

# THE YOUNGTOWN EDITION

COUNTY COLLEGE OF MORRIS' AWARD-WINNING STUDENT NEWSPAPER



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## Community college offers an edge others don't

**BY ADAM GENTILE**  
Managing Editor

After 50 years, CCM has continued to bring in multitudes of students who have continued to do well for themselves, as shown in the Daily Record's "Record number of County College of Morris students collect diplomas" article, where 500 out of 1400 graduates attended their ceremony, being an all time graduation record for the school. While there are many reasons to attend CCM, students such as Zachary Morris cited low expenses as a large part of the reason to attend the college.

Starting out with two years of county college makes complete fiscal sense, when compared to a state or private school. The 2018- 2019 tuition for a for a full

time student at CCM for the year comes to a total of \$8,898, as opposed the average tuition at a state or private four year school which comes to \$13,866 and \$25,807 respectively based on numbers from the National center for Education Statistics (NCES).

The average savings of going to CCM for the first two years compared to a 4 year state or private school comes to \$9,936 and \$33,818 respectively, which equates to saving almost a years worth of tuition, these numbers don't include room and board which on average adds an extra \$13,052 per year.

The department of education says the average class size at community colleges can vary between 20-35 students on average, as opposed to four year schools that have introductory lecture sizes

that can range from 150-300. The smaller class size offered by community colleges are beneficial for students who require more time with the professor to understand a subject according to the Texas Southmost College.

Along with smaller class sizes community colleges tend to not receive research grants meaning that the professors at a community college can focus more on being an educator, compared to their four year counter parts.

Danielle Restuccia, from TEACHERSInformation.org, wrote in an article "At a large research university, such as MIT, professors are expected to conduct research as well as teaching courses. Community college professors are primarily responsible for teaching, not researching. Depending on your interests,

this could be an important difference." Restuccia said.

According to the NCES the percentage of students in America that switch majors at least once in their college career is 30 percent, this switch tends to occur within the first three years of enrollment.

As opposed to four year schools, community colleges tend to have a wider range of courses and areas of study allowing students to try a copious amount of different options if they decide to switch their initial majors.

Ariella Panek, a licensed professional counselor at CCM, specializes in personal counseling, education, and academics. An important aspect of her job is to assist students who have uncertainties about their current career path.

"A lot of students come in and once they take the class they

realize it's not what they thought it would be," Panek said. "A lot of times they go into a major because of their parents either because their parents wanted them to go into that major."

Panek said that the most common case of why students switch majors in her opinion is due to a lack of understanding of the major. She mentions that once a student takes a class and receives some experience with the subject, they realize that the major they chose is not what they thought it would be.

For students who are unsure about switching majors: "It's never too early to do," Panek said. "If you want to validate that you are in the right major you can go online there is career concourse

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## From Student to Staff: Nick Gilbert

**BY ALEXA WYSZKOWSKI**  
Editor-in-Chief

Nick Gilbert, a former County College of Morris (CCM) student, was walking his dog when he received the phone call he was hoping for that informed him that he had got the position as a CCM Admissions Counselor and Recruiter. When he started his new career at CCM in May of 2018 Gilbert said it was a dream come true.

Gilbert attended CCM as a student from Spring of 2007 to Fall of 2009. He started as a journalism major and then switched to liberal arts. When he was a journalism major he had the opportunity to write for the Youngtown Edition. He remembers that he wrote frequently for about a year covering CCM sports and doing reviews on current movies, tv shows and local restaurants.

As a CCM student Gilbert had a campus job for the Office of Campus Life as a student aid. He remembers working at the win-

dow, assisting with setup for club events, putting up posters around campus and making student IDs. These tasks are still done today by current student aids in OCL. Also still at CCM are faculty members Don Phelps and Rosemary Grant, with whom Gilbert made special connections as a student.

"They were extremely impactful, I owe a lot to them and I really respect them," Gilbert said.

After CCM, Gilbert transferred to William Paterson

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# Tuition prices frustrate students and professors alike

