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COUNTY COLLEGE OF MORRIS' AWARD-WINNING STUDENT NEWSPAPER



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At the groundbreaking for the Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering Center on Jan. 30 were CCM Trustee Chair Paul Licitra, Freeholder Director Douglas Cabana, Freeholder Stephen Shaw, Freeholder Deputy Director Heather Darling, Freeholder Kathryn DeFillippo, Freeholder Thomas Mastrangelo, Assemblywoman BettyLou DeCrose, Assemblyman Anthony Bucco, CCM President Anthony Iacono, and CCM Trustee Vice Chair Thomas Pepe.

Construction begins for state of the art science and engineering center

BY ANTHONY INGHAM
News Editor

President Anthony J. Iacono, the CCM Board of Trustees, the campus community, Morris County Board of Freeholders, State Representatives and Industry Leaders met to celebrate the Groundbreaking of the Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering

Center in the Student Community Center, Davidson Room on Jan. 30. Around 100 people came together to honor the \$11 million state-of-the-art center, which was made to alleviate the need for employment and growing industry demands.

The building is planned to have two electronics labs, two prototyping labs, two computer labs, a

3D printing room, an analysis lab, an automation and controls/robotics/emerging technologies lab, a measuring and materials testing lab, a welding lab, makerspace, conference rooms, classrooms and offices. It is expected to open around Spring 2020, according to a CCM press release.

Dr. Anthony Iacono, President of CCM, stressed the impor-

tance of how this would affect students in the time to come.

"Breaking the ground is breaking [for] the future," he said. "The relationships and what we've achieved here have all been for our students' futures."

Construction of the Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering Center will free up space in the college's current engineering and

manufacturing lab, which will allow for the construction of The Paragano Family Foundation Healthcare Simulation Center. Through the CCM Foundation's "Forward" Campaign, the Paragano Family Foundation gave leadership, as well as over \$1.8 million to support the initiative,

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Faulty fire alarm forces faculty, students to face frigid air

BY ANTHONY INGHAM
News Editor

The Academic Buildings were evacuated due to a fire alarm activation on January 28th, which put students and faculty out into the freezing winter air for nearly 40 minutes, before they were allowed safely back into the building.

"The cause was determined to be a fire alarm system malfunction," said John Fichter, Assistant Director of the Public Safety Department. "The CCM Facilities Dept. has investigated the cause of the malfunction and has taken the appropriate steps to correct the problem. The CCM Public Safety Dept., CCM Facilities Dept. and

Randolph Township Fire Department's timely response and follow up in this matter was a priority to ensure the safety of the building occupants."

As students and teachers alike waited outside unsure of what was actually happening in the building after the fire alarm had gone off, emergency vehicles were called onto the scene, leaving many even more confused and worried. Around 1:05 p.m., it is reported that firemen entered the building. The firemen came out of the building shortly after, around 1:15, and the building was declared safe no sooner than 5 minutes later.

"Fire crews with assistance



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CONTINUED ON PAGE 7 Randolph Fire Department arrives on the scene just outside of Cohen Hall.

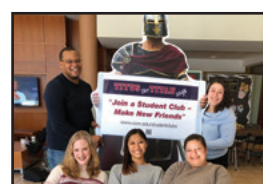
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Despite my diagnosis... Today I am Happy

BY RAVEN RESCH

Contributor

Despite my diagnosis, today I am happy, but I couldn't always say that. I've had days of darkness where my own mind was destroying me from the inside out.

I had learned that there was no place more frightening than the places my own mind can take me. I felt hopeless and helpless; there was a monster inside of me, torturing me. I felt guilt and shame. How could someone with a 2-year-old son and a rather normal life feel this way? But my life was not always normal, I ran from my past, but it finally caught up to me.

