that the strategies that have been used in pre-college academics will work in college. Keeping up with all the work in class, regardless of the difficulty, will be a key aspect of students’ first year as well as full college success. Major services and features, Dias believes, are the best for first year student to become familiar with are the counseling office and the professors themselves. Making an appointment at the counseling office is quite useful as the counselors can help with everything from stress, time management to personal issues. Dias also said that all the services provided by the counseling office are free as well as confidential and that students have every right to make use of the counseling office and services provided.

Dias said she had a welcome message for the first year

students.

“Welcome to CCM; you’ve made a great choice in coming here and it’s a great first step to new opportunities,” Dias said.

One student, Dan Wynne, said he was expecting more control over his own academics than he had in high school as well as having an increased workload.

First year students, like others, have a wide variety of majors with some undecided. One student, Komalah Smr, said she had settled on the major of actuarial science, the study of the trends of businesses, to predict the risks and their percentages because she has always been driven to success despite the risks she may have to take.

Christina Day said that she heard that college can be fun and that life is one’s oyster.

Furthermore, many students fear student loan debts or debts in general as well as that the courses will be hard. Cynthia Hunt said that she heard time management skills will be tested as well as keeping from being stressed.

LaVacca would change how accepting people were of him and how they treated him.

Cynthia Hunt said she would change how outgoing she was, “But everything else I’m proud of.”

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there is no requirement to post the certificates although each one says, “This certificate must be posted in a conspicuous location in the above premises.”

In addition, Briant said that the updated certificates are required to be displayed in a prominent location.

“I think some of them are just old certificates that have been posted and just not taken down,” Latincsics said. “There’s not a requirement to post them. But, [Briant] does come up frequently to check requirements of the code depending on the life hazard use of the building.”

Moreover, one of these certificates states that it expired 9 years ago. The certificate of inspection located in Emeriti Hall was issued Oct. 12, 2007 and expired August 31, 2008. The one in Cohen Hall was issued Dec. 23, 2009 and expired Sept. 30, 2010. The Henderson Hall certificate was issued April 19, 2013 and expired Feb. 15, 2015.

“The inspections are done as required by the Randolph Fire Marshal,” Latincsics said. “Certificates are old or out of date, and some actually expired ...We’re not posting them any further, as far as I know ...There isn’t a current work order that has been put out, but that’s something that we can look at to see where [the certificates] are and bring them down so we don’t have the confusion.”

The Uniform Fire Code describes life hazard use as “the use of a building or structure that may constitute a potential risk to human life, public welfare or firefighters.” The majority of the campus’ science labs are situated in Sheffield Hall, and the culinary arts classes are taught in the Student Center.