BY ANTHONY INGHAM  
News Editor

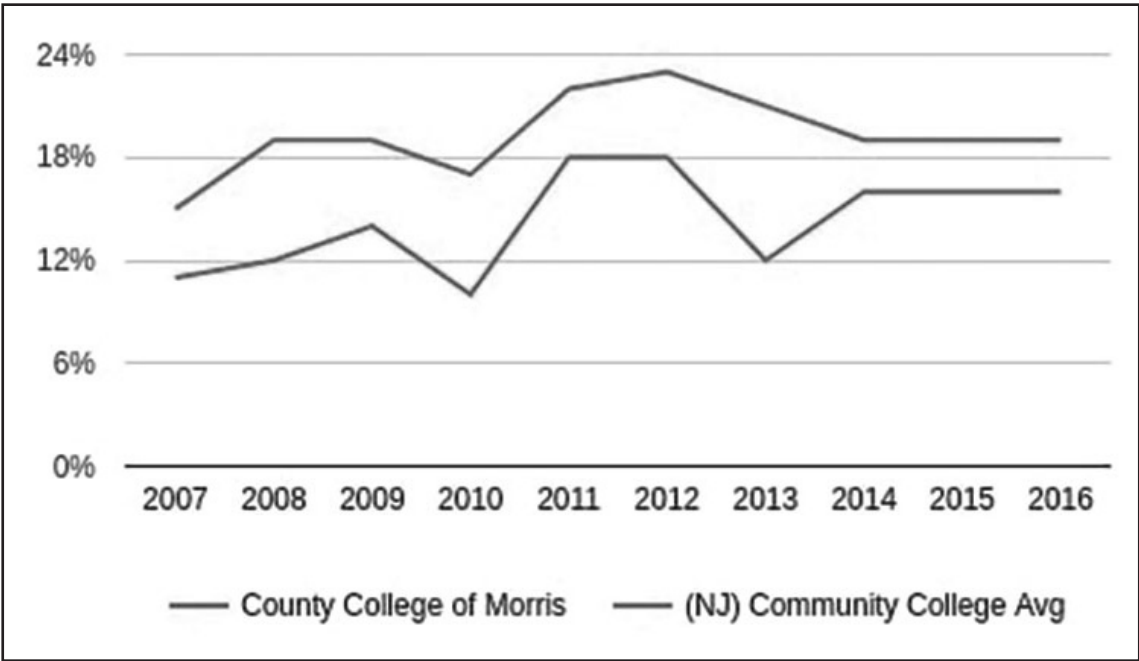
With the start of the spring semester, a common concern among students is the ability to pay the cost of tuition and books, and whether or not it is equitable to do so.

The Pew Research Center published an article in October of 2018 called “More in U.S. see drug addiction, college affordability and sexism as ‘very big’ national problems”, where in a survey of U.S. adults, 63 percent said the affordability of college was an issue.

This is up 11 percent from 2016, and is second only to drug addiction in the survey by 5 percent.

A recent piece in the NY Times titled “What Students Are Saying About: College Tuition, Homework Help and Loneliness” by The Learning Network discusses how some students from colleges, high schools, and even one from a middle school, feel about some of the bigger issues within college.

When asked if tuition was out of hand, there were a couple of different responses from four different sources. Two students from Danvers, MA, say that the cost is unbelievable, and that the ability to go to college should not be based on their family’s financial status. A



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How much lower the community college's and CCM's tuitions are compared to the state average for colleges.

student from Locust Grove High School said that someone would have to work minimum wage for 17 hours a day to be able to pay off their student debt, and a student from Oxford Middle School said that professors need to get paid, and community colleges are much cheaper, so the prices aren’t that bad for what they’re asking for.

According to the 2017-2018 CCM budget report the college’s operation’s cost summed up to approximately \$72 million dollars. The funding breaks down to about 31 million from tuition and

fees, about \$7 million from the state, about \$5.2 million from out of county students, \$235,000 from investment, \$948,250 from other resources, and the remaining \$16 million comes from student aid, grants, and contracts.

A non-scientific survey conducted at CCM asked a pool of 20 students and professors three questions; Are colleges trying to profit off of you more than they should, is tuition worth the cost, and will you have any student debt after your time in college? When

asked if they felt overcharged by colleges, 18 people said they did. James Thomson, a Creative Arts student, says that tuition is absurdly out of hand for those from low income families.

“If you’re working all that time trying to cover expenses, it leaves you without time to do any of the out of school work, so why bother,” he said.

Professor Clemente of the History Department said that colleges are an “edu-business” more than anything, and often lean a bit more towards the business end of things.

Out of the 20 surveyed, 13 agreed that college was worth the cost, and seven didn’t. Students such as McKenna Greco, a high school student who is coming to CCM next semester, and Furkan

Yildirim, a Business Administration major, show just how differently students can think about this topic.