You can't run from undiagnosed post traumatic stress disorder, anxiety disorder, depression and OCD. You can't run, it will always catch up with you. I could no longer run from the thoughts that were destroying me, my

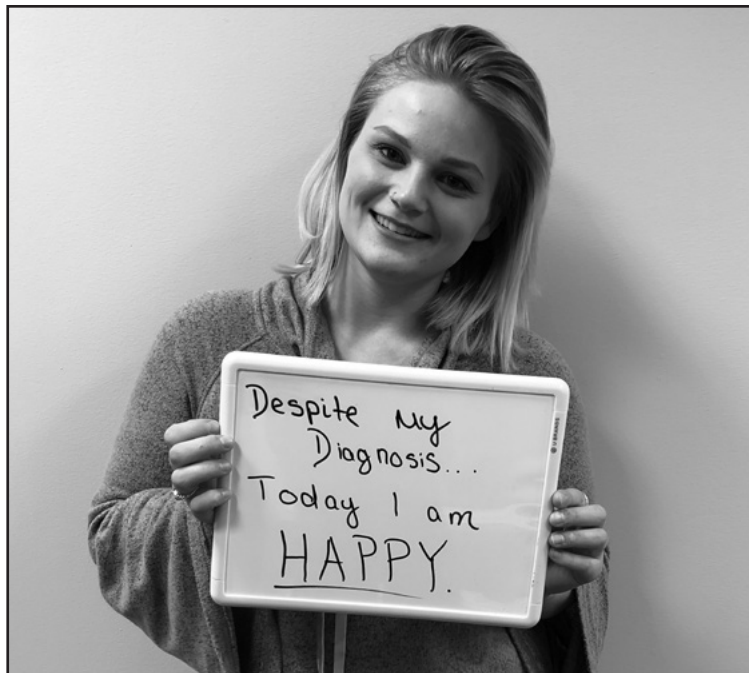


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CCM student Raven Resch is stronger than her diagnosis.

mind was so loud that even my own screams couldn't block out the noise. I wanted nothing more

than to die, but I know personally how suicide can affect a family. My only way of giving up, was

giving in.

I took myself to the emergency room and gave into whatever they wanted me to do. At this point I did not want recovery for me, I still wanted to die, but for my family I knew I had to do something. I was transported to the psychiatric hospital and from there to an acute partial hospitalization program, and it was there in that program where I got my life back.

I was no longer just living, I felt like I was actually alive, a feeling I hadn't felt for years. At the exact point where I felt I was giving up on life, I was actually accepting recovery.

Today, because I accepted help I can say that I am happy. There is no doubt that some days are still hard but there are no days that are not worth all the lessons I am learning. I am turning my days of torture into days of success. I finally know what I want

in life and that is to help people who are feeling exactly the way I felt. To let them know that there is hope even when you can't see it, to speak out against the mental health stigma, and to end the silence that is slowing killing us inside.

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 to find out how.

Counseling Center combats anxiety with new programs

BY CHRISTINE ABRAHAM

Contributor

CCM's Counseling Center is offering new support groups and workshops in Cohen Hall this semester to provide students with a place where they can receive guidance and help with various aspects in their lives.

The Anxiety Support Group and Healthy Relationships Support Group are among the recent initiatives the center has created. The workshops being offered are the College Study Skills/Test Taking Strategies, Setting Educational Goals and Essential Time Management Tips.

The Anxiety Support Group

will be held in Cohen Hall 155 on Wednesday, Feb. 27 at 11 a.m. for the second semester. The group's specific function is to provide a safe and confidential place to talk about anxiety by sharing stories and coping skills.

Lisa Volante, a counselor, shared concerns that students come to talk to her about, these issues range from talking to new people to exam stress.

"When you have a lot of anxiety and stress, it feels like you're the only one going through this," Volante said. "In the previous semester, I saw that students had similar concerns and issues. They shared concerns such as talking to new people and getting really anxious around midterms and finals.

As a result, they were able to relate to each other and it made a big difference."

"Some of the students exchanged numbers afterwards, to have each other as support," Volante said. "The group discusses what causes anxiety and healthy and unhealthy ways of coping with anxiety."

