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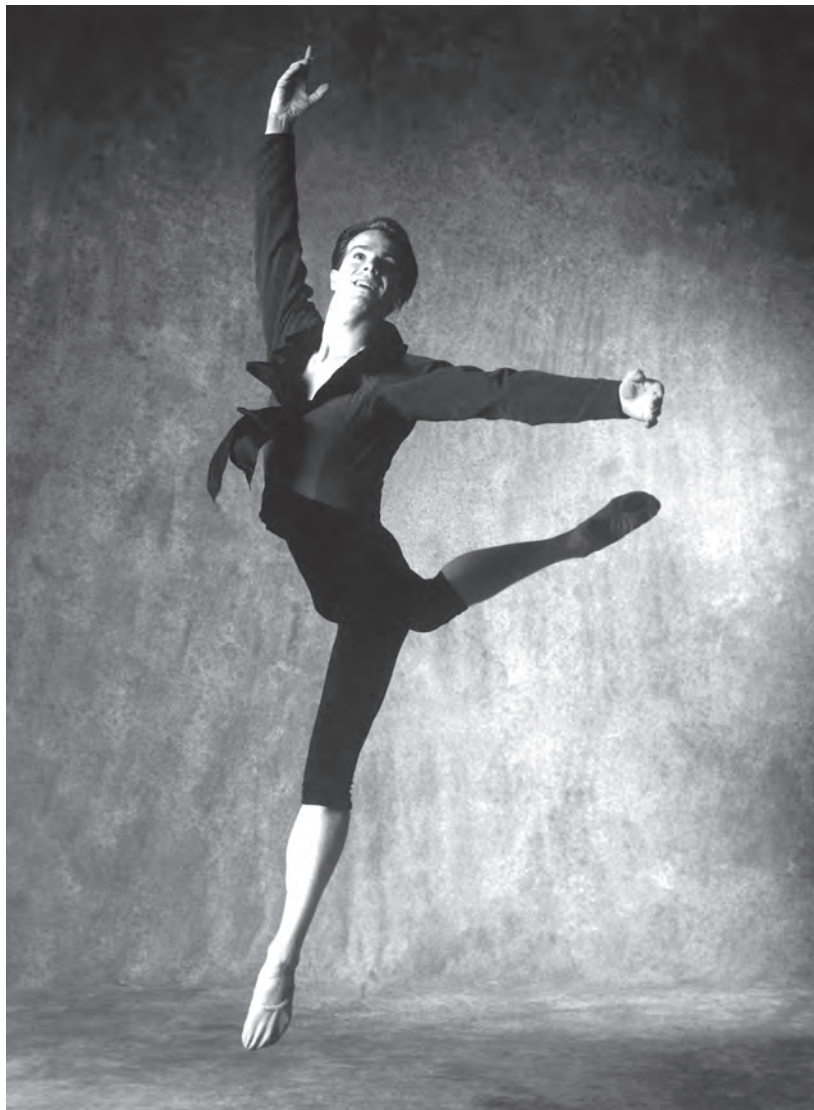
# Alumni

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## Advocate

### CCM Dance Program Stays On Its Toes

By Mary Ann Kiczek



Assistant Professor Terence Duncan

The CCM Dance Associate of Fine Arts (AFA) degree program, which took its first steps back in 1976, recently moved to the Liberal Arts Division. Previously, it resided in the Health and Natural Sciences Division. The dance program is included in the newly named Music, Dance, and Performing Arts Department.

Professor Marielaine Mammon, Chairperson of the department, has assumed responsibility for the dance program, with Terence Duncan in the role of Dance Program Coordinator. The dance AFA program, which is one of only a few in the country, emphasizes performance and technique, and prepares students who are interested in going on to four-year schools and/or aspire to careers in performance.

In a recent interview, Professor Mammon commented on the recent move. "The move to bring all the performing arts together is a step in the right direction. It unifies the arts, integrates the faculties of each of the disciplines, and, most importantly, it enables the music students, dance students, and performing arts students to share experiences and support one another. It's very rewarding to see the students meeting one another. I anticipate that supporting each others' performances will bring them even closer," she said.

#### "At the Bottom," makes it to the top

In March of this year, CCM dance students and faculty scored high marks at the 2010 Mid-Atlantic Region American College Dance Festival (ACDF), a regional event held at Virginia Commonwealth University. Of the more than 25 schools represented at the event, CCM was one of only two community colleges adjudicated. "At the Bottom," choreographed by CCM Adjunct Professor Lisa Peluso, was selected as a finalist and performed at the festival's closing night gala.

"It was a real honor for CCM to have its dance program critiqued alongside colleges and universities with four-year programs and to receive such accolades. It speaks volumes about the professional training our dance program students receive and the artistry of the faculty," commented Colleen McArdle, a 1987 graduate of the program and now CCM Coordinator of Special Events and an Adjunct Professor of Dance here. Additional dance program faculty members include Lisa Peluso, Kristin Egan, Trayer Run-Kowzun and Tammy Van Koppen-Klinck.

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### CCM Continues to Invest in the Sciences

The County College of Morris has unveiled four new facilities – three upgrades and a new building – that will enhance the college's science program. In May, the college broke ground on a new Landscape and Horticultural Technology building, which is scheduled to open for the spring 2011 term. The new, 7,200 square foot building will consist of a drafting room with dual use drafting and computer workstations, a computer lab, two "hands-on" classrooms, an administrative area, faculty offices, a conference room, restrooms and a large entry corridor for student displays. In addition, it was designed to receive the U.S. Green Building LEED Silver Certification. Sustainable features include geothermal heating and cooling, photovoltaic panels on two sloped metal standing roof beams, a vegetated flat roof, recycled and recyclable building materials, a rain collection system and maximum use of natural light.