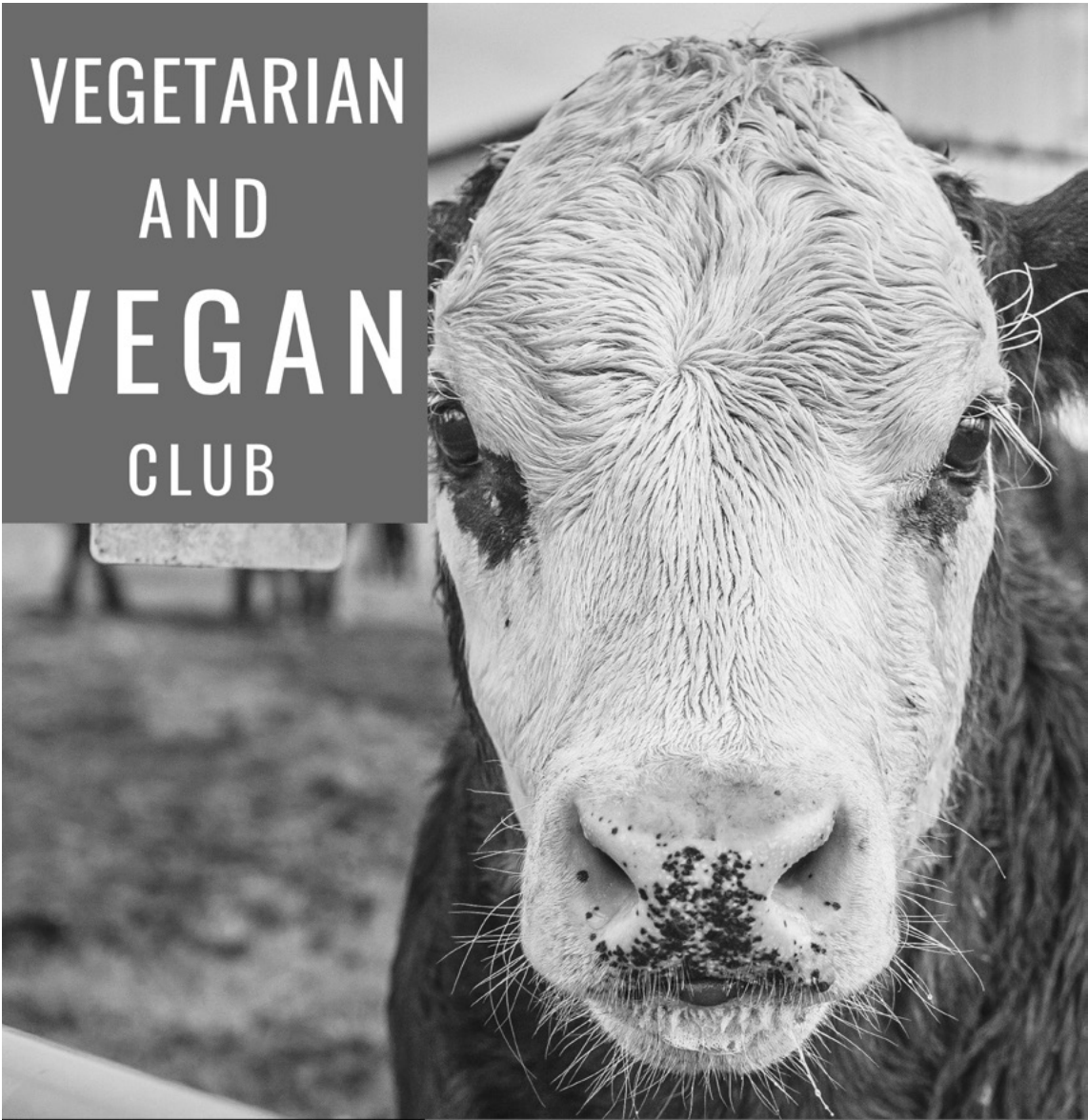
“It depends on the major,” Greco said. “If you’re a Computer Science student, you probably have to go to college. If you’re a Creative Arts student, you probably don’t have to.”

Yildirim said that if you put the work required for it, and you get education, it’s definitely worth it. Anthony Mojica, a Game Development student, said that books are ridiculously overpriced, and the fact that some teachers don’t use them is an even larger slap in the face.

While 13 said that they would be able to get through college as a whole without student loans or debt of any kind, seven still said that they would have to.

Students and adults alike are willing to admit that colleges need money to function, and that they are willing to pay them to get their education. In order to alleviate this, students should look for alternative methods, such as rentals, e-textbooks, PDFs, or others, before buying their books.

Student loan debt is one of the most common forms of debt in the United States with 44 million Americans having a total debt of \$1.48 trillion. The state of New Jersey recently passed the community college opportunity grant that just started its primary phase for tuition free college, and with this program 13,000 students from 13 out of New Jersey’s 19 community college received funding to attend school tuition free starting in the Spring 2019 semester.



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Dr. Iacono with members of the Black Student Union at the Fall Welcome Back Bash.



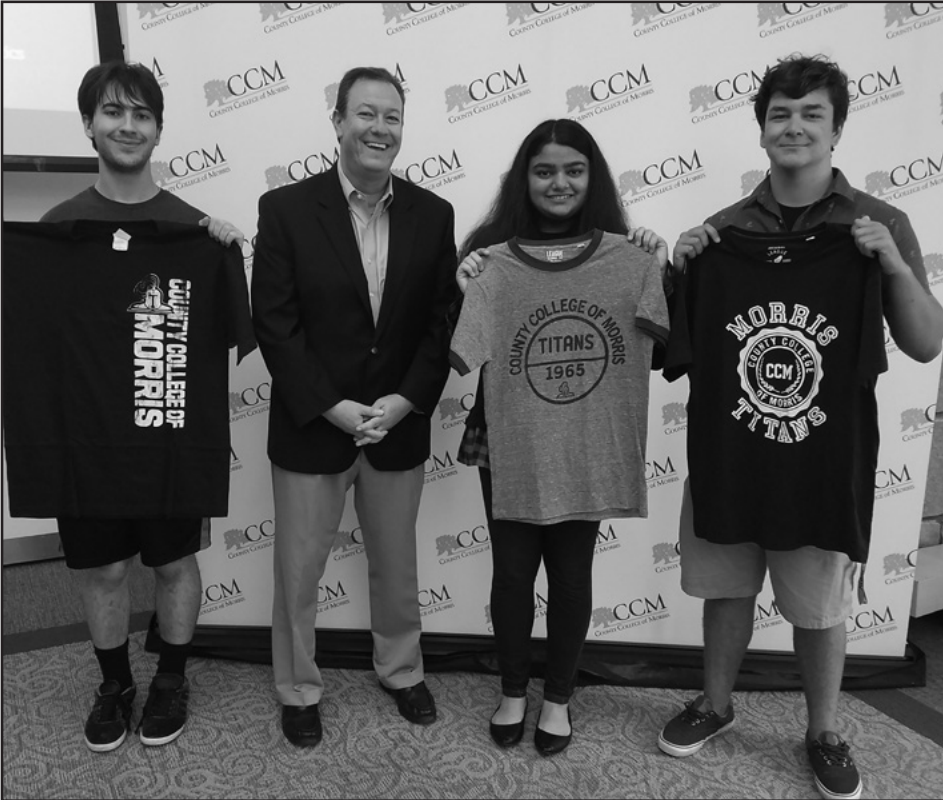
Dr. Iacono with members of the Respiratory Therapy Club at the Fall Welcome Back Bash.