Volante mentions how the support group serves as a tool to de-stigmatize therapy.

"Sometimes there's stigma about seeking help from a counselor, once they share their stories, they realize, talking about this with someone professional could really help," Volante said.

The Healthy Relationships Support Group first meeting will be in Cohen Hall 160 on Tuesday, February 19 at 12:30pm. The primary purpose of the group is to offer a secure place to discuss the components of healthy relationships.

"It's basically open to anyone on campus who has been struggling to work to a healthy relationship, whether it's interpersonal, romantic, or friendships," Volante said. "Sometimes people find themselves in relationships that aren't healthy. This group helps individuals do better in relationships and set up boundaries to be happy with the people we surround ourselves with."

Volante mentions that this new support assists students understand each other, "having their eyes opened up to other people's situations and learning what behavior is acceptable and not acceptable in relationships," Volante said. "Sometimes that stuff is not always taught and we have to learn it." Various students after attending the session, will return for specific follow-up appointments with the counselor. The best part is that it opens up people's minds to a prob-



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE ABRAHAM

Counselor Lisa Volante in the Counseling Center.

structure for themselves. We've worked with probation students or those who have been dismissed and have come back. We definitely see a big improvement once students have a plan."

The Essential Time Management Tips workshop will be held in Cohen Hall 203 on Thursday, February 21 at 5:30pm. The workshop aids students with managing their time realistically along with all their responsibilities and commitments.

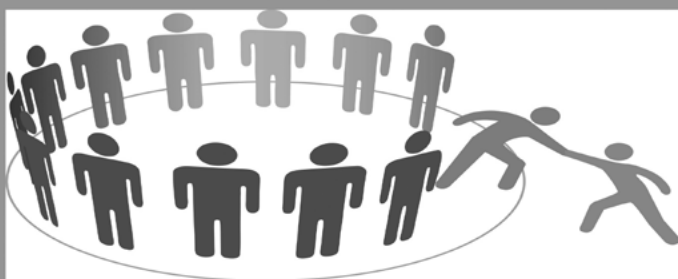
"This workshop focuses solely on time management. We talk about time budgets, procrastination, how to change behaviors to be more on top of things," Volante said.

The Setting Educational Goals workshop will be held in Cohen Hall 203 on Wednesday, February 13 at 11am. The presentation will be offered by the Academic Success Center for the first time. It offers practical strategies to put steps in place to achieve academic goals. There will be a special focus on student planning in Titans Direct.

"The workshop helps students build structure, how to set attainable goals, and how to measure how you're doing," Volante said. "A lot of people go into things wanting to succeed but don't have concrete goals on how to get there."

All of the support groups and workshops focus on a specific aspect of a student's life. In terms of popularity, "The Anxiety support group is a pretty popular group with everyone. The College Study Skills workshop always sees a decent turnout," Volante said. "We do groups pertaining to what we're seeing with our students. We see a lot of students struggling with relationships, with anxiety, and with managing their time. It's based on what we've seen that the students really need."

Struggling to Cope with Anxiety?



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This support group provides a safe and confidential place to talk about anxiety by the sharing of stories and coping skills.

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Opinion: Is New Jersey Ugly or does it have character?



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Professor Stephen Pellegrino by the fireplace in the Student Community Center.

BY STEPHEN PELLEGRINO

Contributor, Adjunct Communications Professor

In 1964, author Peter Blake wrote a book entitled *God's Own Junkyard*. This book came out right around the time that Lady Bird Johnson (the presidential First Lady at the time) was denouncing “ugly” billboards (and other “eyesores”) as a threat to her vision of “highway beautification.” A greater sense of environmental awareness was spreading over the country.