In April 2010, CCM launched the new Longo Planetarium, and substantial renovations were made to the Nursing and Biology laboratories, including 9,850

square feet of new teaching space, with 230 students able to utilize the renovated area at one time. The project consists of four new biology labs, seven new nursing labs and three laboratory support spaces. The biology labs include new casework, sinks, safety/shower/eye washes, new equipment, bio-safety cabinets, floorings, energy efficient lighting with occupancy sensors, lab services, computers and technology upgrades. The nursing lab renovations include new casework, Intensive Care headwalls, lab services, flooring, energy efficient lighting with occupancy sensors, folding partitions, furniture and technology upgrades.

"We are particularly pleased to offer our students enhanced facilities for the sciences," said Dr. Edward J. Yaw, president of the County College of Morris. "This commitment reinforces our ability to produce graduates able to continue their science and technology educations at four-year colleges or to enter the science and technology marketplace immediately after graduation from CCM."



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# From the Director



OK CCM alumni, you faked me out. Last year's July bus trip was a sell out, so I had high hopes for this July. Unfortunately, we didn't generate much enthusiasm for a trip to Times Square in NYC. The brave souls who did venture into the heart of Manhattan on a very hot Saturday in July managed to enjoy quite a variety of activities. It was a "pick your own" choice of adventures, and the experiences included the King Tut exhibit, a couple of different Broadway shows, a shopping excursion, dinner at the famous "Carmines" and a stroll around the Times Square area. You missed the fun! However, if you do have an idea about where you would like to venture next July, just let me know.

I am pleased to announce some new benefits for CCM Alumni. You can now enjoy exclusive discounts on Broadway, Sports, Restaurants, Museums and more through Plum Benefits. You will soon be able to save a percentage on your auto insurance through our partnership with High Point Insurance. Travel all over the world and get discounts on hotels and condominiums thanks to an upcoming affinity program with Wyndham Worldwide. See more information on these exclusive offerings in the article below.



Another reminder to join us on Facebook: go to the "Official CCM Alumni Page" and see postings from other CCM graduates, photos of events, and announcements about upcoming activities.

How about sending in an update on what you are doing so that we can print it in this newsletter? Looking for fellow classmates? Put a shout out in your update. The newsletter gets circulated to over 26,000 alumni. One of your friends is bound to see it and connect with you. In every issue we include alumni news in the "What's new With Graduates" section. Send us a photo and give us some background on what you have been up to after County College of Morris. We like to read about your new job, your retirement, your move to a new state, your accomplishments, your awards, a business you started, your continuing education, and don't forget to include a photo! Either use the form in this newsletter or use the Address Update form and submit it from our website. Let's hear from our more than forty years of graduates!

Don't forget to join us for this year's bus trip to Radio City! We have great orchestra seats once again. They will go fast – so get those reservations in quickly!

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## New Benefit Programs Offered to CCM Alumni

By Barbara Capsouras

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As we head back into the busy season with work, school, and holiday activities, it's important to still have some fun! Be sure to take advantage of the great discounts to live entertainment in and around NYC - you might be surprised at some of the new events and prices you'll find through Plum Benefits. Weekend get-aways, VIP access to the best on Broadway, box seats at NYC's best sports clubs – need we say more?



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- Spider-Man, Turn Off the Dark – hot new musical, limited time from \$75
- Wintuk – final season – tickets from \$46.75
- New Jersey Nets – save 50%
- Sfoglia Italian Restaurant – save 30%

New discounts offered each month. County College of Morris Alumni now have automatic access to these exclusive entertainment savings through Plum Benefits at absolutely no cost.



High Point Auto Insurance is a proud New Jersey expert with a culture of service and excellence from their True Service Pledge to innovative claims and customer service programs. Be on the lookout for more information on how they can help CCM alumni!

Look for information on the forthcoming travel discount savings program with Wyndham Worldwide's Endless Vacation Rentals and Wyndham Hotel Group. Enjoy discounted rates at vacation rentals of beautiful resorts, villas, cottages and homes around the world, as well as with the 12 distinct brands and close to 7,000 hotels worldwide.

## William McElroy Joins Foundation Board



William McElroy '83, senior vice president at Liberty International Underwriters (LIU) in New York, has been elected to the Board of Directors of the CCM Foundation. Prior to joining LIU, Bill was president of Kemper Environmental, an operating unit of the Kemper Insurance Group, based in Princeton NJ.

From 1992 to 2000, he worked for Zurich Insurance Company in various capacities in the environmental department. He began his insurance career in 1986 with AIG, where, among other things, he was responsible for building AIG's Underground Storage Tank operations.

After graduating from CCM, Bill went on to receive a B.S. with honors in biology from Cook College/Rutgers University in 1985.

When the CCM Foundation honored faithful contributors at the "Donors for a Decade" celebration in 1998, Bill was included. That commitment has continued, and in 2007 at the gala celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the CCM Foundation, Bill received the Alumnus of the Year Award.

CCM has played a big role in the McElroy family. Each of his three brothers attended the college, and his father taught as an adjunct professor at the college.

Bill lives with his wife and four children in Princeton Junction, NJ. In addition to his work for CCM, he is a life member of the New Jersey Audubon Society.

# Steve Swanbeck & Jersey Girl Chocolate: Perfect Together

By Mary Ann Kiczek

Willy Wonka has nothing on Jersey Girl Chocolate, a chocolate lover's dream with a local moniker. Jersey Girl Chocolate is the creation of **Steve Swanbeck '76**, who started the business four years ago. Thanks to the expertise of a master chocolatier using high quality ingredients, Jersey Girl Chocolate delivers a superior product wrapped in an namesake that has a considerable following.

"The term 'Jersey Girl' has a favorable connotation here in the Garden State. Everyday I run into women of all ages and backgrounds who are proud to call themselves Jersey Girls," said Steve, who grew up in East Hanover. "And while I expected that the Jersey Girl name would attract initial attention, I knew from the beginning that if I wanted repeat business, I had to offer a quality product," he added.