# Dr. Iacono’s Decree: Use your resources

**BY DR. ANTHONY IACONO**  
*President of CCM*

Many years ago, when I began my freshman year at Indian River Community College in Florida, I had some degree of uncertainty about my future. As a recent high school graduate, I knew how to navigate my public-school system, had a strong social network of friends, had built close relationships with some of my teachers, which incidentally continue to date, and achieved success with few real challenges. My first day of college, however, was cause for concern since none of those previous conditions existed. I did not know my classmates, did not understand the difference between a high school teacher and a college professor, and I had no idea that there were so many resources designed to support my success. My hope in sharing

this article is to reduce your anxiety about success in college by encouraging you to know and use your resources and to join your classmates in enjoying an active campus life. Before you read further, I want to share three things I believe in. First, I believe every individual should be provided with the opportunity to earn a great education. Second, I believe that CCM provides an exceptional education to those who work hard and are persistent. And, finally, I believe in you. Whether you are a new or returning student, I hope you find CCM to be a welcoming environment that challenges you intellectually, nurtures your curiosity, and inspires you to work hard and fulfill your academic goals. Regardless of how long you’ve been at CCM, I urge you to utilize our many academic support resources



Left to right are: Leonard Mainiero, President Anthony J. Iacono, Maria Manahill and Michael Sorg.


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including our state-of-the-art library with traditional and digital resources and a staff that is always eager to work closely with students to support their success. Along those same lines, I encourage you to visit our tutoring center in DeMare Hall. If you are not already aware, you can also take advantage of our new online tutoring service provided by Smarthinking, a nationally recognized leader in online tutoring. Smarthinking provides live, online, tutoring in hundreds of subjects seven days a week, twenty-four hours a day. And, speaking of knowing your resources, if you have not done so already, be sure to visit our Campus Life office in the SCC. Staffed by an awesome team led by Mr. Don Phelps, Ms. Dawn Dolan, Ms. Annmarie Lippiello, and Ms. Joanne Metro, they are easily some of the nicest people at CCM. They, along with a great group of student assistants like Manny Fotinis, work really hard to help our student government, PTK, and our dozens of clubs thrive. One of the things that makes me most proud about CCM is the fabulous work our students do every year making CCM a better college through their clubs and organizations. One of the most critical resources in earning a college degree is funding. At any point during your time at CCM, if you are experiencing financial hardship, please take the time to talk with one of our financial aid counselors. Led by Mr. Harvey Willis and supported by Louise Masoni, Michelle Hendry and Sandra Lopez, this staff is exceptional at what they do and they are remarkably committed to your success. Their commitment to ensuring every effort has been made to help you financially is bolstered by Ms. Katie Olsen, Executive Director of the CCM Foundation and her assistant Ms. Pam Williams. Our Foundation provides dollars for emergency scholarships and offers dozens of scholarships with varying criteria. Naturally, you will spend more time with your professors than anyone else at CCM. Work closely with them and let them know who you are. Attend classes and be sure to use their office hours. You might be surprised by how much office visits add to your educational experience. On that note, drop by my office in Henderson Hall or say hello when you see me on campus or in the community. Like others at CCM, I became an educator because I enjoy helping others achieve their academic goals and build remarkable lives. Four additional resources that you will absolutely want to take advantage of are our Counseling and Student Success, Career and Cooperative Education and Transfer Services offices, all conveniently located in the SCC, as well as the Health Services office located in Cohen Hall. These departments can have a profound impact on your future since they can help you explore your most critical and life-impacting choices in great detail. I hope you share my excitement for this new year. Students, please know that everyone at CCM is committed to your success. I hope you find this to be the environment we believe it is and if you have an idea that can make us an even stronger college, I encourage you to share it with me, your professors, a member of our administration or any staff member you feel can be helpful.



# Roving Reporter: *What are you looking forward to this semester?*



**Anthony Smith**  
**History Major**  
"I'm looking forward to my history of Russia class."



**Kristen Prazan**  
**Liberal Arts Major**  
"I'm looking forward to meeting new people."



**Walmer A. Granda Acaro**  
**Business Administration Major**  
"I'm looking forward to meet new peers in my classes."



**Chela LeRoy**  
**Music Major**  
"Excited to learn new things and see new faces."



**Abdoulaye Sangare**  
**Biology**  
"I want to pass all my classes."



**Josh Klein**  
**Undeclared Major**  
"Doing well in my classes."



**Baeley Hought**  
**Nursing Major**  
"I am looking forward to graduating with a degree in Nursing and start working towards my goal of working in a surgical center."