Blake's book is powerfully effective at making its point, since it largely consists of black and white photos of typical landscapes across America, with the “ugly” and the “beautiful” juxtaposed. The ugly in this case is pictures showing highways with advertising billboards, gaudy neon signs, litter, and tacky roadside architecture. This contrasted with bucolic scenes of gently curving highways appropriately landscaped with trees and flowers, and small town images reminiscent of Colonial Williamsburg.

Growing up in Morris County as an elementary school student in the 1970s, I was a committed environmentalist. “Ecology”—as it was called then—was big. There was even an ecology flag that I would see on bumper stickers (ironically, plastered on the back of smoke-spewing Chevy Impalas.) This was also the time of

the famous “Crying Indian” and Woodsy Owl PSAs that would appear between the Bugs Bunny and Heckle & Jeckle cartoons I watched after school.

Our scout troop of course got into the act. We were assigned to clean up any litter we found along this paved 250' woodland path that connected Mountview Elementary School with Hendricks Drive. We were armed with Glad bags, skewers, and rakes. At first glance, there didn't seem to be much trash around. But as we raked, skewered, and collected, we filled twenty or more bags with Coke cans, cigarette packs, 3 Musketeers wrappers, and other debris that made me wonder, “How did that get here?” Apparently, the world is filled with garbage!

As time passes, new and unexpected vistas are opened. After many years, I took *God's Own Junkyard* down from the shelf and looked at the photographs anew. I had a never-before utilized tool at my disposal—Google Earth! Entering the street names and addresses, I could see what the places that Blake had shown to be irredeemably ugly looked like now. To my surprise, the “ugliness” had all but vanished! In many cases, the scenes were unrecognizable.

Along one stretch of El Camino Real in Palo Alto, California the jazzy jumble of signs and billboards was nowhere to be found: Old Charter (“Kentucky's Finest Bourbon”), Fred's Place, with its neon martini glass, Rubber Stamps

(with a pair of clocks—in by 9, out by 4), the Chevron station with its vintage logo sign—the kind of thing the American Pickers guys are now scouring the earth for—all gone.

This brings back my own memories of riding in the back seat of my parents' 1962 Mercury Comet as we cruised down highways like Route 10 and Route 46 at night. I was particularly fascinated by the Holiday Inn signs—green and white and red in neon splendor, with its animated arrow and glorious star above, pointing the way to the inn. Sunoco and Gulf stations had their own red neon arrows, flashing on and off, beckoning motorists inward. I no longer see sights like these—I guess Lady Bird got her way.

The Pulaski Skyway in Jersey City is the kind of place that would give Lady Bird Johnson and Peter Blake fits. And I can certainly understand why. But if you've ever driven the Skyway at night, with galaxies of streetlights glowing and darkness to obscure the ugliness, it looks like a place out of Wonderland.

Remember this, folks: the trees, the mountains, the rivers will remain as long as the earth remains—and we should certainly be good stewards of them, I wholeheartedly agree—but mankind's artifacts, regardless of what you think of them, won't last long. So if you think some place or sign is ugly, future archaeologists may disagree.

From Student to Staff: Stephen Pellegrino

BY ALEXA WYSZKOWSKI
Editor-in-Chief

Stephen Pellegrino, adjunct Communications professor, first entered County College of Morris in 1985; but his connections with the property go back even further. In the 1950s his father used to visit a farm before it became what we now know as the campus of CCM. There even used to be an ice business at the nearby pond, which is now currently behind the sports fields at CCM.

From 1985 to 1986 Pellegrino was a student at CCM studying chemistry. Pellegrino did not work on the *Youngtown Edition*, but recalls writing some articles and doing design for his high school newspaper.

After CCM Pellegrino attended the New Jersey Institute of Technology from 1986 to 1989 and received a Bachelor's of Science in Industrial Administration. During his time at NJIT he worked on the school newspaper as the copy and features editor. He had his own series called “Newark Then and Now”, where he wrote about old photos from the 1890s to the 1960s of buildings in Newark and compared them to what they looked like in the late 1980s. Pellegrino even received an appreciation letter for his series from the Newark mayor at the time.