## From the written word to the bitten chocolate

Sweets weren't part of Steve's early career path. After graduating from CCM, Steve earned a BA degree in Journalism from the University of Georgia. From there, he started out on a career that included work as a journalist, owner of an advertising and PR firm, and author of three books. Over the years, he has lived in several areas of this country, as well as in Portugal, but his heart always was – and still is – in Jersey.

That's why no one was surprised with his latest endeavor. Upon launching his confectionary business concept in 2006, Steve started going door-to-door, stopping at retail establishments throughout the state, product in hand. "I got a great reception, and over the years, I've built my base to include several hundred customers," he offered. To supplement Steve's efforts, his company, Jersey Brands LLC, has five independent sales representatives and three distributors, but for the most part, Steve does much of the work himself.

The 2.25 ounce Jersey Girl Chocolate bars come in four varieties. They are "rich, creamy, and made with premium cocoa beans," Steve says with a well-deserved sense of pride. He reports that milk chocolate is by far the most popular, followed by dark chocolate, peanut butter milk chocolate, and carmel milk chocolate. A year and a half ago, Jersey Brands extended its line to include "Jersey Shore Fudge" "prepared the old-fash-

ioned way," he says, "with sweet cream, real butter, pure cane sugar, Belgian chocolate and Dutch cocoa" and wrapped individually in 2-ounce squares.

## Spreading chocolate joy in the Garden State

A typical day-in-the-life of Jersey Girl Chocolate begins at 8:30 am when Steve sets out to see new customers and build relationships with established ones. Every few weeks, one of the stops on his route is the CCM Campus Store, where manager Janice (Mimi) Andrews reports that Jersey Girl bars are a popular item. "The students love them," she commented. "And it's great to know that they come to us by way of an alumnus."



Danielle Schmidt '05 satisfies her chocolate craving with help from Mimi Andrews in CCM Campus Store.

In planning his business venture, one thing Steve didn't calculate was how often he would have to restock the shelves. "It's a good problem to have," he said "but I can only cover so much ground." He is generally on the road until about 4:00 pm, after which he returns to his office to tend to administrative work.

Jersey Girl Chocolate bars lend themselves perfectly to fundraising efforts by girls' sports teams and dance and cheerleading competitions. Other event-related sales like weddings also contribute to the business. For Diane Coughlin, Jersey Girl Chocolate turned out to be the perfect treat to include in the hotel welcome bags she provided for guests at her daughter's wedding.



## CCM Winner's Circle

"Our out-of-town guests loved them," she said. She recently reordered for a wedding shower she hosted.

## Living the life of an entrepreneur

Having the freedom to follow his hunches and the flexibility to adjust his schedule are what Steve finds so rewarding about self-employment. In his 28 years as an entrepreneur, he's prided himself on offering good products and services at a reasonable price. Like other businesses, the economic downturn has impacted his business. "If my customers have fewer people walking into their stores, it follows that I'm going to sell fewer chocolate bars," he commented.

Steve's advice to aspiring entrepreneurs is succinct. "Don't quit your day job," he says half jokingly, before quickly adding "until you know that there is a market for your product or service and you understand what your customers want. Breaking into business is generally not easy."

## Steve credits CCM

Steve attributes much of his success to CCM. "I had a late start. I wasn't ready for college when I graduated from high school," he admits. But five years later he decided to give CCM a try. "CCM got me to really enjoy learning. That might sound a little corny, but it's true. I enjoyed my classes, and the school gave me a good foundation for continuing my education at the University of Georgia. I believe if it weren't for CCM, my life could have taken a different turn."

And if that were the case, there might not be Jersey Girl Chocolate. So there's a good chance that Steve's Jersey Girl Chocolate fans out there are grateful for the education Steve got as well.

To find a list of retailers carrying Jersey Girl Chocolate or for wholesale or fundraising sales, visit the company's website at [jerseygirlchocolate.com](http://jerseygirlchocolate.com).

# CCM and the College of St. Elizabeth Sign Joint Agreement – Communications and Journalism students transfer seamlessly to CSE

By Mary Ann Kiczek

On April 27, County College of Morris and the College of St. Elizabeth signed a Joint Agreement to allow students admitted to CCM's associates in arts degree program in Communications or Journalism also to be admitted to CSE's baccalaureate program in Communications.



Dr. Dwight Smith and Dr. Edward Yaw of CCM and Sister Francis Rafferty and Dr. James Dlugos of College of St. Elizabeth

Upon graduation from CCM, students in the program will be able to take up to an additional 33 credits at CCM. The remaining credits toward the bachelor's degree would be selected from CSE's courses, most of which will be offered at the CCM campus.

"The joint agreement with the College of St. Elizabeth in Communications and Journalism provides a wonderful opportunity for our students who will now be able to transfer seamlessly to CSE. At the same time, it allows our students to continue taking courses here at CCM beyond their associate's degree. A number of students have already expressed a lot of enthusiasm about this program," commented Dr. Noel Robinson, Coordinator of Journalism and Communications. The Communications Program offers an undergraduate bachelor's degree that provides coursework in both mass communications and communications studies. Understanding the theories and principles of communication and developing highly refined communica-

tion skills are essential to understanding the roles and responsibilities of communicating between individuals, within groups, and to mass audiences. The communications program seeks to educate both consumers and producers of information to facilitate mutual understanding and to promote individual freedom.

Interestingly, Dr. Dan Agatino, Assistant Professor and Coordinator of the Communications Major at CSE, is a graduate of CCM. He had this to say, "As a graduate of CCM and as a professor at CSE, I can consider a variety of perspectives related to this initiative, and, overall, it is a win-win program for the students and both colleges."

This Joint Agreement is similar to those in Business Administration and Criminal Justice that the two schools previously put in place.

For more information about the program, contact Dr. Dan Agatino of CSE at [dagatino@cse.edu](mailto:dagatino@cse.edu) or Dr. Noel Robinson of CCM at [nrobinson@ccm.edu](mailto:nrobinson@ccm.edu).

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# What's New With CCM Graduates

By Barbara Capsouras

The following class notes information was obtained from submitted Alumni Update forms. Graduates who completed work for their CCM degrees in December are officially recorded and listed under January of the following year.