**Kenneth Cohen**  
**Business Administration Major**  
"To do the best I can grade wise."

PHOTOS BY ALEXA WYSZKOWSKI

# Welcome back to CCM

## Sophie's Guide to Starting a New Semester

**BY SOPHIE CONNELL**  
*Advice Columnist*

As snowflakes fall and temperatures drop, it can only mean one thing...the spring semester is here! Showers bring flowers, right? Dusting the cobwebs off of your textbooks after a long winter break can be challenging but The Youngtown Edition is here to help with some tips on how to

succeed this spring semester. Whether this is your first semester or your last I have some tips and tricks that are sure to help. For starters and arguably most important, where to park. Lot 7 is highly recommended due to the fact that you can easily access most points on campus from there. The earlier you get to campus the easier it is to park, but if you happen to work up an ap-

petite while trying to park, CCM has you covered. If you ever need a quick snack there are vending machines in the Student Community Center as well as throughout the academic building, but there are other places around campus with food for those looking for more to eat. In the Learning Resource Center there is a Starbucks cafe if you need a caffeine boost as well

as sandwiches, salads and snacks. The best variety of foods comes from the Cohen Café, where you can create your own sandwiches, salads and wraps. If you are short on time you can choose from their "grab and go" section, which includes a selection of already made and pre-packaged meals. If you find yourself needing a workout after your meal, CCM has a great fitness center

and weight room open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.. You may not know that there is also an indoor pool available for student use. The pool hours can be found in the Health and Physical Education building and on the CCM website. Don't forget to get involved in student life activities. You can join your peers on Tuesday, Feb. 5 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Student Community Center for the Welcome Back Bash, where you will get to see all the clubs CCM has to offer. This is the event to receive information about what each club does and when they meet. By joining a club you will meet new people and be involved in something that you are passionate about. If you can't seem find a club that is interesting to you, contact the Office of Campus Life to see how you can start your own. If you find yourself having additional questions or wondering about something else about CCM, you can start by asking your classmates and faculty members who may be able to help. You can also ask me, Sophie, questions about CCM on Youngtown's social media accounts @youngtownccm during my next social media takeover. From all of us at The Youngtown Edition, happy spring semester.

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# Despite my Diagnosis... Hold on, pain ends.

BY RACHEL ECKERT  
Social Media Manager

Hope.

Hold on, pain ends.

I hear this phrase over and over again. Whether it be by professionals or friends, everybody tells me that. I knew it was true. In theory, anyway. But I always had such a hard time seeing that and understanding that. I didn't understand how the anguish I had felt for so many years could ever end. Even if I only temporarily felt better, it was better than where I was. I never expected to magically get better. Because that isn't how it happens. You don't wake up one day and tell yourself "I'm not depressed anymore" and go on your merry way. I know, however, that is how some people think. It doesn't go away overnight, that sadness deep in your belly.

I knew that much, but never thought about what came next. In the past few months, I have learned that when you are so sad and hurt all of the time, a slight improvement feels miles better than where you came from. Unfortunately, that slight improvement also feels like you crawled a mile to get there.

I was at rock bottom. No, I was lower than rock bottom. I was in rock bottom's basement. It's a place I never realized existed until my rock bottom somehow turned even lower. The de-