After graduating from NJIT, Pellegrino worked for Packard Industries for over a year where he sold parts and accessories for vintage automobiles.

He then returned to school and in 1992 he graduated from Fairleigh Dickinson University with his Masters in Corporate Communication.

Pellegrino first thought about being a teacher when he was in the first grade.

“Teaching was always in the back of my mind,” Pellegrino said.

During his time as a CCM student he bonded with his English professor, Dr. Ray, who recently retired from the college. Pellegrino remembers contacting Dr. Ray who promised to put in a good word for him at CCM.

“Dr. Ray was well spoken and would come up with very interesting writing assignments. I always liked Dr. Ray,” Pellegrino said.

In 1993 Pellegrino started working at CCM where he taught developmental reading and speech fundamentals. Then in 1997 he started teaching English Composition at FDU and later returned to CCM in 2004 to teach speech fundamentals again. He is still teaching at CCM today as this semester is his 30th speech fundamentals class.

“This is a good place, people are committed,” Pellegrino said. “People have been here so long, it must be because we are doing something right.”

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 for the opportunity to be featured.

SUMMER SESSIONS AT TCNJ



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Michael Ellard
graduate office

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Session 2: June 17–July 18
Session 3: July 22–August 22

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So ~~Sophie~~... Cupid

*So Sophie,
I heard the best way to someone’s heart is through their stomach. Where is a good place near campus
for a Valentine’s Day lunch?
Thanks,
In love and hungry*

Dear in love and hungry,
I’m not sure about your valentine but the way to my heart is a trip to The Randolph Diner. It is very close to campus, making a Valentine’s Day date in between classes easy. They also have a great array of food, ranging from pancakes to steak and everything in between. My personal favorite are their milkshakes.
Eat some fries for me,
Sophie

*So Sophie,
My girlfriend goes to CCM and I am wondering if there are any florists near campus that will deliver
flowers to her on campus?
Please help,
In a loving relationship*

Dear in a loving relationship,
Your girlfriend is going to be one happy lady this Valentine’s Day with some flowers! CCM offices and departments do receive mail and packages, but CCM students do not have their own mailboxes. However you can try to see if local flower shops will deliver to a certain building on campus, just like some students try to order pizza to be delivered around campus. I would also recommend stopping by the Weis store across the street and hand picking some out for her. She’s sure to appreciate the time and thought you put into creating an arrangement of flowers for her. If you choose to handpick flowers you can then deliver them yourself!
Enjoy shopping,
Sophie

*So Sophie,
It turns out I won’t have any Valentine’s Day plans this year. I don’t want to be down in the dumps all day, what do you recommend students not in a relationship do on Feb. 14?
Need your advice,
Single again*

Dear single again,
There is no reason to be down in the dumps! Feb. 14 can be any type of day you want it to be. If you want to celebrate Valentine’s Day your valentine can be anyone you love being around whether it be your friends or your family. If you don’t want to celebrate at all that is totally cool as well and you just go ahead and treat it like any other Thursday. If you are looking for something to do, see the question above for some things going on campus. If you’re looking to enjoy the day off campus my favorite thing is to gather up my friends, get some chocolate and watch a good movie.
Happy Feb. 14,
Sophie

*So Sophie,
I haven’t been at CCM for a Valentine’s Day before and am wondering if there are any Valentine’s Day themed events I should know about?
Can’t wait to find out,
New and excited*

Dear new and excited,
Stay excited because CCM is having an entire new event! On Thursday Feb. 14 there will be the first ever CCM Internship fair hosted by Career Services from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Student Center Davidson Rooms. In order to have an internship you must have completed at least 30 credits. Be sure to check out what to wear and bring to the fair on the CCM website or by contacting careerservices@ccm.edu before stopping by to see the employers attending the fair.
Enjoy your day,
Sophie



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CHOCOLATE COVERED STRAWBERRIES



PHOTOS BY ROBERTA MCGRATH
Hospitality students Sara Falcon, Tom Sinner and Athena Mencl at the stove melting chocolate.