## 1973



**Mark E. Lizotte** graduated with an A.A.S. degree in Business Career. He has been involved in planning tradeshows, roadshows and special events in the tradeshow industry for close to 30 years. Mark is a Sales Executive with Creative Management Services/DBA MC-2.

## 1974

**Michael D. Yaros** obtained an A.A.S. degree in Business Career. He is currently the Manager of Bermingham Funeral Home in Wharton, New Jersey. Their beautiful new facility is a full service funeral home that offers traditional funerals, cremations and memorial services.

## 1975



**Janice (Roe) Smith** received an A.A.S. degree in Office Systems Technology and an A.A. degree in Humanities/Social Science in 1977. She continued her education at Seton Hall University, where she received her B.A. degree in Sociology. Janice currently holds the title of Managing Director for Bank of America in Charlotte, North Carolina and runs its commercial real estate servicing platform. She previously served as head of CMBS servicing for JP Morgan Chase in New York, and prior to that was senior Vice President in charge of Operations for David Cronheim Mortgage Corp. in N.J. Janice owns a horse farm on 52 acres in NC called Rosehill Stables ([www.rosehillinnnc.com](http://www.rosehillinnnc.com)) where they offer boarding and training, dressage and jumping lessons, basic horsemanship, and a therapeutic riding program. She expects to expand her farm to include a luxury bed and breakfast in the next couple of years.

government and corporate investigative experience. Since 1987, Ken has been an instructor of computer crime and crime analysis courses at several universities, colleges, and state police academies nationwide, and is currently instructing courses in advanced computer crime investigative techniques at Fairleigh Dickinson University Cyber Crime Lab in New Jersey. In May 2010, he joined Protiviti Inc., a global business consulting and internal audit firm, as a Managing Director and leader of the New York City E-Discovery Team within the firm's Litigation, Restructuring and Investigative Services. He holds numerous certifications and has testified as an expert witness on the subject of computer forensic evidence and internet investigations.

## 1976



**Kenneth B. Leissler** was awarded an A.S. degree in Criminal Justice and is a graduate of the National Intelligence Academy, the Federal Law Enforcement Training Academy and the National Crime Prevention Institute at the University of Louisville. Ken has 34 years of

government and corporate investigative experience. Since 1987, Ken has been an instructor of computer crime and crime analysis courses at several universities, colleges, and state police academies nationwide, and is currently instructing courses in advanced computer crime investigative techniques at Fairleigh Dickinson University Cyber Crime Lab in New Jersey. In May 2010, he joined Protiviti Inc., a global business consulting and internal audit firm, as a Managing Director and leader of the New York City E-Discovery Team within the firm's Litigation, Restructuring and Investigative Services. He holds numerous certifications and has testified as an expert witness on the subject of computer forensic evidence and internet investigations.



**Joseph J. Blaettler '05** earned a degree in Criminal Justice from CCM. He graduated with high honors from the College of Saint Elizabeth with a B.S. in Justice Studies, where he also received an M.S. in Police Administration. He holds the distinction of being a graduate of the prestigious FBI National Academy. Joe is a retired Deputy Chief of Police for Union City, New Jersey. Currently, he is the owner and principal operator of East Coast Private Investigations of New Jersey, which is a full service investigations and security consulting firm. Joe has over 27 years of military and police experience. During his law enforcement career, he served in numerous operational and management positions. He has extensive experience in undercover and surveillance operations and has previously been

certified in Superior Court of New Jersey as an expert in narcotics identification and investigations. He is also an adjunct professor at Essex County College and the University of Phoenix, teaching Contemporary Issues in Law Enforcement. He is a State of New Jersey Certified Public Manager and a State of New Jersey licensed private investigator. Joe is a member of the Morris County Chamber of Commerce Leadership Morris Class of 2010 and the United States Marine Corps Association. In his spare time, Joe enjoys playing ice hockey and golf. For more information on East Coast Private Investigations, visit [www.ecpinj.com](http://www.ecpinj.com)

## 1977



**Denise K. Rago** earned an A.A. degree in Humanities/Social Science. She went on to Montclair State University and earned a B.A. in Anthropology. Denise is a longtime blogger, avid reader, and art history buff who earned her M.A. in Museum Profes-

sions at Seton Hall University and interned at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. This fall, she is publishing her first novel, a blend of paranormal intrigue and literary fiction titled *Immortal Obsession*, which is attracting voracious fiction readers and lovers of the vampire genre alike. Visit her at [www.denisekrago.com](http://www.denisekrago.com) She resides in Morris Plains, New Jersey with her family.

## 1982



**William J. Behre** obtained an A.A.S. degree in Business Career. In 1983, after attending training at the Morris County Police Academy, he was sworn in the Chatham Township Police Department. He spent his entire career there, as a patrol officer, a member of traffic safety, detective, sergeant, patrol sergeant, acting administrative lieutenant, and finally lieutenant until his recent retirement. His skill at detecting a drunk driver led to an unprecedented number of drunk driving arrests. Bill and his wife Karen have three grown children and two grandchildren. He expects to be enjoying retirement playing golf, softball and riding his motorcycle.

## 1994



**Laura A. Ryblewski** obtained an A.A. degree in Humanities/Social Science Music Option. She continued her education at Montclair State University, earning a B.A. in Theatre and minor in Musical Theatre and a M.A. in Counseling and Human Services

with a concentration in Higher Education. While at CCM, Laura performed in musical productions, worked in a variety of offices, including Student Activities, served as Treasurer of the Student Activities Programming Board (SAPB), was a CCM Ambassador, and volunteered for the Alumni Phonathon. She was elected as Alumni Trustee and remained involved at CCM even after her graduation. Laura has worked at Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, NY and Montclair State University and is presently the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs in the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs at Rutgers University-Newark campus. While working at Montclair State, she received the Alpha Lambda Delta Executive Director's Advisor of the Year Award for 2005. Laura is currently the Alumni President of Sigma Delta Phi Sorority, Inc. housed at Montclair State and the Conference Coordinator for the New Jersey Association for New Student Advocates (NJANSA).