pression and anxiety were getting the best of me. I felt awful all of

the time. But I am not asking for your pity. That's not where I am

anymore. When you're in rock bottom's basement, you can't

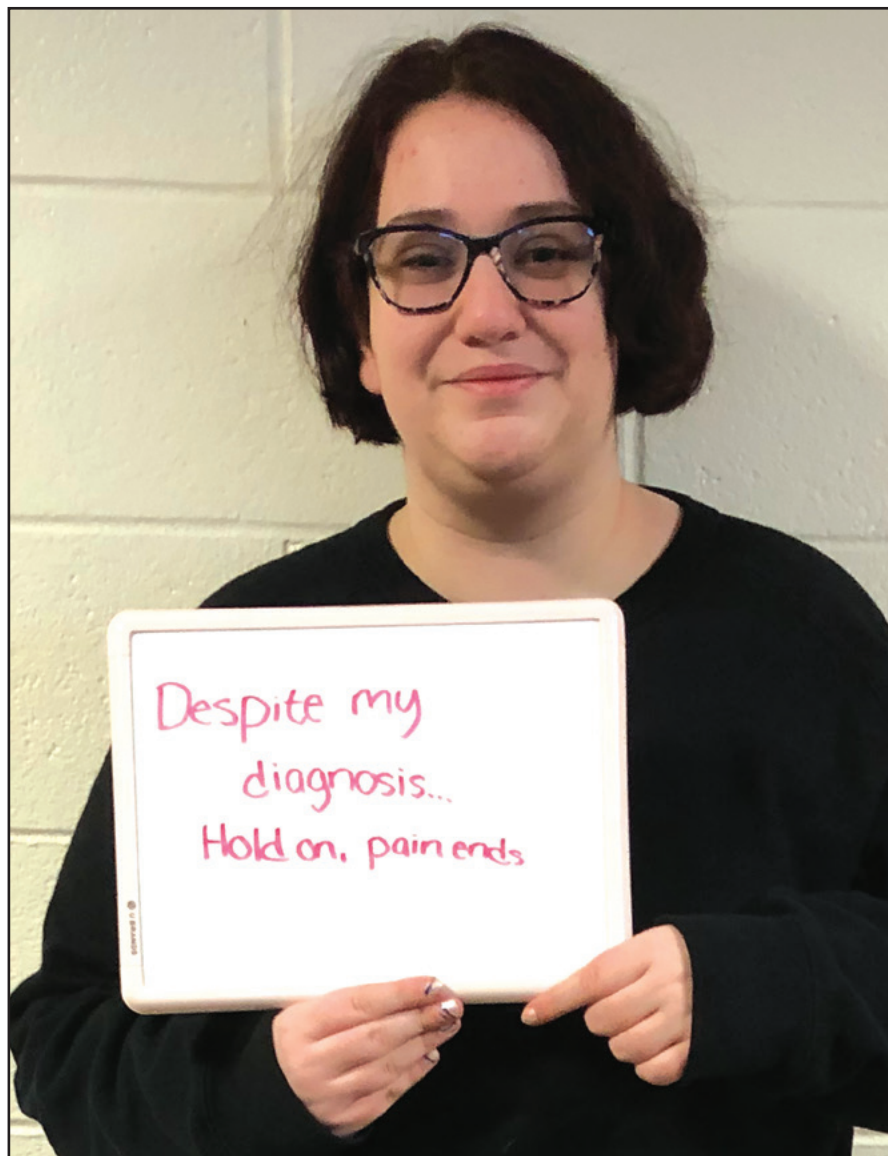


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CCM student Rachel Eckert is stronger than her diagnosis.

get any lower. And for that I was thankful.

One morning, I decided to take recovery head on. I had plenty of setbacks and I didn't feel better immediately. In fact, I almost felt worse because of the fact that I didn't feel better. It took me months to get where I am now. To some, where I am is still so low. But for me, this is the best I have ever felt.

Hold on, pain ends. Maybe not right now. Maybe not in three months. The way you feel won't be the same. I am still depressed and I am anxious, but it does not pain me to be alive. It does not pain me to get out of bed every morning. You may never feel 100%, but the way you feel now cannot stay this way forever. So when you are sad and want to give up, have hope. Hold on, pain ends.

If you are struggling, please know there is help. Some resources you can utilize are the National Suicide Prevention Line at 1-800-273-8255, the Crisis Text Line if you text HOME to 741741, and the Counseling Center in the Student Community Center, Room 118.

*Editor's Note: If you are in the process of recovery we encourage you to join the members of Active Minds, Writers Club and the Youngtown Edition to become more than your diagnosis and to share your story, contact [youngtownedition@gmail.com](mailto:youngtownedition@gmail.com) to find out how.*

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# Off-Campus Dining: Morris Tap and Grill

## Former student and current CCM Admissions Counselor and Recruiter Nick Gilbert shares his top pick for nearby campus eats

**BY NICK GILBERT**

*Contributor, Admissions Counselor and Recruiter*

Students looking for an off-campus lunch or dinner spot do not have to look much further than right across Route 10 to find Morris Tap and Grill. This restaurant offers a unique menu and friendly atmosphere, both inside and outside, that students can enjoy in between their busy class and campus life schedules.

As a frequent visitor to Morris Tap and Grill, I can attest to

the wide-selection of food options on the menu, and the new items that are frequently added. Unfortunately, items are also taken off the menu as well, which can lead to some disappointment now and then. For example, the Buffalo Chicken Macaroni and Cheese was my go-to order, until a new chef had decided to discontinue it. I will still occasionally ask if someone in the kitchen is able or willing to make it, but I have had no luck so far.

The outside Tiki-Party setting area allows restaurant-goers to en-

joy a fun atmosphere in the warm weather months. The inside offers a few different settings, depending on what mood you may be in. There is a quiet more formal dining setting, a lively bar area with TVs and a more casual dining setting that leads to the outdoor seating area.

I personally find the inside to be inviting, with a homely and cozy feel that can make any occasion an enjoyable one. Morris Tap and Grill does a great job of decorating for the Holidays, hosting football Sundays and Monday

Night football, as well as a very energetic Trivia Tuesday that is a staple of the establishment. Sometimes there are live-music performances, if that is your thing.

My personal favorite menu is the small-plate or “To Share” menu. The wings are unmatched in the area, and offer visitors several choices of sauces; nothing tops the Truffle Parmesan, however. There are some healthier options as well, including tasty flatbreads and hummus dishes, but I will usually indulge with wings and nachos. Appetizers range from around \$7-

\$15 or so. The dinner menu offers an array of dishes from burgers and tacos to Shepherd’s Pie and Mussels. Everything on the dinner menu is generally below \$30, but it ranges from about \$12 and up.

If you are looking for a change of scenery and want to enjoy a meal and great atmosphere with some friends or a significant other, I recommend that you take a quick trip over to Morris Tap and Grill, and do me a favor; ask for the Buffalo Chicken Macaroni and Cheese. If they are willing to make it for you, please let me know!