Non-life hazard use buildings are checked periodically,

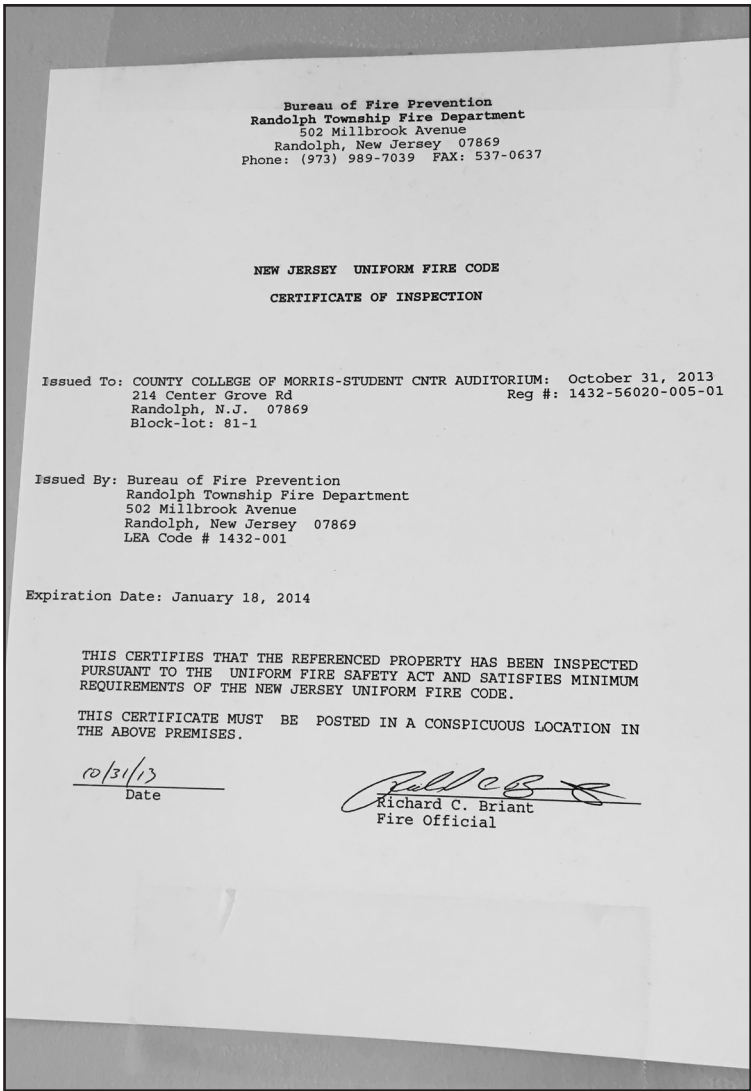


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A certificate expired in 2013 posted in the Dragonetti Auditorium.

Briant said. However, the CCM auditorium is required to be inspected quarterly while other buildings are checked annually.

Some concerned students at CCM said they would appreciate updated certificates.

“They should update it unless they want problems if students start posting it on social media,” said Zay Ellison, an early childhood development major at CCM. “I don’t think the school wants to get in trouble over a simple task to just change a sheet of paper.”

Ellison said students should feel reassured that their safety is CCM’s first priority, but instead, these certificates might end up making students feel unsafe.

Like Ellison, another student

believes that this can lead CCM to unnecessary trouble.

“To be honest, I think it’s a bad look for the college considering these forms are being publicly displayed,” said Fahad Siddiqui, a biology major at CCM. “They are expired for multiple years already, and I feel like some students who actually care might even complain to higher authority feeling as if they are not safe.”

On the other hand, one student tried looking at the situation through the school’s perspective.

“I would believe that running a college is a lot of work and very time-consuming,” said Abbey Long, a journalism major at CCM. “They could just be busy and forgot.”

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Announcement: Middle States reaccreditation coming for CCM

The last opportunity to review of the Middle States report and offer suggestions starts now. This opportunity will come to an end on Friday, 10/13/17.

The dates of the Middle States Evaluation Team visit are 3/25/18-3/28/18.

We encourage you to submit to us the names of outstanding students who would be willing to discuss their experiences with the visiting team. Please contact mjones@ccm.edu or mpersau@ccm.edu with these suggestions.

Thank you.
-Dr. Matthew T. Jones

Gubernatorial powers dictate future

Election primer: what CCM students need to know

BY CAROLINE O'BRIEN
Contributor

Registered New Jersey voters will elect a new governor, 40 state senators, 80 state general assembly members, and 40 county freeholders during the statewide election Tuesday, Nov. 7.

As incumbent Gov. Chris Christie has reached his term limits, voters will have the chance to elect his replacement in a race between the Democratic candidate Phil Murphy and the Republican candidate Lt. Gov. Kim Guadagno.

County College of Morris is in New Jersey’s 25th Legislative District; the candidates on the ballot include Anthony Bucco Sr. and Lisa Bhimani for Senate; Michael P. Carroll, Anthony M. Bucco Jr., Thomas Moran, and Richard Corcoran for General Assembly; and Heather Darling and Rozella Clyde for Freeholder.

All politics begin at the local level; the elected candidates will represent communities throughout New Jersey for the next two to four years. These representatives will decide on laws and budgets that will directly affect New Jersey communities. For accurate representation, residents may vote for the candidates with values and ideas similar to their own.

Mark Washburne, an associate professor of history and political science at CCM, said that the results of the gubernatorial election will give the public an idea of the state’s general sentiments toward state politics as well as federal.

“Pundits will be viewing the outcome of the two governors’ contests as an early test on the success of the Trump Administration and, in New Jersey, on the popularity of the Christie Administration, as Gov. Christie’s Lt. Gov. Kim Guadagno, is the Republican candidate,” Washburne said in an email.