## 1997

**Lovesky J. Rosario** earned an A.A. degree in Humanities/Social Science. He is a Financial Services Associate with Prudential Financial. He can help individuals grow and protect their wealth through his experience and skills as a licensed financial professional. For more information go to [www.prudential.com/us/lowesky.rosario](http://www.prudential.com/us/lowesky.rosario)

## 1998



**Robert E. Pedatella** received an A.A.S. degree in Landscape Management. He is president of Kodiak Landscape & Design in Haskell, New Jersey, which offers landscape design, maintenance, paver design and installation and snow removal. In August 2010, after 15 years of active involvement, Robert was selected as vice president of the New Jersey Landscape Contractors Association (NJLCA). Robert is a Certified Landscape Technician in softscape and hardscape installation, and has been involved as a Chair for this exam designation for four years and as an evaluator for 13 years. He also serves as a Chair for the JTA and Hardscape Installation Specialty and as an Evaluator for the PLAN-ET (Professional Landcare Network) Landscape Industry Certified Technician exam. He was awarded the prestigious NJLCA Contractor of the Year Award for 2008. Visit [www.kodiaklandscaping.com](http://www.kodiaklandscaping.com) for more information.

## 1999

**John H. Crozier** graduated with an A.S. degree in Business Administration. He holds the title of Regional Project Manager at Control Products Inc.

## 2000

**Catherine M. (Barnett) Cabarle** was awarded an A.A. degree in Dance. She continued her education at Rutgers University where she received a B.A. in Dance in 2002. Catherine and her husband, **Kevin**, a 1998 CCM graduate with an A.A.S. degree in Microcomputer Technical Support, reside in Long Valley, New Jersey.

**Virginia M. (Sicari) Heatter** earned an A.A. degree in Humanities/Social Science. She then earned a B.A. in English from Boston College, and in 2010 earned an M.F.A. in Creative Writing from Cornell University. Virginia taught Academic and Creative Writing at Cornell for two years. She is currently working on a book on poetry. She also has worked on poems forthcoming in the *Mid-America Review* and the *Colorado Review*.

**Eric J. Kinney** received an A.S. degree in Business Administration. He graduated magna cum laude from Seton Hall University with a B.S. in Accounting in 2003, followed by an M.S. in Professional Accounting from Seton Hall in 2004. Eric works for Prudential Financial as a Financial Analyst.

## 2001

**Dana E. (DeBalko) Agresti** obtained an A.A. degree in Humanities/Social Science. She is currently employed by the New Jersey Department of Agriculture (NJDA), Division of Plant Industry as an Entomologist.

## 2002



**Jessica R. (Richardson) Wysocki** earned an A.A. degree in Humanities/Social Science and then received a B.A. in Commercial Recreation, Tourism & Hospitality Management from Montclair State in 2004. She is currently employed at Eagles Talent Connection as the Director of Speaker Acquisitions. She recently passed the New Jersey Real Estate exam, and is employed by Re/Max Premier in Warren N.J. In 2007, Jessica married CCM graduate

**Stephen Wysocki**. He received an A.A.S. degree in Telecommunications Systems in 2002, a B.A. from NYIT and is currently working on his MBA at Centenary College. They reside in Madison, N.J.

## 2005



**Christopher Awad** received an A.S. degree in Criminal Justice. He is a graduate student at Caldwell College and a high school fencing coach. In July 2010, Chris embarked on a "Climb to Fight Breast Cancer" with the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. He did this to honor two fellow fencing coaches who are currently battling cancer. He chose to climb Mt. Baker in Washington State. He exceeded his fundraising goal of \$3,000 and is proud to have accomplished this difficult climb. "It was an experience I'll never forget," said Christopher. "The higher we climbed the more dangerous and exhausting it became but when you are surrounded by good people and working to fund a cure you find the motivation to continue on." This spring Chris will climb to the top of Mount Shasta in California and all the proceeds from his climb go to breast cancer research. For more information or to make a donation, please contact [ChrisAwad@optonline.net](mailto:ChrisAwad@optonline.net).

**Rebecca Moore** graduated with an A.A. degree in Design. She continued her education at Kean University and received a B.F.A. in Interior Design. Rebecca has been employed by Toys R Us Inc. for more than two years, starting as a CAD Specialist. She was promoted this year to Store Designer in the Design and Construction Department.

**Emily E. Simmons** received an A.A.S. degree in Nursing and in 2010 received her M.S. in Nursing from Seton Hall University. She became Board Certified as an Adult Nurse Practitioner in 2010.

## 2006



**Kathryn E. (Beversluis) Hansen** obtained an A.A. degree in Humanities/Social Science, followed by a B.A. in History in 2009 and a M.A. in Teaching in 2010 from Drew University. She was asked to give the commencement

speech on behalf of the Casperson School of Graduate Studies this past May. Kathryn married her husband, Ryan, in May at the Drew University Chapel. They recently moved to Warwick, NY, where they held the grand opening of their Crossfit gym, a performance based fitness center and Crossfit affiliate using a unique method of fitness based on varied, functional movements performed at high intensity. ([www.crossfitwarwick.com](http://www.crossfitwarwick.com))

## In Memoriam

### 1974

**Robert Crossley**  
A.A.S. Business Career

### 1978

**Harriet Clarkson**  
A.A.S. Nursing

### 1985

**James Turner**  
A.A.S. Landscape Management

### 1988

**Jessie Bruzard**  
A.A. Humanities/Social Science/Broadcasting  
CCM Alumni Board - Member Emerita 2009

### 2006

**George Larson**  
A.A.S. Information Technologies



### Midseason spurt helps baseball team give new coach a winning record

After sputtering to a 9-12 record midway through the 2010 season, the CCM baseball team turned things around. Beginning with a 14-1 drubbing of Dutchess County College in New York, the Titans won six of their next seven games and closed out the season with a 14-9 mark in their final 23 contests.