## GILBERT

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University and graduated after three semesters in December of 2011 with his bachelor’s in sociology. He then graduated with his master’s degree in student services administration at Fairleigh Dickinson University in May of 2015. Looking back, Gilbert was more involved in campus life activities at CCM than during his time at WPU and FDU.

“CCM was my best campus life experience for sure,” Gilbert said.

Gilbert knew that he wanted to work in the field of higher education during his time at CCM as a student aid with OCL. Before returning to CCM Gilbert had some other work experiences in the field of higher education. For four years he worked at Parsippany Hills High School as an Instructional Paraprofessional, where he worked with students with behavioral disorders and learning disabilities. He then worked at Berkeley College for a year and a half as a Student Accounts Administrator and then for eight months he was a Staffing Manager for a corporate recruiter. As soon as he saw the posting for CCM he applied right away and waited for his interview.

“I was so excited to be interviewing here,” Gilbert said, “I loved the place and knew I had to come back.”

Gilbert was soon hired and his dream came true as he became a CCM Admissions Counselor and Recruiter. Phelps and Grant are still connected with Gilbert and are pleased to have the opportunity to continue to work with him.

“His passion and loyalty to CCM is rare and when an Admissions position opened up I was



PHOTO BY ALEXA WYSZKOWSKI

Admissions Counselor and Recruiter Nick Gilbert at his desk in his office.

thrilled when he interviewed, and of course he was hired,” Grant said.

“As a Student Assistant in Campus Life, Nick was always willing to help students at the Information Window. It is no surprise that he is great addition to the Admissions Office now, helping prospective students

throughout their admission process.” Phelps said.

Gilbert can be found some days in his office, which is located in the Admissions Office, where he helps students with the application process. Other days Gilbert is not in his office or even on campus as he is out at local high schools and community

events to recruit new CCM students. He also works on planning and organizing open houses, regional college fairs and other programs. Gilbert’s favorite part of the job is being able to connect with students.

“I like helping students and being able to really spread the message of CCM as I lived it

myself,” Gilbert said.

*Editor’s Note: If you are a professor or faculty member of CCM who also went to CCM as a student and had any connection to the Youngtown Edition or other school newspaper, contact [youngtownedition@gmail.com](mailto:youngtownedition@gmail.com) for the opportunity to be featured.*

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that is offered through the college that can assess their skills

and values to help reassure them that they are on the right path.”

The counselors here at CCM also offer, in room 118 of the student center, also offers a career assessment tool.

The assessment tool asks students questions based on skills, personality, and values. Based on the answers given the counselors can compile a list of different majors that best suit the student.

“I think Community college, besides the fact that they are great education I think because of smaller class sizes, and you get more one on one time with the professors,” Panek said. “It also helps the student

get a new independence from high school. I see a lot of students who go to a four year school and feel they weren’t ready, and then they come here and get independence in a safer way.”



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# 3 QUICK STEPS ON OBTAINING SEMESTER GOALS: A CONTAGION TO ORDER

**BY A.G SWIZZLE**

*Youngtown Cheerleader*

It's a new year, it's a new semester, and by golly this semester I'm gonna be different, sort of like a new me. Last semester I didn't seem to reach any goals that I set out to achieve, I didn't get those straight Bs, I didn't make any new friends despite how many times I stared blankly at strangers in the hall, and worst of all I somehow didn't get incredibly ripped no matter how many times I walked passed the gym.

This semester is gonna be

different. I can tell it's not going to be like every other time I try to fundamentally change myself, but stop because change is hard. However this time I have a plan. My transforming began when I started to listen to the intellectual power houses on youtube and play fortnite as opposed to choosing between one of the two (already starting ahead).

So what am I going to do study harder (or at all), join a club that based on an interest and meet people with said interest, google basic workout routines and go to the gym and hope that someone

helps me out when I eventually embarrass myself. “Wow these are good ideas,” is what I would say if I were a normie. Instead I have some groundbreaking ideas on how to completely change the game.

The first step will be a change from within, when in the middle of class be sure to hold your breath for as long as you can, as the refreshing oxygen changes into carbon dioxide the resulting poison will trigger your brain's survival mode elevating yourself to a higher level.

Step two meet new people by being a complainer. What makes

good company the person who complains all the time because you already know they don't enjoy doing anything with you, and it's better to be the complainer than the complaine. Here are a few pointers disrupt class whenever possible to complain , if the class is an elective be sure to remind the teacher that you don't need it to graduate. All the other students will really respect the honesty and won't be annoyed by it at all.

Step three pet a bear it's a well known fact that bears are nature's personal trainers; bears are strong, fast, have a well balanced diet and

can fast for months on end which is apparently healthy now who knew. Whenever you find a bear whether large or small run up to it and pet it after that you have about five seconds to book it, if you survive three bear pets you get the credibility to call yourself an olympic athlete.

If any of these steps have helped you out please buy my book “22 steps to making chicken soup, guideline on how to manage life and not regurgitated generic nonsense that really means nothing” at the campus bookstore or on amazon.

# TABLETOP RPG CLUB FOUNDER ACCUSED OF WITCHCRAFT

**BY JOHN DUMM**

Satire Editor(?)