Ingredients

- 1 pint (2 cups) medium-large strawberries (18 to 20 strawberries)
- ½ cup semisweet chocolate chips or white vanilla baking chips
- 1 teaspoon coconut oil

Instructions

- Gently rinse strawberries and dry on paper towels (berries must be completely dry). Line cookie sheet with waxed paper.
- In saucepan, melt chocolate chips and coconut oil over low heat, stirring frequently. Remove from heat.
- Dip lower half of each strawberry into chocolate mixture; allow excess to drip back into saucepan. Place on waxed paper-lined cookie sheet.
- If desired, decorate covered strawberry with whatever toppings you might want; white chocolate drizzle, chopped peanuts, crushed cookie, etc.
- Refrigerate uncovered about 30 minutes or until chocolate is firm, or until ready to serve. Store covered in refrigerator so chocolate does not soften.

Recipe courtesy of the Hospitality and Culinary Department SCC 241



The students’ decorated chocolate covered strawberries.

Roving Reporter: *What do you like most about CCM?*



Cheryl Ann Stober
Biology major
“What I love about CCM is that I always feel welcomed wherever I go.”



James Cocja
Computer Science major
“My favorite thing about CCM are the professors.”



Johnathan Soleiman
Mechanical Engineering Technology major
“The thing I love most about CCM is how much the professors and college want you to succeed.”



Jared Fessler
Augmented and Virtual Reality major
“The Com Sci teachers know what they’re talking about, and provide events and opportunities to meet new people.”



Sybil Gonzalez Sanchez
Hospitality Major/Hotel major
“I love that CCM pushed me to be more responsible and help me become independent.”



Annalee Sorokach
Broadcasting Arts and Technology major
“I get to see my friends and major in something I enjoy doing.”

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Members of Mu Gamma.



Members of the Student Activities Programming Board.



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Members of the Student Film Association.

5 steps to starting a club on campus

BY ADAM GENTILE
Managing Editor

For the last 50 years CCM has hosted some form of a club fair where any student can attend and speak to representatives from all of the clubs on campus. The most recent incarnation of the club fair is known as the welcome back bash and is hosted by the Student Activity and Planing Board (SAPB).

The Student Government Association (SGA) is responsible for all of the clubs on campus, from the trading card club to Phi Theta Kappa. Some responsibilities include approving new clubs through the interclub council, help facilitate communication between clubs, and assist any club that brings issues to their attention.

Don Phelps, advisor of the SGA and SAPB, mentioned that

29 of the clubs on campus attended the welcome back bash, this number includes both active and temporary clubs. During the club fair the writers club changed from temporary to active status.

“We had an SGA meeting that just happened to occur during the bash, and by 1 o’clock they were moved to permanent status,” Phelps said.” Their charter was brought over to the interclub council and it was approved.”

Phelps also mentions the steps that students have to take in order to create their own club on campus.

“They can come and see me,” Phelps said.”There is also a form online that they can fill out and submit a temporary permission to operate their club or organization, and then they have 30 days to get the charter and pa-

perwork in order. Then once its been approved it goes before the student government association for approval, the interclub council chair oversees that process.”

According to Phelps after a club gains temporary status, it must follow four steps in order to achieve active status.

“The first step is to draft a constitution, the next step is to get an advisor, followed by gaining 10 members, and a leadership team,” Phelps said.

If you would like to start the process for forming a club contact Mr Phelps in the Office of Campus Life in Student Community Center room 122 to start the process, or go to <https://www.ccm.edu/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/NewClubProcedure2.pdf> and complete the form. The next Activities fair will be April 30 also known as the spring picnic and club fair.



Members of the Volunteer Club.



Members of the Active Minds Club.