**El'Hajj Muhammad**, a freshman pitcher from Somerset, was the Titans' top individual star this spring. He tied school records for victories (eight) and complete games (six) in going 8-3 with a 4.72 earned run average. He struck out 88 batters and surrendered only 61 hits in 74 1/3 innings. Muhammad also hit .380 at the plate with five home runs and 31 runs batted in. His efforts earned him first-team all-Region XIX honors and a nomination as a junior college all-American.

**Ryan Akers**, a sophomore infielder from Clifton, led the team in homers (six) and RBI (52), and was second in batting average (.406) and doubles (14).

**Jake Lloyd**, a freshman outfielder from Landing, was tops with a .409 average and 15 doubles, adding three homers and 41 RBI. **Chris Pinnix**, a freshman second baseman from Landing, hit .352 for the season and led the Titans with 21 stolen bases.

"The team showed tremendous improvement while finishing within one game of the conference title and falling one victory short of playing for the Region XIX championship," says head coach **Brian Eberly**, who finished with a 23-21 mark.

In addition to Muhammad, CCM closed out the year with Akers and Lloyd earning first-team all-region honors. **Ray McCourt**, a sophomore catcher from River Edge, earned second-team all-region honors.

All four of those all-stars plus sophomore pitcher **Andrew Gallant** of Jefferson—who tossed a one-hitter to start the Titans' strong second half—and **Brent Forward**, a freshman infielder from Randolph, were selected as either first- or second-team all-Garden State Athletic Conference all-stars.

### Titans' lacrosse team goes from winless to national ranking in one season



When you finish 9-6 in the second season of your program's history, after an 0-9 inaugural campaign, you already have a lot to be proud of. But a winning record was only the beginning for CCM's lacrosse team last spring.

Coach **Jay Rousey's** Titans finished the regular season with the best record in Region XIX and a No. 1 seed in the region tournament, only to be nipped in the championship game, 10-9, by Brookdale Community College. CCM had grabbed a 4-0 lead only to see Brookdale score seven unanswered goals. But the Titans rallied to tie at 7-7.

The season ended with CCM ranked 10th in the nation among NJCAA schools, and featured a 7-5 victory over No. 7-ranked Ann Arundel—a game in which CCM shut down the Maryland school in the fourth quarter—and a 10-9 overtime triumph over then-No. 8 Brookdale. The Titans scored in double digits nine times, including a 24-7 pasting of Williamson Trade in the semifinals of the Region XIX tournament.

CCM also had numerous individual success stories in the spring. **T.J. McAndrew**, a freshman long-stick midfielder from Randolph, earned second-team all-America honors, becoming the program's first all-America selection. For the season, he recorded 21 points, 94 takeaways and 175 ground balls in 15 games.

**Dave Soule**, a sophomore attackman from Kinnelon and a first-team All Region XIX selection, wrapped up his CCM career with a program-high 96 points overall. And **Andrew Dahlberg**, a sophomore defender from Sparta, also turned in a great season and earned first-team all-region honors. And **Carl Mauch**, a freshman attackman from Chester, scored a season-high 10 goals in the Region XIX tournament rout of Williams Trade.

So what about next year? "McAndrew will return to CCM next season," says Rousey, "but he has already received a half-scholarship to play at NCAA Division II national champ C.W. Post in New York. He has yet to decide where he'll finish his academic and athletic career. Dahlberg is still finishing up at CCM this year, and will be helping out as a volunteer assistant coach on defense."



### Softball team turned middling start into record-setting season

Twenty-one games into his CCM softball team's season, **Greg Wardlow** didn't know what to think.

"We began our season with a spring trip to Cocoa Beach, Florida, and ended the week with a 7-4 record," recalls Wardlow, the Lady Titans' head coach. "We struggled a little when we returned home. And after a double-header loss to Brookdale Community College, we stood at 12-9 and I wasn't sure what kind of team we really were."

But it didn't take long for that uncertainty to turn into a record-breaking season. "Something clicked after that," Wardlow notes. "We started a streak in which we won 28 of our next 32 games."

The Lady Titans finished 41-15, setting a school record for victories and scored in double digits 11 times, including four games in a row in one stretch in April. They hosted the Region XIX Tournament and went into the final day as the only unbeaten team. They needed only one victory to clinch the title and advanced to the National Junior College Athletic Association's Division II World Series. But the Lady Titans dropped a pair of games to Mercer County College.

"It was especially disappointing given the fact that we had beaten Mercer three times previously," says Wardlow.

Six Lady Titan players earned postseason all-star honors, led by sophomore pitcher **Stephanie Romano** of Hardyston Township. Romano was "the top-rated pitcher in the region," according to Wardlow, going 22-6 and setting Lady Titan career records for victories (37) and strikeouts (326). Romano also excelled at the plate, setting career marks for runs batted in (82) and doubles (34).



#10, Stephanie Romano  
#7, Jenn Powers  
#1, Jess Mucerino

**Jenn Powers**, a sophomore outfielder/catcher from Cedar Grove, belted 63 hits this season—the most ever for the Lady Titans—and also a second career record with 107 hits. She joined Romano on the first-team All-Region XIX squad, as did **Jess Mucerino**, a sophomore outfielder from Whippany. Mucerino finished the campaign in the top 10 in most career offensive categories and earned Academic All-American honors as well as a scholarship to New Jersey City University.

The Lady Titans' **Alysha Gilmore**, a freshman catcher from Rockaway, also earned first-team honors, with second-team recognition going to **Vicky DelPolito**, a freshman first baseman from Oak Ridge, and **Casey Brennan**, a freshman third baseman from Sparta.

"We are looking forward to the 2011 season," says Wardlow. "That's when we'll begin to play on the beautiful new on-campus softball complex."