Slated to appear on the Club Day Boardwalk for official registration this year, and sub-publically open to early registry and orientation by asking around in the Game Room at more-or-less random (SRD studies show a 1-in-3 procurement rate for a TRPG club rep when applicants walk in the door, bang a stick against a garbage lid, and yell “I DECREE THE KNAVES IN THIS ROOM TO POSSESS NO TASTE IN HISTORICAL FANTASY” once hourly), the cult classic Tabletop RPG Club seeks to provide a more in-depth, long-term, and cooperative form of card-parlor style cerebral entertainment, by recruiting both players and campaign managers for weekly 2-to-4-hour sessions of classic and beloved pen-and-paper roleplaying games such as Dungeons and Dragons (5th edition).

"It doesn't help when you call it a cult classic, and furthermore we ask that you not use the admittedly charged term 'Dungeon Master' when referring to the fellow who charts out adventures, conducts character-and-environment interaction from the non-player-side, and sacrifices their hard-earned pizza to the group", says beloved Tabletop Gaming community member and club founder Aleister 'A.J. 'Jeff 'Don't write my name like 'Aleister 'A.J. 'Jeff Crowley' Crowley' Crowley' Crowley' Crowley'

Crowley', who is currently under suspicion of being a witch.

“This kind of accusation has basically come with the territory since the early 90s,” says Crowley, “with waves of church pastors and parents either unable or unwilling to believe that a crowd of 3-7 teenagers, left unsupervised in a single room for multiple hours, could be up to anything less malevolent than outright devil worship. Truthfully, in my experience, it was mostly a loosely organized competition

for ‘Coolest-Written Conan the Barbarian Pastiche’, with myself as judge, game-show host and caterer.”

When asked for clarification, such as if the competition would be “like Conan O’Brien,” his answer sounded relevant, but could not be parsed by Youngtown reviewers at the time.

“God, I wish. I’ll ask around, see if anyone is interested in playing a game about supernatural talk shows.”

Nonetheless, the Campus

Christian Coalition of Collegiate  
Morris eyes him with suspicion.

"Insofar as our own organization continually works to quell the notion that teenage-to-collegiate civilians cannot be left alone without mischief resulting, we have... less trust in Game Room regulars. The accusations are merely an act of aggressive diplomacy to ensure that we are able to oversee the operation and act as mediators between campus moral enforcement and the more... misanthropic factions of studentia.

Ultimately, we just want to ensure that this new club is able to build a relationship of mutual respect with the local authorities.”

When asked sarcastically if there were plans to burn Jeff at any sort of stake, our CCCCM liaison spontaneously took on a stony, solemn glare prior to his response...

"Yes. We've recently employed the choir group to construct a Mixtape hot enough to roast all traces of evil within the club network. Please understand."

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The Titans took on Nassau Community College on the court in a home game on Jan. 21.

# Basketball seasons continue over CCM’s winter break

**BY ANTHONY INGHAM**  
*News Editor*

Both men’s and women’s basketball took time off as CCM was closed over the winter break from Dec. 20, but they came back a bit earlier than students as both restarted their season on Jan. 10 and Jan. 12 respectively.

The first two games the

women’s basketball team played to begin their season again, the first being a home game against Brookdale Community College on January 10, and an away game vs Manor college on Jan. 12. Both games ended in close losses, scoring 67 to Brookdale’s 74, and 66 to Manor’s 73. This puts their season record to 3-9, and their Region XIX record to

2-6.

The men’s basketball team had their first two games against Manor College and Rockland Community College, both as away games, and won both, scoring 109 to Manor’s 85, and after an overtime with Rockland, 79 to their 69. The team is now at 13-1 in their regular season, having only dropped a game to Hager-

stown Community College back in November, and are currently undefeated in their Region XIX games.

The men’s basketball team stands first in Division II, and are also first in the Golden State Athletic Conference games at another undefeated record of 3-0.

Both teams are about half-way done with their season, and

the men’s team is currently done with more than half of their Region XIX games. Both continue until late February however, so there’s more than enough time to see a game. To find out when the next winter game is and where, go to CCM’s “Sports Schedule” tabs under “Athletics”, and select either Men’s or Women’s Basketball.



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Emily Guderian, Hospitality and Culinary Department Lab Coordinator, cooking up ‘Game Day Chicken Wings.’

## GAME DAY CHICKEN WINGS

### Ingredients

- 2 lbs chicken wings
- 1 tsp salt or to taste
- 1 tsp pepper or to taste
- 1/2 cup buffalo wings sauce (Frank’s is a good choice. If you don’t like buffalo, use your favorite BBQ sauce!)
- 4 tbsp butter, unsalted Blue cheese or ranch dressing

### Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 400 F degrees. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
2. Clean chicken wings under running water; lay on paper towel to dry some water off.
3. Season with salt and pepper and place on baking sheet. Bake for about 45 minutes or until chicken wings are done.
4. In a sauce pan, add butter and buffalo wing sauce and heat until butter is melted.
5. Place chicken wings in a big bowl and pour sauce over. Toss until each wing is fully coated.
6. Serve with blue cheese and/or ranch dressing.

Recipe courtesy of the Hospitality and Culinary Department SCC 241