SGA seeks to revive dead committees

Inter Club Council, others hope to gain new life

BY ALEXA
WYSZKOWSKI
Editor-in-Chief

The five current members of County College of Morris (CCM) Student Government Association (SGA) are entering this semester with new hopes and visions of what a larger and more active SGA could represent and do for the community of CCM. With many executive board member positions open including vice president, treasurer and public relations officer as well as multiple committees, senator seats and chairperson positions open, the few students currently part of SGA are actively recruiting new students to join.

Corey Anding, a senator for the Student Affairs Committee, mentions how SGA has access to information that may be important to the student community. "With a student representative on the committee we have the first hand information and knowledge of what's going on," Anding said.

Currently there are about ten inactive committees such as the Safety Committee, Accessibility Committee and College Curriculum Committee. The only existing committees are the Student Affairs Committee, lead by senator Corey Anding, an International Studies major and the Diversity Committee, lead by senator Natalie Otero Lopez, a Liberal Arts major. Each committee meets about once a month and gives both students and staff members the opportunity to speak and work together.

"With the committees it kind of puts you on equal footing with the staff because not only are they voicing their concerns that they have, but you also get to voice your concerns on behalf of the students," said Anding.

However the ratio of faculty to students in these committees is uneven, as of right now there is only one student representative per committee. Some inactive committees that were active in the past have had as many as ten SGA senators representing.

Students who decide that they would like to become a senator and student representative for a committee have to be elected by the current members of SGA. Only senators can be student representatives for committees, but other students are also welcome to attend committee meetings to listen and learn more about the committee.

Inactive committees can be restarted again starting with a single student. Demylee Pablos, a hospitality management and culinary arts major is the Inter Club Council Chairperson. As chairperson Pablos gets to make the decisions for the ICC, which are then voted on by the SGA senators. ICC is a component of SGA that has been inactive for about a year and a half and is working to become a committee again. With ICC, club leaders can communicate with each other about their club's plans and events for the semester. ICC also helps students who are creating new clubs and have to go through the process of being officialized. New clubs start out as temporary clubs until they are chartered in by the SGA and become official clubs. ICC will have more regular meetings if it becomes a committee again.

"We have to recruit students so that we can actually form the committee," said Pablos.

The more students involved in SGA, the more changes can be made and more events can be created. The SGA secretary, Nicole Stroh, a social sciences major was present at the recent spring orien-

tations where she was able to talk to students about SGA.

"We encourage everyone to be in positions, but just being on the committee or just coming to meetings and having a voice in student government we can do more things, like how we met with the head of food services and we talked to them about prices, we talked to them about options and things like that," said Stroh.

Stroh is continuing to encourage students to become part of SGA by planning to speak at the next CCM open house and making announcements to current students in the Cohen Cafe about upcoming events and activities.

"If we have everybody's opinion, we can take everybody's opinion, sum it all up and take it to something like the College Council meeting and in the College Council meeting things that are discussed are stuff like curriculum, budget cuts and anything like that," said Stroh.

While being a part of SGA, members can help lead change and create new events. It is also a valuable experience for students to network and make connections. Diversity Committee senator Natalie Otero Lopez really believes in the importance of having a mentor and encourages students to reach out to CCM staff members.

"Try and build better relationships with faculty and professors, that contributes to a sense of community and a sense of belonging. The staff, if you really take the time to talk to them, they care and they are going to be there for you," said Lopez, "When you are in SGA there are people that are going to guide you and help you along the way."

Being a member and holding any leadership position on the SGA does require some time, but it is just like holding a position on any club at CCM. The



PHOTO BY ALEXA WYSZKOWSKI

Senator Corey Anding, Senator Natalie Otero Lopez, Secretary Nicole Stroh, President Emma Mendoza and ICC Chairperson Demylee Pablos in the Student Community Center.

only difference is that members who are inducted, have a position and attend all the meetings may receive a stipend at the end of each semester. Students worried about how much commitment is involved will be able to still participate and work around their busy schedules.