### Golf team optimistic despite struggles

After last year's 32-9-1 record and top-10 national ranking in Division III of the National Junior College Athletic Association, "mediocre" wasn't exactly what the CCM golf team was expecting in 2010. But some academic difficulties hampered the Titans' effort this past spring, and they struggled to a 10-24-1 mark.

"The mediocre season can be attributed to many players not making the grade, literally, and becoming ineligible," says assistant coach **Jim Chegwid-**

Dan Bentson

**den**, a school alum and 22-year coaching veteran at CCM.

Still, the season had its bright spots. Freshman **Dan Bentson** from High Point High School led the team to its seventh consecutive season being represented at the Division III NJCAA National Tournament. Bentson's best effort for the spring was a 76 as the Titans finished as season-best fourth place at the Union County College Tournament.

Bentson earned second-team all-star honors for both the Garden State Athletic Conference and Region XIX, and was the region's No. 2 qualifier for the national tournament. He is one of the reasons for optimism as the team looks ahead to next season.

"The 2011 season looks bright," says Chegwid. "Two players will be back for a second season, and we have some very talented freshman coming in."

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- **Name:** Eileen Paragano '91
- **Profession:** Bookkeeper, Executive Secretary, Director of Livingston Adult School (retired); Travel Agent
- **Valued Most About Time At CCM:** As a working mother with two teenage children

at home, I entered CCM as an older student with many concerns and stresses about my acceptance, with not only the other students, but also the professors who I had yet to meet.

My concerns were quickly eliminated as I started to feel the genuine friendliness of the students and received the support of my professors. This combination certainly gave me the working tools to be a successful student at CCM.

- **Favorite CCM Memory:** Each new course at CCM brought with it a new challenge for success. As a Broadcasting major, I registered for a required class for the fall semester. As I entered the first class, the professor spoke about the requirements necessary to pass this class. All seemed well until she noted the requirement to get an A in her course. To accomplish this level, one would need to give an oral report lasting approximately 10 to 15 minutes. While it was not mandatory, a student could not receive more than a B without the oral report. Speaking in front of any class or group of people was always my worst fear. I was holding a 3.9 GPA. I had to sign up to do this report to keep my GPA. I did a visual/audio report on how music recording was done using the equipment of the day. After I was finished with my program, I was approached by many of the students in my class to congratulate me on how well done my report was, and how interesting it was to learn about the recording industry. To my surprise, even my professor was impressed – impressed enough to ask me to consider giving the report to her second class. I gracefully said that one stressful time giving my report was more than enough for me to handle in one day. I found in later years that giving this report helped me to overcome my fear of public speaking, and gave me a boost in confidence of what I could accomplish with the knowledge I had gained by taking that class.

- **Why I Give To CCM:** I give to CCM as a token of my appreciation and gratitude for the support I received from the administrative staff, faculty and students while I attended the college. I feel that this support played a major role in my academic accomplishments and successful journey at CCM. I am hopeful that my donations to the college scholarship fund will allow other students to have an opportunity to experience the fine education I received while attending CCM.

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### Terence Duncan takes the stage

Assistant Professor Terence Duncan, who came to CCM just this summer, is in what he calls the "discovery phase" as he develops a deeper understanding of the program, its students and its history. "I'm excited to have the opportunity to build on the strong foundation created by Jo Ann Staugaard-Jones and others, and I look forward to integrating dance in the new Performing Arts Department. (See side bar on the retirement of long-time dance program leader Professor Staugaard-Jones.)

"We have a strong faculty with a great deal of talent to offer students. They are my link to the students and have been instrumental in helping me to discover where the students are in their development and where they want to go. As I develop a deeper understanding of each faculty member's strengths, I'll be in a good position to optimally utilize their talents," Professor Duncan continued.

In addition to his role as program coordinator, Professor Duncan teaches Dance History, Ballet Technique, Modern Technique, and Choreography. Beyond sharing his knowledge of the dance profession, he is a strong believer in ensuring that students have skills beyond dance that they can apply to their lives in the real world. One of the ways he hopes to be able to accomplish this is by utilizing and teaching technology as a creative tool, as well as a means of promotion.

Professor Duncan, who began dancing in New Hampshire, went on to receive his BFA in dance performance from Towson University and his MFA from Florida State University. He was a principal dancer with New York Theatre Ballet from 1996 through 2003 and from 2006 through 2010. Professor Duncan also danced with Suzanne Farrell Ballet for three seasons. In addition to his ballet career, Professor Duncan has studied and performed historical dance with the New York Baroque Dance Company and danced with David Parker and the Bang Group, a modern dance company based in New York City.

"We are very excited to have Terence Duncan coordinating the dance program. He is extremely talented and breathing new life into our already excellent dance program," Professor Mammon ended. 🌱

## Two Timely New Certificate Programs Enhance CCP Offerings

By Mary Ann Kiczek

CCM's Division of Corporate and Community Programs (CCP) offers courses and programs that present opportunities for individuals to explore new fields of study, improve job performance and develop new skills. Two new certificates were recently added to the college's certification programs.

### Electronic Health Record Technologist Certificate Program

The first, a new Electronic Health Record Technologist Certificate Program, was designed to prepare professionals to take advantage of expanding career opportunities being created by the transition to computerized patient health records. This six-course, two-semester certificate gives students the theory and practical education to develop a foundational knowledge of what is involved, how computerized health records work from a process flow and user experience perspective, and the impact

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## Alumni Awards Nomination

To nominate someone for an Alumni Award, please print the form from the following link on the CCM website and return by **December 31, 2010**.

[www.ccm.edu/alumni/awards.aspx](http://www.ccm.edu/alumni/awards.aspx)

The award categories are:

- **Alumni Achievement Award:** Specific, outstanding achievements and/or accomplishments in his/her profession. Have received honors from associations or employers, or whose work has proven beneficial to a pronounced segment of society.
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### Jo Ann Staugaard-Jones: A legend retires

No story about the dance program at CCM would be complete without recognizing Professor Jo Ann Staugaard-Jones, who is credited with getting the program off the ground some 34 years ago. Professor Staugaard-Jones, who retired earlier this year, was thrilled at the news that there would be a Department of Performing Arts and that the dance program would be part of it. "It's something that I had been advocating for," she said in a recent interview.