Amanda Clark, a business major at CCM and a registered Republican, said she probably won’t vote in the gubernatorial election.

John Aliotta attends CCM for video game design, and he said he will probably register to vote and participate in the election.

Gubernatorial candidates

Guadagno is the Republican candidate for governor running with Carlos Rendo as her lieutenant governor. Guadagno has been lieutenant governor of New Jersey since 2010. According to her official campaign website, she plans to take politics out of transportation funding and prioritize projects based on need, congestion relief, safety and economic development. Guadagno plans to negotiate a fair

deal to ensure secure retirement for thousands of public workers, cut property tax by capping school taxes at 5 percent per annual household income, expand school choices, and reform school funding.

Murphy is the Democratic candidate running with Sheila Oliver as his lieutenant governor. According to the candidate’s official website, Murphy has spent his career learning how economies grow and has many plans for New Jersey, including investments in infrastructure to create new jobs and stronger, equalized wages; create public banks for small business investments; make college more affordable; fund women’s health programs; change ineffective tax breaks that only benefit large corporations; property tax relief that starts with fully funding public schools; and reform New Jersey’s criminal justice system, including legalization of marijuana to bring in new revenues.

Seth Kaper-Dale is a Green Party progressive running with Lisa Durden as his lieutenant governor. According to his campaign website, Kaper-Dale plans to create new income tax brackets to increase contribution from millionaires, decrease property tax, lower college costs, save state pensions, and allow single-payer Medicare to save money. He plans to open public banks to extend credit toward clean water, transportation infrastructure, and low-interest student loans. He promotes sanctuary cities, equal pay, minimum wage of \$15 per hour and fully funding public education with increased child care and after-school programs. Kaper-Dale also promotes renewable energy, plans to halt fossil fuel pipeline expansion and confront polluters harming poor communities. He plans to reform the criminal justice system by legalizing marijuana, eliminating racial disparity, ending mandatory sentencing minimums upon incarceration, providing the imprisoned with decent labor wages, and giving the imprisoned the right to vote.

Peter J. Rohrman is a Libertarian candidate running with Karrese Laguerre as his lieutenant governor. Rohrman’s campaign website explains that his “Fiscal Democracy” plan will eliminate property tax, gas tax, sales tax, vehicle registration fees, and limit income tax to 10 percent, allowing individuals to choose the government programs their tax payments will fund. He advocates voucher programs to allow municipalities to cut their educational costs in half while improving education and giving parents a choice of where their child attends school. Rohrman plans to legalize marijuana without need of government permits or additional taxes, and anticipates the use of executive power to reduce the drinking, smoking,

and gambling ages to 18.

Gina Genovese is an independent candidate for governor running with Darel Stroud as her lieutenant governor. According to her website, Genovese plans to reduce property taxes by 15 percent, review pension management fees and seek better options, build on our educational and business partnerships to stimulate growth, build new affordable housing units by 2022, and protect the environment.

Matthew Riccardi of the Constitution Party pledges to maintain the highest ethical standards. His main goal is to restore trust and integrity to the governor’s office. According to his website, he promises to conduct a thorough review of every department under the authority of the governor and audit the state government starting with the Executive Branch. Those who abuse funds will be expelled from their positions and judicial proceedings. He will also veto any legislation that increases state spending or debt.

Vincent Ross of the We the People Party will be running with April A. Johnson as his lieutenant governor. He aspires to represent the working people of New Jersey.

Senatorial candidates

Lisa Bhimani is the Democratic candidate for senator, running a joint campaign with Democratic general assembly candidates Richard Corcoran and Thomas Moran. Their official website focuses on issues such as women’s continued struggle against discrimination and resistance to equal pay for equal work. They also plan to take steps to make gun ownership safer, and continue to fight for affordable, universal health care for all residents.

Anthony Bucco Sr., the Republican incumbent, was elected to the chamber in 1997. Bucco is running for re-election in a joint campaign with Anthony M. Bucco Jr. and Michael P. Carroll. Bucco Sr. has been involved with the New Jersey Labor Committee, Joint Budget and Oversight Committee and the Budget and Appropriations committee.