"The time is doable, for me personally, I'm thirty years old, I work full time as well I'm also a full time student, so I'm juggling both of them, it's doable, it's able to be done," said Anding.

SGA President, Emma Mendoza, an International Studies major hopes that students will discover what they are passion-

ate about through participation in SGA. Students with specific interests should see if there is a committee for that in order to start to rebuild that committee.

"There are so many different things people can get involved in, they just have to find the area that they're really passionate about," said Mendoza, "The more people that get involved in SGA the more they can hone in the specific area they want to work in, whatever really sparks their interest, they can really work towards the betterment of what they are focusing on."

All students are welcome to participate in general meetings, which are scheduled to be during college hour every other Tuesday. Each general meeting has an agenda to cover current events and also allows time for an open floor where any student including non members can bring up any issue they may be having. Dates for meetings can be found in student Blackboard accounts, as all students are automatically enrolled in the SGA Blackboard page.

Students who become SGA senators are able to participate in committee meetings where they voice their concerns and ideas of the students to professors, faculty and administration. Senators can also vote on decisions and recommend policies in order to bring change to specific areas of CCM that students are interested in.

The SGA encourages all students to come and participate in any of their meetings and events throughout the semester. Every student can have their voice heard and be a part of making decisions for the campus. As SGA becomes more active and involved they hope to create a better sense of comfort and pride for all students within the CCM community.

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Randolph Fire Department arrives on the scene just outside of Cohen Hall.

FIRE

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from CCM Public Safety and CCM Facilities searched the entire complex but were unable to

find any reason for the activation of the fire alarm system,” said Richard Briant, Fire Official of the Township of Randolph Fire Department. “The building was turned back over to CCM staff when all crews gave a satisfactory report that the building was

clear.” The CCM emergency response guide can be found on CCM’s website and lists instructions for staff and students about what to do in event of a fire. Instructions include, leaving the building through the nearest

exit, proceeding to the nearest designated staging area that is 50 feet from the building, keeping all roads and walkways open for emergency vehicles, remaining in the designated area until an all clear is sounded or a Fire Marshal directs you away from

the building, do not use the elevators, take all personal belongings with you as long as its safe to do so, and calling for Public safety is allowed. Remember, as the response guide says: all fire alarms should be taken seriously, regardless of the scenario.

BUILDING

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according to the CCM “Forward Campaign” page. CCM will also be broadening its scope of health care programs alongside development of the simulation center.

Multiple people spoke to the crowd that day, such as CCM chair and Board of Trustees member Paul R. Licitra, Assemblyman of Legislative District 25 Anthony M. Bucco, Director of Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders Douglas R. Cabana, NJ Commissioner Robert Asaro-Angelo, Deputy Secretary of the Office of the Secretary of Higher Education Diana Gonzalez, President of the Morris County Chamber of Commerce Meghan Hunscher, CEO of Glenbrook Technologies, Gil Zweig, and Electronics Engineering Technology Major, as well as Former Glenbrook Technologies Intern Cindy Ramerspad. Each speaker had a different set of topics they covered, anywhere from the current manufacturing marketplace to how glad they were to be a part of the contribution to the new building.

Gonzalez says that she believes this is a good move because it supports many of the people in these programs.

“At the end of the day, we want our students to make incredible wages, and put their learning in action,” she said.

After the speeches were over, the actual groundbreaking commenced around 11:30 a.m., just outside of 675, the building which houses the Public Safety and Information System departments, on Route 10. Pictures were taken with those who had helped support the funding of the building shortly after, as they stood next to a nearby bulldozer with golden shovels and hardhats.

To learn more about CCM’s Manufacturing and Engineering programs, visit the Department of Engineering Technologies and Engineering Science, or their page on CCM’s website at <https://tinyurl.com/y9qkr3ty>. If you wish to learn about its Workforce Development programs, visit <https://www.ccm.edu/workforce/>.



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People gather around an excavator close to Department of Public Safety on a cold Winter morning to witness the groundbreaking.

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