In reflecting on her career at CCM, Professor Staugaard-Jones commented, "CCM was a great place to grow up professionally." From its modest beginning, Professor Staugaard-Jones took the program from an option under the Recreation program, to its own AA program recognized by the State of New Jersey, to its current status as an Associate in Fine Arts degree. "The program's AFA status has attracted many more students," she noted. She was helped along the way by Chairs Frank Doto and Marielaine Mammon, Dean Tim Patschke, VP Cliff Wood and President Yaw, who all believed strongly in performing arts at CCM.

In addition to her long teaching career at CCM, Professor Staugaard-Jones also directed the CCM Dance Theatre, the student company, and BEYONDANCE, inc!, a professional company which was in residence at CCM and performed throughout the country as an ambassador of NJ dance. Colleen McArdle, CCM Coordinator of Special Events and Adjunct Professor of Dance, joined her as co-director in BEYONDANCE's later years.

Professor Staugaard-Jones may have retired, but she is as energetic as ever. She is excited to have authored a book titled *Anatomy of Exercise and Movement*, published by Lotus Publishing of the UK. In late October, she left for book signing in Birmingham, England, where she is also teaching workshops based on the book. She is writing a third movement text to be published by Lotus in 2011.

Professor Staugaard-Jones also has created Neat Retreats, LLC, a new business that offers "healthy retreats in beautiful places." ([www.neatretreats.com](http://www.neatretreats.com)). "My work life was busy, and so is my retirement," she acknowledged. "I wish the best for the future of the CCM dance program and its new Coordinator," she ended.

## Alumni Update

In order to keep our records up-to-date, we'd like to know where you are and what you are doing. We'd appreciate it if you would take a minute to fill out this form, include a photo if possible, and mail it to: **The CCM Alumni Association, HH 211 County College of Morris 214 Center Grove Road Randolph, NJ 07869-2086**

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of day-to-day responsibilities within the workforce. Health information technicians may work in physicians' offices, nursing care facilities, outpatient care centers, and home healthcare services. The next session will begin February 2011.

"CCM is proud to be one of the first colleges in New Jersey to offer a certification program in electronic health records," said Edward J. Yaw, CCM president. "The program offers an opportunity for individuals, during these still difficult times, to prepare themselves for careers in a field than is experiencing better-than-average job growth."

### Sustainable Practices

The second new certification program, this one in Sustainable Practices, comes in response to the growing need for "Green Collar" professionals. The four-course program provides students with training in managing energy and water consumption, sustainability reporting, meeting profit and environmental goals, and environmentally preferred purchasing. Three of the four courses have an online option and the entire certificate program can be completed in one semester. The next session will held in February 2011.

"These two new programs offer training in fields that are opening new opportunities. We encourage anyone who is interested in one of these innovative certificates to contact the CCP office at 973.328.5187," commented Dean Jane Armstrong. More information about these and other certificates can also be found by going to [www.ccm.edu/businessCommunity](http://www.ccm.edu/businessCommunity).

### Online Learning Opportunities

Individuals who are interested in online learning have two options at CCM, which has partnered with Education to Go to offer more than 400 online courses. These courses are project-oriented and include lessons, quizzes, hands-on assignments, discussion areas, and more. You can complete any of these courses from your home or office and at any time of day or night. Fall/Winter start dates are November 10 and December 8. To view courses, go to [www.ed2go.com/ccm](http://www.ed2go.com/ccm).

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"The Division of Corporate and Community Programs (CCP) is a great resource for continuing your education. We offer a wide range of courses and certificate programs, and we welcome those who are unemployed or seeking short career training," Dean Armstrong commented. To view current offerings, go to [www.ccm.edu/businessCommunity](http://www.ccm.edu/businessCommunity).

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# Campus Events

## CCM Foundation and Alumni Relations

**Scholarship Gala and Alumni Awards**  
May 6, 2011 6:00 p.m.

**Commencement and Diploma Frame Sale**  
May 26, 2011 7:00 p.m.

## The Arts at CCM

**CCM Winter Music Concert**  
December 3 7:30 p.m.

**CCM Dance Theatre Showcase**  
December 10 7:30 p.m.

**Adopt-A-Chair Festival of the Arts**  
February 2011 7:30 p.m.

**CCM Dance Theatre Concert**  
March 3 - 5, 2011 7:30 p.m.

**Spring Musical Production - "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang"**  
April 13 -15, 2011 7:30 p.m.

**CCM Spring Music Concert**  
April 29, 2011 7:30 p.m.

**Spring Drama Production - "Coram Boy"**  
May 5 - 7, 2011 7:30 p.m.

**Cabaret Theatre**  
May 12 - 13, 2011 7:30 p.m.

## Longo Planetarium

The new spectacular, 90-seat Longo Planetarium at County College of Morris offers area residents and CCM students the opportunity to study the wonders of the heavens using our state-of-the-art, high-definition digital projection system. The Digistar 4 SP2 system allows views of objects visible with telescopes, fully rendered on our 10-meter dome. Formal courses in astronomy, as well as credit-free short courses on special topics, are offered each semester. The planetarium is used as a laboratory for these courses. Special presentations, including full-dome video shows, are scheduled for school groups and private interest groups. On specified Saturday afternoons throughout the year, programs are presented to the public.

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Thursday, December 9, 2010

Leave CCM Health Phys/Ed Building at 4:00 p.m., Leave Radio City at 9:30 p.m.  
Price includes round trip transportation by charter bus, walk to tree in Rockefeller Center and Orchestra seating.

**Tickets: \$73 Alumni \$75 Guests**

(Must be a CCM alumnus(a) to order tickets, **MAXIMUM 4**. Tickets must be used by the CCM alumnus(a) purchaser and his/her guests.)

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