General Assembly candidates

Anthony M. Bucco Jr. a Republican candidate from Boonton, was elected to the Chamber in 2009. Since then, he has served on the Committee of Commerce and Economic Development and the Budget Committee.

Michael Patrick Carroll, Republican incumbent from Morris Plains, was elected to the Chamber in 1995. He earned his Bachelor of arts in history and political science from Johns Hopkins University and his J.D. from Rutgers School of Law. Since 1995 he has served on five committees including Judiciary, Law and Public Safety; State and Local Government; Joint Com-

mittee on Housing; and the Affordability Committee. He also has experience as an adjunct professor at the County College of Morris.

Thomas Moran, a Democratic candidate from Randolph, earned his Master’s Degrees from Columbia University and Montclair State University. He believes economic growth must be coupled with conserving resources and safeguarding the environment. He believes that the best way to make lives better is to grow the economy by developing a skilled workforce through elementary, secondary, and university education.

Richard Corcoran, a Democratic candidate from Boonton, is a certified public accountant, holding additional accreditation in business valuation. He notices that the state needs elected officials who understand the fiduciary responsibility, not only for today’s residents, but for the future residents as well.

County Freeholder candidates

Heather Darling, is the Republican candidate for freeholder and a self-proclaimed “conservative-businesswoman.” She has volunteered with the Morris County Housing Partnership and the County College of Morris Women’s Center. According to her campaign website, Darling would like to see programs at County College of Morris and Morris County School of Technology that provide a viable labor force for both small and large business in Morris County.

Dr. Rozella Clyde is the Democratic candidate for freeholder. She is a dedicated leader who spent over 40 years as a social studies teacher. According to her website, she plans to sustain the economy through fair labor policies, affordable housing, safe havens for refugees and

immigrants, placing emphasis on locally owned businesses, and creating job fairs at high schools and CCM.

Public questions

Voters will also be responsible for answering yes or no on two public questions. The first question grants bonds for public libraries; voting “yes” on this question supports authorizing the state to issue \$125 million in bonds to provide grants to public libraries. The state librarian would develop the eligibility criteria for libraries to receive grants covering 50 percent of the cost of projects. The other 50 percent would be provided by a library’s local government and private donors. A “no” vote opposes the authorization of said bonds.

Public Question Two is a motion to dedicate revenue from environmental damage lawsuits to environmental projects. To vote “yes” supports the use of state revenue from legal settlements related to natural resource damages in cases of environmental contamination toward repairing, restoring, replacing, and protecting natural resources and paying the costs of pursuing said settlements. Voting “no” indicates opposition to this amendment and allows the current revenue from these lawsuits to continue to be used for any state purpose; a large portion of this revenue has already been used to balance the state budget.

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Women's soccer rebounds after mid-season losses

BY CONNOR IAPOCE
Sports Editor

The women's soccer team at County College of Morris performed strongly with a three-game winning streak at the start of their season, but these impressive wins were soon followed by a four-game losing streak before the Titans won again.

Their overall National Junior College Athletic Association record is 4-4 with a Region XIX record of 1-3 at presstime. Regardless, players and coaches are impressed with how the team is shaping up this year.

"I can't fault their effort and determination and just their focus coming in that they want to get better every game," said Roger Stephens, head coach of the Lady Titans. "I mean, that's the key. If you have that kind of motivation, you're just going to get better."

Stephens, the assistant director of athletics at CCM and a veteran coach in his 25th season with the soccer program, is supported in turn by a staff of three newcomers in their first season on the team, consisting of assistant coach Vincent Catizone, assistant coach Alex Katz, and assistant coach Vincenzo Bernardo. The team also has two student assistants, Taylor Fehnel and Zabrina Gale whose two-seasons limits imposed by NJCAA expired last year, in their first year with this role.

"I mean, the real key to success is just, number one, you want to get the best staff you can," Stephens said. "Number two, it's all about recruiting at the college level. If you're not getting out beat-

ing the bushes all the time, you're not going to get those extra players from different schools. The other part of it is just the preparation and the professionalism that I think our staff brings everyday to practices and games."

The Lady Titans have an impressive roster consisting of eight returners and nine rookie players. They are led by three sophomore captains, Amanda Lawrence, Stephanie Williams, and returning captain Raenna Cope.

"Being a Titan gives you purpose," said Raenna Cope, a sophomore business administration major and center back captain. "It's not like just coming to school and going home; it's like a whole other family."

Freshman striker Samantha Corrales is the team's leading scorer with 11 goals and one assist for a total of 19 points at presstime. She recorded a hat trick in her team's 4-1 win against Mercer County Community College Wednesday, Oct. 4.

"Another key is our leading scorer Samantha Corrales, who got [Garden State Athletic Conference] player of the week the second week of the season, which is phenomenal when you consider there are teams in the region," Stephens said. "We also have three first-year all-region players who are returning this year, so hopefully they have a second shot at it."

The season started strong during the home opener against Cumberland County College Saturday, Sept. 2. The match was a high scoring offensive win for the Titans with a final score of 7-1.

Defense would subsequently



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Keisy Ramos and Kylie Scinto defend against Mercer County Community College in a 4-1 win for CCM on Wednesday, Oct. 4.

"Being a Titan gives you purpose. It's not like just coming to school and going home; it's like a whole other family."

Raenna Cope
Center back captain

prove to be a strong factor in the success of the Titans, during a series of four away games in the schedule.

The following two games played were both strong defensive wins, including two impressive shutouts for sophomore goalkeeper Kayla Beal.

Beal averaged 1.7 goals per game at presstime. The Lady Titans average 1.86 goals per game, according to NJCAA statistics.

A 1-0 win Saturday, Sept. 9 against Bucks County Community College was followed by a 3-0 win against Middlesex County College Thursday, Sept. 14.

Bernardo is new to the organization, but he is no stranger to the sport of soccer, having played professionally in Italy and Guatemala. Bernardo said he is still growing into his role in the new environment, but he is impressed with his team's players' own growth both on and off the field and is excited for what is to come at the end of the season.

"My prediction is obviously just to play good soccer every game that we have," Bernardo said about his predictions for the season's outcome. "We obviously want to win; we want to be competitive, so that's always the goal. But the short term goal is to get better each practice and win each game that is coming up."

An away loss of 0-1 at Rowan College at Gloucester County Saturday, Sept. 16 was followed the next week by an away loss of 0-1 at Sussex County Community College Thursday, Sept. 21.

"I think we can do great things," said Lawrence, a sophomore human services major and outside left midfielder. "I think we are kinda at a little standstill right now, but once we get our



Striker Samantha Corrales chases a mid-air ball at the game against Mercer County Community College Wednesday, Oct. 4.

heads back into it, I think we can go pretty far. We have great potential."

The biggest deficit for the Titans this season came against Essex County College with a 1-7 away loss Tuesday, Sept. 26. Stephens referred to this game as a blip in their performance, not a result of lack of team effort or determination.

The latest game for the Lady Titans was a double overtime loss against Rowan College at Burlington County. The score was 1-1 through regular play after a goal by Lawrence in the 82nd minute to tie up the match. The Lady Titans would allow no goals through the first overtime but trailed after a game-winning goal for RCBC in the second overtime, making the final score 1-2.

The Lady Titans are focused on improvement both on and off the field. Stephens said the players regularly condition in the weight room to improve their fitness. The captains emphasized the importance of communication in a game setting.

"The key to success is communication," Lawrence said. "Being on the same page with

the girls, especially having a deep team bond."

"I would say, finding each other on the field is a key to success," Cope said.

The captains say the team is close-knit and bond outside of school, which helps them find success on the field. A Titan is more than just a competitive player on the soccer field.

"Being a Titan makes you want to be successful, because you know, you have your name to it," Lawrence said. "You're associated with the school; you're associated with yourself, and you want to win. You want to do good things."

The coaching staff's ultimate goal this season is to reach the NJCAA regional tournament.

"Ideally the focus is always to get to the region tournament and beyond," Stephens said. "Then, the bottom line is you've just gotta get focused and get better every game and every day you step on the field, whether it is practice or a game."

The Lady Titans' next home game is at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12 against Raritan Valley Community College.



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